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Synopsis

Thousands of students have turned to veteran teacher Charles Lipson for no-nonsense advice on how to cite sources properly and avoid plagiarism when writing their research papers. This new edition of *Cite Right*, the popular overview of all major systems of citation, has been updated to reflect the most current versions of Chicago, MLA, APA, and other styles, and to discuss citation methods in the rapidly changing context of the Internet, digital publishing, and e-books. Best of all, it's very easy to use. Lipson first explains why it is so important to use citations and to present them accurately in research writing. He then outlines the main citation styles students and researchers are likely to encounter in their academic work: Chicago; MLA; APA; AAA (anthropology and ethnography); CSE (biological sciences); AMA (medical sciences); ACS (chemistry); physics, astrophysics, and astronomy; and mathematics, computer science, and engineering. New sections have been added on IEEE and ASCE styles, often used in engineering. Each style is presented simply and clearly with examples drawn from a wide range of source types crossing all disciplines, from the arts and humanities to the sciences and medicine. The second edition has also been updated to include a discussion of the merits and pitfalls of citation software, as well as new examples showing proper citation style for video blogs, instant messages, social networking sites, and other forms of digital media. Based on deep experience in the academic trenches, this thoroughly revised edition is intended to appeal to anyone—student, professional, or academic—who needs an efficient, authoritative guide for citing sources across a wide range of disciplines.

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For those in any area of research and writing who need to cite their sources correctly, this is an excellent and practical guide on how to do so, whatever the circumstances and need. While proper citation is critical in academic writing of all kinds (journal articles, dissertations, theses, conference papers), giving credit to those from whom a writer takes ideas, even where these are not in accord with one's own thoughts but are merely there to present other or contrary views, avoids the worst taint possible: plagiarism. The author gives copious examples of correct citations and covers all electronic sources and areas such as personal communications, as well as more traditional ones derived from reference books, journal articles and papers.

I used this book so often at my very first editing job that I practically wore it out. Any formatting requirement could have come down the pike during a given shift. I always went to this book first, and unless I came across something more involved that was covered only in the individual manuals, I would use this little book to look up reference formatting and found that it covered all the basics quite well. I used yellow stickies on the first page of each formatting style so it would be easy to find. I don't have a lot of use for it any more, since I now edit for medical journals and each tends to have its own formatting style, but this book really served its purpose. I recommend it highly to new editors and students.

I ordered this resource along with the hard-bound 16th edition of the Chicago Manual of Style (SUBSTANTIALLY more expensive!). I've found the Cite Right text covers 99% of the situations I encountered. I especially like the layout that illustrates each of the 3 possible citations: first note, subsequent abbreviated note, and bibliography entry. A few more obscure resources (e.g. a track from an audio CD lecture) weren't explained in this text, so I did need to use the full CMS for a couple of entries. But for someone who's using mainstream books, journal articles, web-based publications, etc. -- this is a great book.

Unlike other citation references, which can be tedious and confusing, this book is a simple and accurate guide on how to cite for any writing situation. It contains all major citing styles (MLA APA CHICAGO etc.) and has been updated to include the most recent rules and examples. Its reader-friendly layout allows for quick instruction and reduces the amount of unnecessary text often found in similar books.

Not very helpful....

Honestly believe a great resource for higher education students taking various discipline courses, thus format for MLA, APA, & Chicago all in one reference book.

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