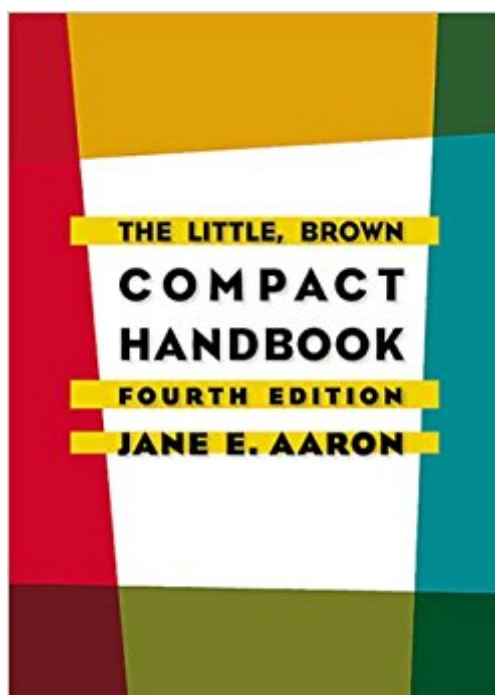


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When I went to college 5 years ago, we had a version of this book that we used. I figured out how to use it and applied the rules accordingly, but at the time, MLA was ambiguous on citations for many types of up and coming sources such as blogs and non-print materials. I think that a lot more has been added to include the vast number of different non-print sources. Much better than what I had when I was in college.

This book will be your Bible for any Gordon rule (6k words of writing) course. It covers the major documentation styles, MLA, APA, Chicago, and CSE. However, it gives examples and rules, not a fill-in the blank. It will teach you how to research and write academically, which means no accidental plagiarisms or oops, where'd my source go? The chapters should tell you what you need to know

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This is a really great guide and reference for English grammar rules. I am currently using it in a grammar class for a copyediting certification and I am very pleased with the content. It has "key terms" defined at the bottom of pages if they use technical language that you may have forgotten the definition (subordinate clause, conjunctive adverb, coordinating conjunction, etc). This is very helpful as you don't have to flip back through the book, or back to the glossary, to understand what is on the page.Highly recommended as a reference.

Great book. Well written 100% with extreme satisfaction.

Good reference guide. Bought this for my English Composition II course in college. It was required. The only problem I found with it is the writing style references (MLA, APA, etc.) are somewhat limited. You get better information using an online reference guide through a college site - these are usually free. Otherwise, not a bad guide to have. Also, it is not "little" or "brown". It is just as the picture shows and is larger than a paperback book.

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