

# APA Citation Style-6<sup>th</sup> Edition

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## Author Formatting

<b>Single Author</b>	<b>Last name first, followed by the author initials</b> <b>Reich, J. W.</b> (2012). <i>Radical distortion: How emotions warp what we hear</i> . Amherst, NY: Prometheus.
<b>Two to Seven Authors</b> (list all authors up to seven)	<b>List by last names and initials, commas separate author names, last author name is preceded by ampersand (&amp;)</b> <b>Pinheiro, P., Mendes, I., Silva, S., Goncalves, M. M., &amp; Salgado, J.</b> (2018). Emotional processing and therapeutic change in depression: A case study. <i>Psychotherapy</i> , 55(3). 263-274. doi: 10.1037/pst0000190
<b>Eight or More Authors</b>	<b>List by last names and initials; commas separate author names. After sixth author's name, use an ellipses ( ... ) in place of the author names then provide the final author name. There should be no more than seven names listed.</b> <b>Hill, K. G., Patnode, M. L., Bailey, J. A., Hartigan, L. A., Small, C. M., Hamu, A. J., ...Hawkins, J. D.</b> (2017). Parental alcohol use, parenting, and child on-time development. <i>Infant &amp; Child Development</i> , 26(5), 23-42. doi: 10.1002/icd.2013
<b>No Author Listed</b>	<b>If no author is listed, begin your citation with the next field of information.</b> <i>Go ask Alice.</i> (2006). New York, NY: Simon Pulse.

## Books

<p><b>Book Basic Format</b></p>	<p><b>Author. (Year of publication). Title of book: Sub-title. Place of Publication: Publisher.</b></p> <p>Reich, J. W. (2012). <i>Radical distortion: How emotions warp what we hear</i>. Amherst, NY: Prometheus.</p>
<p><b>Book Other than first edition</b></p>	<p><b>Author. (Year of publication). Title of book: Sub-title. (Edition). Place of Publication: Publisher.</b></p> <p>Ignatavicius, D. D., Workman, M. L., &amp; Rebar, C. R. (2017). <i>Medical-surgical nursing: Critical thinking for interprofessional collaborative care</i>. (9<sup>th</sup> ed.). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier.</p>
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<p><b>Book With Editor(s)</b> (multiple editors you would list (Eds.) after their names)</p>	<p><b>Editor(s). Book title. Publisher, Year of Publication.</b></p> <p>Sternberg, R. J. (Ed.). (2017). <i>Career paths in psychology: Where your degree can take you</i>. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.</p>
<p><b>Book With Author and Editor</b></p>	<p><b>Author. (Year of publication). Book title. Editor(s), Place of Publication: Publisher.</b></p> <p>Freud, S. (1963). <i>Three case histories</i>. P. Rieff (Ed.). New York, NY: Collier.</p>
<p><b>Book Chapter or Work in an Anthology or Compilation</b></p>	<p><b>Author. (Year of Publication). Title of chapter. In Editor(s) , Title of book (pages of chapter). Place of publication: Publisher.</b></p> <p>Yonkers, K. A., &amp; Howell, H. B. (2014). Postpartum sadness. In J. W. Barnhill (Ed.), <i>DSM-5 clinical cases</i> (pp. 76-78). Washington, DC: American Psychiatric Publishing.</p>
<p><b>Book Author and Publisher are the Same</b></p>	<p><b>Put the word 'Author' down for the publisher.</b></p> <p>American Psychological Association. (2013). <i>Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders: DSM-5</i>. Washington, DC: Author.</p>

## Articles

<b>Magazine Article</b>	<p><b>Author. (Date of publication). Article title. <i>Magazine Title, Volume number</i> (Issue number), original page numbers.</b></p> <p>Matthes, R. (2018, November/December). Your relationship bill of rights. <i>Psychology Today</i>, 51(6), 72-29.</p>
<b>Journal Article*</b>	<p><b>Author. (Date of publication). Article title. <i>Journal Title, Volume number</i> (Issue number), original page numbers.</b></p> <p>Evans, R. W. &amp; Ghosh, K. (2018). A survey of neurologists on postconcussion syndrome. <i>Headache: The Journal of Head &amp; Face Pain</i>, 58(6), 836-844.</p>
<b>Journal Article with a DOI number**</b>	<p><b>Author. (Date of publication). Article title. <i>Journal Title, Volume number</i> (Issue number), original page numbers. doi number</b></p> <p>Johnston, O. G., Derella, O. J., &amp; Burke, J. D. (2018). Identification of oppositional defiant disorder in young adult college students. <i>Journal of Psychopathology &amp; Behavioral Assessment</i>, 40(4), 563-572. doi: 10.1007/s10862-018-9696-0</p>
<b>Newspaper Article</b>	<p><b>Author. (Date of publication). Article title. <i>Newspaper Title. Original page numbers.</i></b></p> <p>Craig, T. (2018, November 18). After deadliest fire in California history, search for human remains begins. <i>Washington Post</i>, A8.</p>
<b>Article from a Web Site</b>	<p><b>Author. (Date of publication). Article title. <i>Publication Title, volume number</i> (issue number). URL of Website</b></p> <p>Schrobsdorff, A. (2016, October 27). Teen depression and anxiety: Why the kids are not alright. <i>Time</i>, 188(19). Retrieved from <a href="http://time.com/magazine/us/4547305/november-7th-2016-vol-188-no-19-u-s/">http://time.com/magazine/us/4547305/november-7th-2016-vol-188-no-19-u-s/</a></p>

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- <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10862-018-9696-0>

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<p><b>Website with Named Authors</b></p> <p>(if there is no date on the website, put (n.d.) for the date.)</p>	<p><b>Author. (Year, Month Day). Article title. Retrieved from Name of Website: Complete URL of website</b></p> <p>Matthes, R. (2018, November 6). <i>Your relationship bill of rights</i>. Retrieved from Psychology Today website: <a href="https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/articles/201811/your-relationship-bill-rights">https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/articles/201811/your-relationship-bill-rights</a></p>
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