Chicago-Style Citation Quick Guide: Notes & Bibliography

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**Books**

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N2: ² Laumann et al., *Social Organization of Sexuality*, 262.

**Editor, translator, or compiler in addition to author**


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N2: 2 Blue, “Off the Grid.”


Newspaper or magazine article online

Give the URL if not too long, or abbreviate to the point where the article can be searched. Include any section or edition information available.


N2: 2 Shay, “Top 10 Weird.”


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N2: 2 Bhanoo, “Clues to Human Thought.”


Book review


N2: 2 Gorman, “Endangered Species.”

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N2: 2. Evanston Public Library Board, “Strategic Plan.”


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