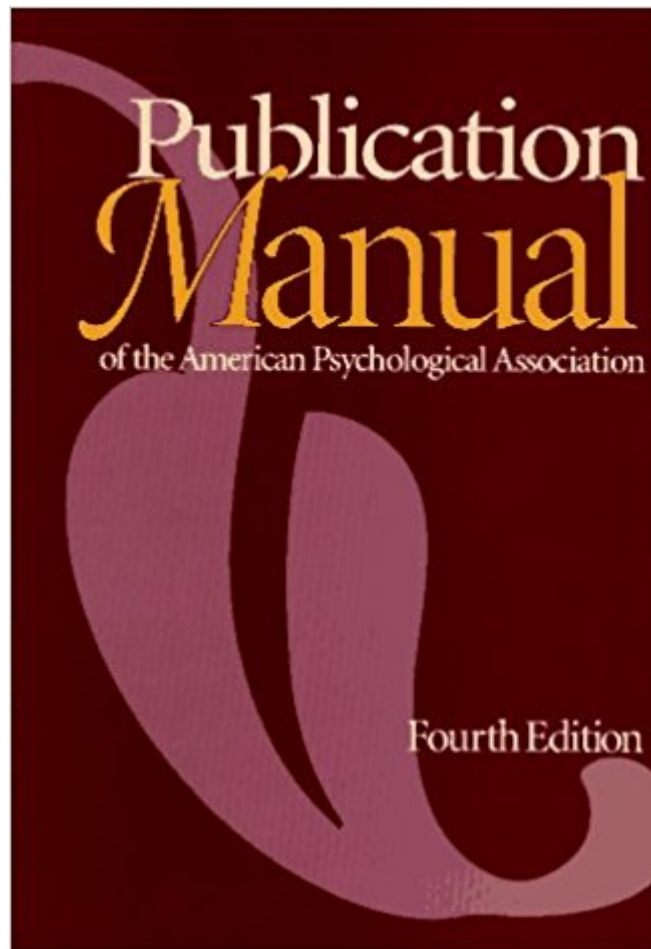




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This edition of the American Psychological Association (APA) Manual is much smaller (in volume) than previous versions. It is written in a style that should be easily learned by new students, even though the basic principles remain challenging until well practiced. The 6th edition lacks a single page (which was found in previous editions) for "common forms" of reference listings, thus the omission forces the student to "dig" much deeper into the text to find the common forms for periodicals and non-periodicals. Also, the publisher has remained very vague in this edition (as in past editions) relative to the rules of abbreviation use for references and in-text citation. I wish that the American Psychological Association would strictly state that abbreviations are absolutely forbidden within reference listings and within in-text citations (with the only exceptions being for the allowable APA abbreviations list). Regardless, the 6th edition comes with ample guidance for its use from the APA website, thereby minimizing the learning curve for new students. Experienced APA users will find the manual an easier reference, in my opinion.

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