A Pocket Style Manual
Synopsis

Used by nearly a quarter million students each year, A Pocket Style Manual is a straightforward, inexpensive quick reference, with content flexible enough to suit the needs of writers in the humanities, social sciences, sciences, health professions, business, fine arts, education, and beyond. Its slim format, brief length, and spiral binding make it easy for students to keep A Pocket Style Manual with them for every writing assignment, in any class. With its signature Hacker handbook quick-reference features—hand-edited sentences, color-coded documentation coverage, user-friendly index entries, and a clean, uncluttered design—A Pocket Style Manual has always provided fast, effective answers to writing and research questions. In the Hacker tradition, new coauthor Nancy Sommers has crafted solutions for the challenges today’s college students face. The new edition provides even more help with research writing and supports students in every discipline. Read the preface.

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We are a house full of college students, both traditional and non-traditional. We have struggled with writing formats and this book has resolved all of our issues. Very valuable regardless of writing level. Thank you!

After finding my students struggling with style, I began searching for a style agnostic guide. After reading this guide, I decided to add it as an optional reference for my undergraduate students. I
have found that using a supplemental quick reference helps students better understand issues and the writing requirements. This is probably the perfect guide for undergraduate students. It is well written and a good general reference. The manual covers APA and MLA, but at a fairly high level. With that being said, I believe it is specific enough for students to get through a variety of papers in various programs. However, it may be necessary to still supplement with other style guides or web based references. This is a great general reference that addresses various styles, but is better for general grammatical issues. I would not recommend this for most graduate students though. While we all need a little reference, graduate students should already have a mastery of most of the concepts within this text. When addressing the specific styles, I would suggest using a style specific guide or referring directly to the MLA or APA guides.

before the study starting, i had no idea about APA. Actually, i felt nervous when my professor required the assignment followed by APA format. However, this manual became my savior! With this book, I never worry about my assignment format.

I am currently working on my PhD but find myself befuddled with the APA Handbook. This book, which includes sample papers and easy to find notes, is immensely helpful when I have to compose a perfect APA paper.

My Management prof wanted us to write our research paper in the APA style; I had not written a paper in many years (and we used the MLA style in college). This little book helped me get a 93 on my paper. It is laid out in an easy-to-use format. I highly recommend this guide!

It is a good book to have. It provides details and examples on how to properly do an APA style paper. I recommend if you are a major like psychology, sociology, or any other area that requires APA format, you get this book.

I enjoy this manual as it has everything you need to write a MLA paper. I’ve used APA before but is somewhat difficult to understand but with this pocket style manual it is really easy to write the MLA paper if your professor requires it. Shows you how the paper should look and references how you should reference all types of media in your paper, and it not hard to understand. If you have to write MLA papers and are confused as to how to cite, this manual is for you!
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