



## APA References: Books (APA 7)

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### General Format

- Begin your references page on a new page at the end of your paper.
- The title of your references page should be References. Do not bold, underline, italicize, put in quotes, or increase the font size. The title should be centered.
- Use the same margins and header as the rest of your paper.
- Double-space the entire works cited page. Do not skip an extra space between citations.
- Left-align all citations. Indent every line after the first of each citation by a half-inch to create a hanging indent.
- Arrange your citations in alphabetical order by author last name (or the first word of the citation if the author's name is unknown).
- Most words in the title of your source will be lowercase. Only capitalize the first word of the title, the first word after a colon or dash and proper nouns.

### Books

Book with One Author:

Horn, D. (1994). *Social bodies: Science, reproduction, and Italian modernity*.  
Princeton University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9781400821457>

Book with More than One Author:

Field, D., Hockey, J., & Small, N. (1997). *Death, gender and ethnicity*. Routledge.

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Translated Book:

Sartre, J. (2012). *The Imagination*. (K. Williford & D. Rudrauf, Trans.).  
Routledge. (Original work published 1936).

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**Speaking and Writing Center [8]:** If the original work was published at a different date than the published translation, include that here.

Edited Book with No Author:

Winer, J., Anderson, J., & Kieffer, C. (Eds.). (2004). *The Annual of  
psychoanalysis*; *Psychoanalysis and women*. The Analytic Press.

**Speaking and Writing Center [9]:** Note that for a single editor, this abbreviation would be replaced with "Ed."

**Speaking and Writing Center [10]:** Note that a colon is used to indicate the beginning of a subtitle.

Edited Book with Author/Authors:

Freud, S. (2020). *Totem and taboo: Resemblances between the psychic lives of  
savages and neurotics* (A. A. Brill, Ed.). Ktoczyta.pl. (Original work  
published 1913)

**Speaking and Writing Center [11]:** Note that the editor's name is listed with the first initial before the last name.

**Speaking and Writing Center [12]:** When an older work has been prepared by an editor and published in a new format, you should include the date the work was originally published in parentheses at the end of the citation. For works that were not originally published at an earlier date, you may omit this part of the citation entirely.

Article or Chapter in an Edited Book:

Hermann, M. (2011). The study of American foreign policy. In S. Hook & C. Jones  
(Eds.), *Routledge handbook of American foreign policy* (pp. 3-18). Taylor  
and Francis Group.

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Edition of a Book:

Gay, G. (2018). *Culturally responsive teaching: Theory, research, and practice*  
(3rd ed.). Teachers College Press.

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