How to Cite Sources in a Chicago Style Author-Date

Reference List

Use the following guidelines when formatting a reference list for the Chicago Author-Date documentation system. **DO NOT USE THESE GUIDELINES IF YOU ARE USING THE CHICAGO NOTES AND BIBLIOGRAPHY DOCUMENTATION SYSTEM.** For more information, consult: *The Chicago Manual of Style, 17th ed.* Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2017.

1. Article in a Scholarly Print Journal
Author’s Last Name, First Name. Year of Publication. “Title of the Article.” *Title of the Journal* Volume Number (Issue Number): Inclusive page numbers.


2. Article in an Online Journal
For citations of journals consulted online, include the DOI (Digital Object Identifier). Note that DOI, capitalized when mentioned in text, is lowercased and followed by a colon (with no space after) in reference list citations. Include an access date only if one is required by your discipline.

Author’s Last Name, First Name. Year of Publication. “Title of the Article.” *Title of the Journal* Volume Number (Issue Number): Inclusive page numbers. doi address.


If no DOI is provided, Provide the database or URL.
Author’s Last Name, First Name. Year of Publication. “Title of the Article.” *Title of the Journal* Volume Number (Issue Number): Inclusive page numbers. Database/URL.

3. Websites
For original content from online sources other than the types of formally published
documents discussed above, include as much of the following information as can be
determined: the title of the page, the author of the content (if any), the owner or
sponsor of the site, and a URL. Include a publication date or a date of update or
modification; if no such date can be determined, include an access date.

Name of Owner or Author. Year Accessed. “Title or Description of the Page.” The
Sponsor of the Site. Month Day, Year of Last Modification. Month Day
Accessed. URL.


McDonald’s Corporation. 2008. “McDonald’s Happy Meal Toy Safety Facts.”

4. Basic Book Format: A Book by a Single Author
Author’s Last Name, First Name. Copyright Date. Title of Book. Place of
Publication: Name of Publishing Company.

Pollan, Michael. 2006. The Omnivore’s Dilemma: A Natural History of Four

5. Book with Two (or More) Authors
For a book with two or more authors, only the first-listed name is inverted (i.e.,
with last name first) in the reference list. List all subsequent authors with first name
first.

First Author’s Last Name, First Author’s First Name, and Second Author’s First
Name then Last Name. Copyright Date. Title of the Book. Place of
Publication: Name of Publishing Company.

Ward, Geoffrey C., and Ken Burns. 2007. The War: An Intimate History, 1941-

Heatherton, Joyce, James Fitzgilroy and Jackson Hsu. 2008. Meteors and Mudslides:

6. Book with an Editor or Translator
In the reference list, do not abbreviate Edited by or Translated by.

Author’s Last Name, First Name. Copyright Date. Title of the Book. Edited by or
Translated by Editor’s or Translator’s First Name then Last name. Place of
Publication: Name of Publishing Company.

7. **Electronic Books (Books Downloaded from a Library or Bookseller)**
For books consulted online, list a URL; include an access date only if one is required by your discipline.

Author’s Last Name, First Name. Copyright Date. *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Name of Publishing Company. Format other than Print.


8. **Work in an Anthology**
Contributor’s Last Name, First Name. Copyright Date. “Title of the Contribution.” In *Title of the Book*, edited by Editor’s First Name then Last Name, inclusive page numbers. Place of Publication: Name of Publishing Company.


9. **Preface, Foreword, Introduction or Similar Part of a Book**
Author of Piece’s Last Name, First Name. Copyright Date. Introduction [or Foreword, Preface, etc] to *Title of the Book*, by Author’s First Name then Last Name, inclusive page numbers. Place of Publication: Name of Publishing Company.


10. **Article in a Newspaper or Magazine**
Author’s Last Name, First Name. Year of Publication. “Title of the Article.” *Title of Newspaper or Magazine*, Month Day of Publication.


11. **Article in an Online Newspaper or Magazine**
If you consulted the article online, include a DOI or URL; a DOI is preferable to a URL. Include an access date only if your discipline or instructor requires one.

Author’s Last Name, First Name. Year of Publication. “Title of the Article.” *Title of Newspaper or Magazine*, Month Day of Publication. Accessed Month Day, Year. DOI, or Database, or URL.

12. **Blog Entry, Email, or Text Message**
These types of sources are usually cited in running text (e.g. “In a comment posted to *The Beckner-Posner Blog* on February 23, 2010...” or “In a text message to the author on March 1, 2010, John Doe revealed...”) and are generally omitted from a reference list. If you are required to include a blog post in your reference list, cite the post as a whole (not individual commenters) following the format for a website.


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