

MLA Citation Style for Books

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➤ **Printed books**

Needed information - Author's last name, first name. Title of the Book. City of Publication: Publisher's Name, year of publication.

Example

Fryd, Vivien Green. Art and the Crisis of Marriage : Edward Hopper and Georgia O'Keeffe. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2003.

Example of book with corporate author

American Medical Association. The American Medical Association Complete Guide to Your Children's Health. New York: Random House, 1999.

Example of book with an editor

Tannen, Deborah, ed. Coherence in Spoken and Written Discourse. Norwood: ABLEX Pub. Corp., 1984.

➤ **Work (essay, poem, short story, etc.) in an anthology**

Needed information - Author's (of the part of the book being cited) last name, first name. "Title of the Work." Title of the Anthology. Ed./Trans./Comp. Name of the editor, translator, or compiler of the anthology. City of Publication: Publisher's Name, year of publication. Page numbers of the cited piece.

Example

Harris, Jocelyn. "Protean Lovelace." Passion and Virtue: Essays on the Novels of Samuel Richardson. Ed. David Blewett. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2001. 92-113.

➤ **Electronic books**

Needed information - Author's last name, first name. Title of the Book. City of Publication: Publisher's Name, year of publication. Name of Electronic Resource. Name of Sponsoring Institution, Location of Sponsoring Institution. Day Month Year of Access. <URL>.

Example

Leggett, B.J. Larkin's Blues: Jazz, Popular Music and Poetry. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1999.
NetLibrary. Mantor Library, University of Maine at Farmington. 19 Aug. 2003 <<http://www.netlibrary.com>>.

➤ **Reference books**

Encyclopedia article

Needed information - If the article is signed, Author's last name, first name. "Title of the Article." Title of Encyclopedia. Edition. Year of Publication.

Example

Turner, Ralph H. "Collective Behavior." The New Encyclopaedia Britannica: Macropaedia. 15th ed. 1986.

Dictionary definition

Needed information - "Word." Definition number. Title of Dictionary. Edition. Year of Publication

Example

"Heaven." Def. 6d. The Oxford English Dictionary. 2nd ed. 1989.

➤ **Books with multiple authors** (Use these formats to replace single author names in the above examples.)

Two authors - Rogers, Mary, and Catherine King.

Three authors - Edwards, Clive, Laura Nadar, and Paul Brown.

More than three authors - Pares, Susan, et al.