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 This guidance has been revised from the 6th edition.

1. Whole authored book

Jackson, L. M. (2019). *The psychology of prejudice: From attitudes to social action* (2nd ed.). American Psychological Association. <https://doi.org/10.1037/0000168-000>

Sapolsky, R. M. (2017). *Behave: The biology of humans at our best and worst*. Penguin Books.

Svendsen, S., & Løber, L. (2020). *The big picture/Academic writing: The one-hour guide* (3rd digital ed.). Hans Reitzel Forlag. <https://thebigpicture-academicwriting.digi.hansreitzel.dk/>

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2. Whole edited book

Hygum, E., & Pedersen, P. M. (Eds.). (2010). *Early childhood education: Values and practices in Denmark*. Hans Reitzels Forlag. <https://earlychildhoodeducation.digi.hansreitzel.dk/>

Kesharwani, P. (Ed.). (2020). *Nanotechnology based approaches for tuberculosis treatment*. Academic Press.

Torino, G. C., Rivera, D. P., Capodilupo, C. M., Nadal, K. L., & Sue, D. W. (Eds.). (2019). *Microaggression theory: Influence and implications*. John Wiley & Sons. <https://doi.org/10.1002/9781119466642>

- Parenthetical citations:** (Hygum & Pedersen, 2010; Kesharwani, 2020; Torino et al., 2019)
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3. Republished book, with editor

Watson, J. B., & Rayner, R. (2013). *Conditioned emotional reactions: The case of Little Albert* (D. Webb, Ed.). CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform. <http://a.co/06Se6Na> (Original work published 1920)

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4. Book published with new foreword by another author

Kübler-Ross, E. (with Byock, I.). (2014). *On death & dying: What the dying have to teach doctors, nurses, clergy & their own families* (50th anniversary ed.). Scribner. (Original work published 1969)

- Parenthetical citation:** (Kübler-Ross, 1969/2014)
- Narrative citation:** Kübler-Ross (1969/2014)

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- When citing the main book, include only the name of the book author in the in-text citation.
- When citing the foreword or introduction, include the name of the author of that part in the in-text citation:

a. **Parenthetical citation of foreword:** Workers in the medical community should “listen to the people who need our help and respond with all the knowledge and skill we can bring to bear” (Kübler-Ross, 1969/2014, foreword by Byock, p. xv).

b. **Narrative citation of foreword:** Byock stated that Kübler-Ross’s (1969/2014) work “challenged the authoritarian decorum and puritanism of the day” (p. xii).

5. Several volumes of a multivolume work

Harris, K. R., Graham, S., & Urdan T. (Eds.). (2012). *APA educational psychology handbook* (Vols. 1–3). American Psychological Association.

- Parenthetical citation:** (Harris et al., 2012)
- Narrative citation:** Harris et al. (2012)

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