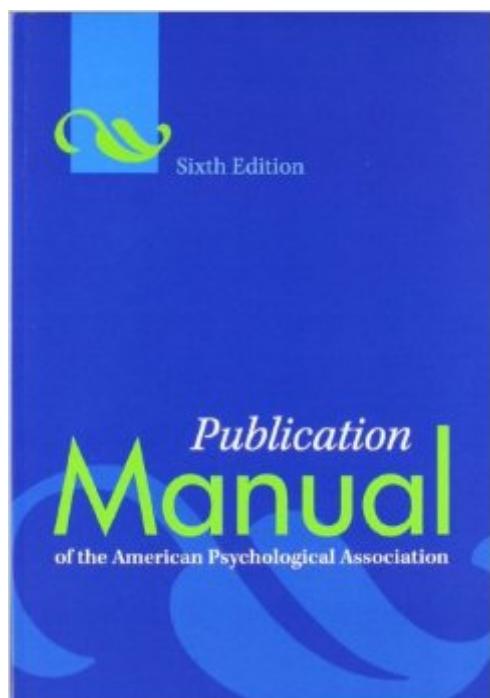


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resource for anyone writing in the APA style. experience: five stars...don't worry guys, you're getting the most recent version.I hope I have helped alleviate some of the concerns posted here. While getting the proper version of this book might've been a problem in the past, it is no longer an issue.

This edition of the American Psychological Association (APA) Manual is much smaller (in volume) than previous versions. It is written in a style that should be easily learned by new students, even though the basic principles remain challenging until well practiced. The 6th edition lacks a single page (which was found in previous editions) for "common forms" of reference listings, thus the omission forces the student to "dig" much deeper into the text to find the common forms for periodicals and non-periodicals. Also, the publisher has remained very vague in this edition (as in past editions) relative to the rules of abbreviation use for references and in-text citation. I wish that the American Psychological Association would strictly state that abbreviations are absolutely forbidden within reference listings and within in-text citations (with the only exceptions being for the allowable APA abbreviations list). Regardless, the 6th edition comes with ample guidance for its use from the APA website, thereby minimizing the learning curve for new students. Experienced APA users will find the manual an easier reference, in my opinion.

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The shift from APA 5th to 6th introduced literally hundreds of little (and not so little) changes into the

way a large portion of academia writes, based on this standard. Because of that, the initial printings of APA 6th required a number of revisions and corrections which APA released individually and over a protracted timeline. My most recent purchase showed it was from the fifth printing, almost 18 months after the initial, and much corrected first printing. Bottom line: this is the one to get if you were waiting for a corrected, all-changes-in version. Regrettably, APA still hasn't embraced the digital publishing revolution or the distance education shift that could most effectively leverage a digital version. I'd absolutely love to be able to buy a Kindle version, accessible from the standard six devices usable by most digital titles (e.g., my Kindle DX, my home office PC, my office PC, my Windows Phone 7, etc.). I can only urge everyone who visits the page for this title to click the "tell the publisher" link and tell them you want a Kindle version. Perhaps market forces can accomplish what academia as a whole has yet to achieve: a digital APA 6th.

Virtually all academic papers must follow APA format. This book gives you the APA guidelines, with examples and explanations; but it also gives you information on how to develop your paper/manuscript. It talks about sentence structure, punctuation, etc. My only complaint is that they don't always call things by the same name as I do, so it makes looking up some specifics a little interesting. I've now written the location of that information in the back of the book, calling them what I know them as. That's really a minor problem, though. As someone who hadn't used, or even heard of "APA Format" a year ago, this book is always within easy reach as I continue my return to school.

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