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Every effort has been made to ensure that the information in this QuickGuide is accurate and current. However, in case of discrepancies, the *CSE Manual* is the authoritative source for citation information.

The CSE manual provides a choice of three different styles. The examples in this guide use the ‘Name-Year’ system.

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