



## Citation Guide – APA, MLA

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The following examples are based on the rules listed in the current editions of the APA and MLA style manuals for writers. This quick reference guide is not intended to replace or to be a substitute for the following complete style manuals:

*Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*. 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. 2001.

*APA Style Guide to Electronic References*. Supplement to the *Publication Manual*, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. Published in electronic format 2007.

*MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. 6<sup>th</sup> Edition. 2003.

Note: Bucknell University has produced an excellent guide for writers using the Turabian style. It can be found online at: <http://www.bucknell.edu/Documents/ISR/turabian.pdf>

### Formatting Notes:

- Use a "hanging indent" to show the beginning of a citation. In other words, the first line of the citation begins at the left margin. Subsequent lines are indented ½ inch from the left margin (typically 5 spaces).
- Double-space all entries in the reference list. (This guide does not double-space the entries in order to save space.)
- APA uses italicized type to indicate titles of major works (book titles, journal titles, etc.). MLA underlines titles of major works. Some professors might accept italicizing in MLA as well, since that is typically used in printed works.

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## BOOKS

The basic format for a book citation requires listing the author's name, the title of the book, the place of publication, the publisher's name, and the date of publication. Edited books, when cited in full, will list the editor's name instead of an author's name.

### BOOK – ONE AUTHOR

The example is based on a book written by the author Fifi LaRue, entitled *My Fabulous Life: Parisian Flings and Other Things*, and published in Paris, France, by the publisher LaPlume, in 1992. Note that capitalization differs between the two styles.

**APA** LaRue, F. (1992). *My fabulous life: Parisian flings and other things*. Paris: LaPlume.

**MLA** LaRue, Fifi. My Fabulous Life: Parisian Flings and Other Things. Paris: LaPlume, 1992.

### BOOK – TWO AUTHORS

The example is based on a book written by the authors Terrie A. Dactyl and Braun T. Saurus, entitled *The Jury's Still Out on Jurassic Park*, and published in Raptor, Pennsylvania, by Altamira Press, in 1994.

**APA** Dactyl, T.A. & Saurus, B.T. (1994). *The jury's still out on Jurassic Park*. Raptor, PA: Altamira Press.

**MLA** Dactyl, Terrie A. and Braun T. Saurus. The Jury's Still Out on Jurassic Park. Raptor, PA: Altamira Press, 1994.