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BOOKS

ONE AUTHOR


TWO AUTHORS

THREE AUTHORS

MORE THAN THREE AUTHORS

SEPARATE AUTHOR FOR INTRODUCTION OR PREFACE
TWO DIFFERENT BOOKS BY THE SAME AUTHOR


(Note: ---. stands for exactly the same name(s) as in the preceding entry.)

CORPORATE AUTHOR

EDITION AFTER THE FIRST

EDITED BOOK


AUTHOR AND EDITOR

LITERARY WORK FROM AN ANTHOLOGY

NONLITERARY WORK FROM AN ANTHOLOGY

(Note: For previously published nonliterary works, give both the original publication data and the publication data for the anthology.)

REPRINT

TRANSLATION

REPUBLISHED BOOK

**A WORK IN MORE THAN ONE VOLUME**


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**A WORK IN A SERIES**


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**A BOOK WITH A TITLE WITHIN ITS TITLE**


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**MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS**

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**DAILY NEWSPAPER**

"Study Labels Alcohol Fuel as Threat to Food Supply." Dallas Times Herald 16 Mar. 1980, 14A.


**EDITORIAL**


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(Note: When not part of the newspaper's name, the city's name should be given in brackets after the title. Note a specific edition named on the masthead.)

WEEKLY MAGAZINE OR NEWSPAPER


(Note: Volume numbers are not used because specific dates are given.)

MONTHLY MAGAZINE


SCHOLARLY JOURNAL--CONTINUOUS PAGINATION

(Note: If paged continuously, omit issue number and month.)

SCHOLARLY JOURNAL--SEPARATE PAGINATION

(Note: Include an issue number following the volume number, separated by a period.)

BOOK REVIEW


REFERENCE MATERIALS

* Full publication information is not required for a familiar reference work, but must be included for a less familiar one.

ENCYCLOPEDIA/ALMANAC SIGNED WITH NAME OR INITIAL

(Note: Brackets enclose the added parts of the name. A list of contributors is ordinarily supplied in the index volume or in the front part of an encyclopedia.)

ENCYCLOPEDIA/ALMANAC UNSIGNED

**DICTIONARY**

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**OTHER REFERENCE MATERIALS**

**SOCIAL ISSUES RESOURCES (SIRS)**

**FACTS ON FILE**

**WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN POLITICS**

**TWENTIETH-CENTURY LITERARY CRITICISM**

**CONTEMPORARY LITERARY CRITICISM**


**DICTIONARY OF LITERARY BIOGRAPHY**

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**PAMPHLETS AND BULLETINS**


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**GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS/LEGAL DOCUMENTS**
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

CONSTITUTION
U.S. Const. Art. 2, Sec. 1.

(Note: Do not underline Constitution, Declaration of Independence, or names of court cases.)

COURT CASE

PERSONAL INFORMATION--ELECTED OFFICIAL

(Note: Three hyphens followed by a period stand for exactly the same name(s) as in the preceding entry; hyphens can be repeated, as in above example, to stand for United States and Congress.)

THE BIBLE
The Bible.

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DISSERTATION OR THESIS

UNPUBLISHED

PUBLISHED

LETTERS
**PERSONAL**

**PUBLISHED**

**COMPUTER SOFTWARE OR INFORMATION SERVICE**

**PERIODICAL PUBLICATION ON CD-ROM**


**NONPERIODICAL PUBLICATION ON CD-ROM**

**PUBLICATION ON DISKETTE**


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**SCHOLARLY PROJECT**

**PROFESSIONAL SITE**

**PERSONAL SITE**

**BOOK**
POEM

ARTICLE IN A REFERENCE DATABASE

ARTICLE IN A JOURNAL

ARTICLE IN A MAGAZINE

WORK FROM A SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE


POSTING TO A DISCUSSION LIST

NONPRINT SOURCES

FILM OR VIDEOTAPE


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TELEVISION OR RADIO PROGRAM

PERFORMANCES


(Note: An entry for a performance usually begins with the title, unless citing the contribution of a particular individual.)

WORK OF ART

RECORDING

AUDIOTAPE

LECTURE

INTERVIEW
Pei, I.M.  Personal Interview.  27 July 1983.


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