

APA Style 7th Guide – Citing Books

APSU Writing Center Handout

Citing Books

Reference Format: Author Last Name, First Initial. (Year). *Title of book: Capital letter also for subtitle*. Publisher. DOI or URL.

Examples

Jackson, L. M. (2019). *The psychology of prejudice: From attitudes to social action* (2nd ed.).

American Psychological Association. <https://doi.org/10.1037/0000168-000>

Svendsen, S., & Løber, L. (2020). *The big picture/Academic writing: The one-hour guide* (3rd

digital ed.). Hans Reitzel Forlag. [https://thebigpicture-](https://thebigpicture-academicwriting.digi.hansreitzel.dk/)

[academicwriting.digi.hansreitzel.dk/](https://thebigpicture-academicwriting.digi.hansreitzel.dk/)

In-Text Citations

Parenthetical Format: (Author Last Name, Year)

- **Example:** (Jackson, 2019)

Narrative Format: Author Last Name (Year)

- **Example:** Jackson (2019)

Citing Books with Two Authors

Reference Format: Surname, A., & Surname, A. (Copyright date). *Title: Subtitle case* (edition number if applicable.). Publisher.

Example

Dawson, J., & Lucas, R. (1993). *Lifestyles of New Zealand forest plants*. Victoria University Press.

In-Text Citation

Parenthetical Format: (Author 1 Last Name & Author 2 Last Name, Year, p. Page number)

- **Example:** (Dawson & Lucas, 1993, p. 67).

Narrative Example: Dawson and Lucas (1993) argue that ... (p. 67).

Citing Books with Three or More Authors

Reference Format: Surname, A., & Surname, A. (Copyright date). *Title: Subtitle case* (edition number if applicable.). Publisher.

Example

Stillings, N. A., Weisler, S. E., Chase, C. H., Feinstein, M. H., Garfield, J. L., & Rissland, E. L. (1995). *Cognitive science: An introduction* (2nd ed.). The MIT Press.

In-Text Citation

Parenthetical Format: (Author 1 Last Name & Author 2 Last Name, Year, p. Page number)

- **Example:** (Stillings et al., 1995, p. 67).

Citing Books with Twenty-One or More Authors

Reference Format: Surname, A., ... & Surname, A. (Copyright date). *Title: Subtitle case* (edition number if applicable.). Publisher.

Example

Kalnay, E., Kanamitsu, M., Kistler, R., Collins, W., Deaven, D., Gandin, L., Iredell, M., Saha, S., White, G., Woollen, J., Zhu, Y., Chelliah, M., Ebisuzaki, W., Higgins, W., Janowiak, J., Mo, K. C., Ropelewski, C., Wang, J., Leetmaa, A., ... Joseph, D. (1999). The NCEP/NCAR 40-year reanalysis project. *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*, 77(3), 437–471. <https://doi.org/fg6rf9>

In-Text Citation

Parenthetical Format: (First Author Last Name et al., Year, p. Page Number)

- **Example:** (Kalnay et al., 1996, p. 438).

Narrative Example: Kalnay et al. (1996) outline ... (p. 438).

Citing an Edited Book

Reference Format: Author, A. A. (Year of publication). *Title of work: Capital letter also for subtitle* (E. Editor, Ed.). Publisher. DOI (if available)

Examples

Hygum, E., & Pedersen, P. M. (Eds.). (2010). *Early childhood education: Values and practices in Denmark*. Hans Reitzels Forlag. <https://earlychildhoodeducation.digi.hansreitzel.dk/>

Kesharwani, P. (Ed.). (2020). *Nanotechnology based approaches for tuberculosis treatment*. Academic Press.

In-Text Citation

Parenthetical Format: (Author Last Name 1 & Author Last Name 2, Year)

- **Example:** (Hygum & Pedersen, 2010)

Citing A Chapter in an Edited Book

Reference Format: Author Surname(s) of chapter, A. (Date). Title of chapter in sentence case. In E. Editor Surname(s) of book (Ed(s).), *Title of book* (edition information., pp. page range of chapter). Name of Publisher(s).

Example:

Sturgess, A. (2011). Celebrating the square peg: Twice-exceptional learners. In R. Moltzen (Ed.), *Gifted and talented: New Zealand perspectives* (3rd ed., pp. 379-403). Pearson.

In-Text Citation

Parenthetical Format: (Author Last Name, Publication Year, p. Page Number)

- **Example:** (Sturgess, 2011, p. 389).

Narrative Example: Sturgess (2011) describes ... (p. 389).

Citing a Book with No Author

Reference Format: *Book title*: Subtitle. (Year). Publisher. DOI (if there is one)

Example

The complete encyclopedia of garden flowers. (2003). Bateman.

In Text Citation

Parenthetical Format: (Book Title, Publication Year, Page Number)

- **Example:** (The Complete Encyclopedia of Garden Flowers, 2003, p. 19)

Narrative Example: The Complete Encyclopedia of Garden Flowers (2003) depicts ... (p. 19).

Citing an eBook

Reference Format: Author, A. (Date). *Title of eBook*. Name of Publisher. DOI

Example:

Borras, I. (2016). *Adult learning for self and relational growth (ALG): An integrative developmental model*. Sense Publishers. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-94-6300-417-6>

In Text Citation

Parenthetical Format: (Author Last Name, Publication Year, p. Page Number)

- **Example:** (Borras, 2016, p. 65).

Narrative Example: Borras (2016) notes ... (p. 65).

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