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Duclos-Miller, P. A. (2006). *Stressed out about your first year of nursing*. Marblehead, MA: HCPro.

Books with Group/Corporate Author; edition other than 1st (pp. 184)

Group or Corporate Author. (year). *Title of book* (Edition ed.). City of publication, State: Publisher.

American Psychiatric Association. (2000). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders: DSM-IV-TR* (4th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

Books with Two Authors (pp. 202)

First author's last name, 1st initial. 2nd initial., & second author's last name, first initial. 2nd initial. (year). *Title of book*. City of publication, State: Publisher.

Jones, C., & Hudson, R. A. (2003). *Eating for pregnancy: An essential guide to nutrition with recipes for the whole family*. New York, NY: Marlow and Company.

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Thompson, J. M., McFarland, G. K., Hirsch, J.E., & Tucker, S. M. (2002). *Mosby's clinical nursing* (5th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Mosby.

Books with an Editor Instead of an Author (pp. 184; 204)

Editor's last name, 1st initial, 2nd initial. (Ed.). (year). *Title of book* (Edition ed). City of publication, State: Publisher.

Slife, B. (Ed.). (2002). *Clashing views on controversial psychological issues* (12th ed.). Guilford, CT: MacGraw-Hill.

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Essay or Entry author's last name, 1st initial. 2nd Initial. (year). Title of essay, chapter or article. In 1st initial. 2nd initial. Last name (Ed.), *Title of book* (Edition ed., pp. of essay, chapter or article). City, State: Publisher.

Hagerman, R. J. (2000). Medical concerns and treatment for children with fragile X syndrome. In J. D. Weber (Ed.), *Children with fragile X syndrome: A parents' guide* (pp. 93-120). Bethesda, MD: Woodbine House.

Article or Entry from a Reference Book (pp. 202-203)

Entry author's last name, first initial. 2nd initial. (year). Title of entry. In 1st initial. 2nd initial. Last name (Ed.), *Title of book* (Edition ed., Vol. #, pp. #'s). City of publication, state: Publisher.

Turner, J. (2006). Diaper rash. In J. L. Longe (Ed.), *The Gale encyclopedia of medicine* (3rd ed., Vol. 2, pp. 1169-1171). Detroit, MI: Thomson Gale.

Labored breathing. (2006). In *Mosby's dictionary of medicine, nursing and health professions* (7th ed., p. 1055). Philadelphia: Mosby.

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Bassett, S. D. (2007). Exploring the issue of confidentiality. *Nurse Educator*, 32, 147-153.

Magazine Article (paper) (APA 200)

Author's last name, 1st initial. 2nd Initial. (year, Month). Title of article. *Title of Magazine*, vol. #, page number(s).

Voiland, A. (2007, July 23). The fine print. *U.S. News and World Report*, 143, 68.

Newspaper Article (paper) (pp. 200)

Author's last name, 1st initial. 2nd Initial. (year, Month Day). Title of article. *Title of Newspaper*, pp. page number(s).

Hellmich, N. (2007, July 26). Obesity can run in social circles. *USA Today*, p. 1A.

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Retrieved from http://url_of_journal_home_page

Sims, J. M., & Miracle, V. A. (2007). An overview of mitral valve prolapse. *Dimensions of Critical Care Nursing*, 26, 145-149. Retrieved from <http://journals.lww.com>

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Rehermann, B. (2009). Hepatitis C virus versus innate and adaptive immune responses: A tale of coevolution and coexistence. *Journal of Clinical Investigation*, 119, 1745-1754. doi:10.1172/JCI39133a

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Ketterer, M. W., Brawner, C. A., Van Zant, M., Keteveian, S. J., Ehrman, J. K., Knysz, W., Farha, A.,... Wulsin, L. (2007). Empirically derived psychometric screening for emotional distress in coronary artery disease patients: Efficiency, efficacy, and source. *Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing*, 22, 320-325. Retrieved from <http://journals.lww.com/jcnjournal/pages/default.aspx>

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Bozkurt, O. (2007). Wired for work. *Society*, 44(2), 42-52. Retrieved from <http://www.springerlink.com/content/0147-2011>

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Harrar, S. (2007, July). Better heart health. *Prevention*, 59, 28. Retrieved from <http://www.prevention.com/cda/homepage.do>

Newspaper Article Retrieved from Database or Online Source (pp. 200)

Author's last name, 1st initial. 2nd Initial. (year, Month Day). Title of article. *Title of Magazine or Newspaper*, pp. page number(s). Retrieved from http://url_of_newspaper_home_page

Henry, R. (2007, July 27). The grim reapurr: Nursing home cat can predict patients' deaths. *Daily Record*, p. 1060. Retrieved from <http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk>

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Bruni, L., & Porta, P. L. (2007). *Handbook on the economics of happiness*. Retrieved from <http://www.e-elgar.co.uk>

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Rowland, B. R. (2005). Prickly heat. In J. L. Longe (Ed.), *The Gale encyclopedia of alternative medicine* (2nd ed.). Retrieved from <http://www.gale.cengage.com>

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O'Rourke, R. (1995). Can't, won't or don't: Readers and writers in adult education. In J. Mace (Ed.), *Literacy, language, and community publishing: Essays in adult education* (pp. 23-40). Retrieved from <http://www.multilingualmatters.com>

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