

Commentary Samples in MLA Style

Introduction

This short guide shows how to cite all of the commentaries in our collection, and we included a sample from each commentary set. Most commentaries (with the exception of the *New Expositor's Bible Commentary* and the *New Interpreter's Bible Commentary*) are cited as books in a series. It is helpful to include the commentary series in your citations; it allows both you and your professor to find the source easily.

About MLA Style

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Special Notes

- In MLA style, use a simplified form of the publisher's name. Omit any articles (*A, An, The*), any business abbreviations (*Co., Inc.*), words that mean publisher (*Books, House, Press*). If the publisher's name is a person's name (such as William B. Eerdmans), include only the last name (*Eerdmans*). If the publisher has two names (*Simon and Schuster*), only include the first name (*Simon*). For university press, use the abbreviation UP (*Yale UP*).
- Do not include the state after a city name.

Commentary	Cite as a...	Bibliography
Anchor Bible / Anchor Yale Bible	Book in a series	Fitzmeyer, Joseph A. <i>First Corinthians</i> . New Haven: Yale UP, 2008. Print. The Anchor Yale Bible.
NOTE: Pay attention to what's on the spine or the title page to determine whether it is Anchor or Anchor Yale.		
Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture	Book in a series	Weinrich, William C., ed. <i>Revelation</i> . Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2005. Print. Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture, New Testament.
NOTE: In this series, books have editors, not authors.		
Bible Speaks Today	Book in a series	Kidner, Derek. <i>The Message of Ecclesiastes</i> . Leicester: Inter-Varsity, 1976. Print. The Bible Speaks Today.
Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible	Book in a series	Work, Telford. <i>Deuteronomy</i> . Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2009. Print. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible.
Calvin's Commentaries (New Testament)	Book in a series	Calvin, John. <i>The Epistles of Paul the Apostle to the Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians</i> . Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1996. Print. Calvin's Commentaries.
Calvin's Commentaries (Old Testament)	Book in a series	Calvin, John. <i>Commentary on the Book of Psalms</i> . Vol. 5. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1949. Print. Calvin's Commentaries.
NOTE: Many books have multiple volumes; in this example, we're citing one of the five volumes on the Psalms.		
Expositor's Bible Commentary	Chapter in a book / Short work in an anthology	Mare, W. Harold. "1 Corinthians." <i>The Expositor's Bible Commentary</i> . Vol. 10. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1976. 173-297. Print.
Interpretation	Book in a series	Olson, Dennis T. <i>Numbers</i> . Louisville: Knox, 1996. Print. Interpretation.
New Cambridge Bible Commentary	Book in a series	Arnold, Bill T. <i>Genesis</i> . New York: Cambridge UP, 2009. Print. New Cambridge Bible Commentary.

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New International Commentary on the New Testament	Book in a series	Green, Joel B. <i>The Gospel of Luke</i> . Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1997. Print. The New International Commentary on the New Testament.
New International Commentary on the Old Testament	Book in a series	Waltke, Bruce K. <i>The Book of Proverbs: Chapters 1-15</i> . Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2004. Print. The New International Commentary on the Old Testament.
New International Greek Testament Commentary	Book in a series	Ellingworth, Paul. <i>The Epistle to the Hebrews</i> . Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000. Print. The New International Greek Testament Commentary.
New Interpreter's Bible	Chapter in a book / Short work in an anthology	Robertson Farmer, Kathleen A. "The Book of Ruth." <i>The New Interpreter's Bible</i> . Vol. 2. Dallas: Abingdon, 1998. 889-946. Print.
Old Testament Library	Book in a series	Blenkinsopp, Joseph. <i>Ezra-Nehemiah</i> . Philadelphia: Westminster, 1988. Print. The Old Testament Library.
Tyndale New Testament Commentaries	Book in a series	Cole, R. Alan. <i>Galatians</i> . Downers Grove: Inter-Varsity, 2008. Print. The Tyndale New Testament Commentaries.
Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries	Book in a series	Harrison, R. K. <i>Jeremiah and Lamentations</i> . Downers Grove: Inter-Varsity, 1973. Print. The Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries.
Word Biblical Commentary	Book in a series	Keown, Gerald L., Pamela J. Scalise, and Thomas G. Smothers. <i>Jeremiah 26-52</i> . Dallas: Word, 1995. Print. Word Biblical Commentary.