Chicago Manual of Style Guide (Author-Date Format)

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Book—Single Author

Format:
Author LastName, FirstName. Year of publication. Title of book. Place of publication: Publisher.

Example:

Book—Editor(s) as Author(s)

Format:
Editor LastName, FirstName, ed. Year of publication. Title of book. Place of publication: Publisher.

Example:

eBook

Format:
Author LastName, FirstName. Year of publication. Title of book. Place of publication: Publisher. Web address (accessed Date of access).

Example:

News Article—Online

Format:
Author LastName, FirstName. Year of publication. Title of article. Title of Magazine or Newspaper, Date of publication. Web address. (accessed Date of access).

Example:
Scholarly Article–Online Database

Format:
Author LastName, FirstName. Year of publication. Title of article. Title of Journal Volume number, Issue number: Page numbers. Name of database (accessed Date of access).

Example:

Website

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Example:

In-Text Citations

In addition to creating your list of citations, you will need to cite your sources in the text of your document. For most cases (in the author-date style), use the following formats.

If the author's name is not in the text...

Use the author’s last name(s) followed by the year of publication.

Examples:
In The Physician’s Tale, the majority of the story is set in the American Northeast (Benson 2006). The authors note that, “[w]ith caribou gone, moose reign over Minnesota’s northern forests” (Dybas 2009).

If the author’s name is in the text...

Use the year of publication only.

Example:
Rhoden ties together the significance of annual Youth Day celebration in Soweto and the importance of the World Cup in South Africa (2010).

Works Cited