# Writing the Reference List in APA Style

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## **Print Resources - Books**

- Author (last name, initial)
- Publication date
- Title (in italics; capitalize only the first word of title and subtitle, and proper nouns)
- Place of publication
- Publisher

Source	Example Citation
Book by a single author	Rollin, B. (2006). Science and ethics. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.
Book by two authors	Sherman, C., & Price, G. (2001). <i>The invisible web: Uncovering information sources search engines can't see</i> . Medford, NJ: CyberAge Books.
Book by more than 7 authors	Goodpaster, K., Nash, L., de Bettignies, H., Sherman, C., Price, G., Rollin, B& Plath, S. (2006). <i>Business ethics: Policies and persons</i> . Boston, MA: McGraw-Hill/Irwin.
Book by an Organization as Author	American Medical Association. (2004). <i>American Medical Association family medical guide</i> (4th ed.). Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.
Article or chapter within an edited book	O'Neil, J. M., & Egan, J. (1992). Men's and women's gender role journeys: A metaphor for healing, transition, and transformation. In B. R. Wainrib (Ed.), <i>Gender issues across the life cycle</i> (pp. 107-123). New York, NY: Springer.
Edited book (no author)	Editor, A., & Editor, B. (Eds.). (Year of publication). <i>Title of book</i> (Edition). Place of publication: Publisher.
	Duncan, G. J., & Brooks-Gunn, J. (Eds.). (1997). Consequences of growing up poor. New York, NY: Russell Sage Foundation.
Edited Book with an Author	Plath, S. (2000). The unabridged journals. K. V. Kukil (Ed.). New York, NY: Anchor.
Encyclopedia Entry	Bergmann, P. G. (1993). Relativity. In <i>The New Encyclopedia Britannica</i> . (Vol. 26, pp. 501-508). Chicago, IL: Encyclopedia Britannica.

## Articles from Print Periodicals (magazines, journals, and newspapers)

- Author (last name, initial)
- Date of publication of article (y/ mfor monthly publications; y/ m/d for daily or weekly publications)
- Title of article (capitalize only the first word of title and subtitle, and proper nouns)
- Title of publication in italics (i.e., Journal of Abnormal Psychology, Newsweek, New York Times)
- Volume and issue number
- Page numbers of article

Source	Example Citation
Article in a monthly magazine (include volume # if given)	Swedin, E. (2006, May/June). Designing babies: A eugenics race with China? <i>The Futurist</i> , 40, 18-21.
Article in a daily newspaper	Dougherty, R. (2006, January 11). Jury convicts man in drunk driving death. <i>Centre Daily Times</i> , p. 1A.

Article in a scholarly journal	Stock, C., & Fisher, P. (2006). Language delays among foster children: Implications
	for policy and practice. Child Welfare, 85(3), 445-462.

### **Electronic Resources**

### Articles in Online Journals, Magazines, Databases and Newspapers

- Author (last name, initial)
- Date of publication of article
- Title of article
- Title of publication (in italics)
- Volume and issue number (for scholarly journals, if given)
- Page numbers, if given
- DOI number, if given. If the DOI is not available, give the URL (Web address) of the article.

Source	Example Citation
Article in an online scholarly journal	Overbay, A., Patterson, A., & Grable, L. (2009). On the outs: Learning styles, resistance to change, and teacher retention. <i>Technology and Teacher Education</i> , 9(3). Retrieved from http://www.citejournal.org/vol9/iss3/currentpractice/article1.cfm
Article in an online magazine With DOI	Brownlie, D. (2007). Toward effective poster presentations: An annotated bibliography. <i>European Journal of Marketing</i> , <i>41</i> , 1245-1283. doi:10.1108/03090560710821161
Article in an online newspaper	McCarthy, M. (2004, May 24). Only nuclear power can now halt global warming. <i>Earthtimes</i> . Retrieved from http://www.earthtimes.org

# Web Sites and E-Books

- Author (if known)
- Date of publication, copyright date, or date of last update
- Title of Web site
- Date you accessed the information (APA recommends including this if the information is likely to change)
- URL (Web address) of the site

Source	Example Citation
Web site with author	Kraizer, S. (2005). <i>Safe child</i> . Retrieved February 29, 2008, from http://www.safechild.org/
Web site with corporate author	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). (2008, February 15). <i>Stop underage drinking</i> . Retrieved February 29, 2008, from http://www.stopalcoholabuse.gov
Web site with unknown author	Penn State myths. (2006). Retrieved December 6, 2011, from http://www.psu.edu/ur/about/myths.html
Electronic Books	Davis, J. (n.d.). <i>Familiar birdsongs of the Northwest</i> . Available from http://www.powells.com/cgi-bin/biblio? inkey=1-9780931686108-0
Kindle Books	Stoker, B. (1897). Dracula [Kindle DX version]. Retrieved from Amazon.com

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- Paiz, J. M., Angeli, E., Wagner, J., Lawrick, E., Moore, K., Anderson, M... & Keck, R. (2013). APA formatting and style guide: Reference list. Retrieved on March 25, 2015, from https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/owlprint/560/