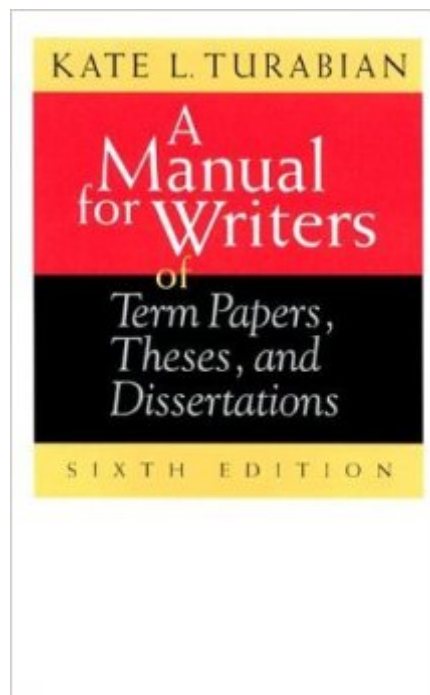


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## Synopsis

For close to sixty years Kate L. Turabian's *Manual for Writers* has offered comprehensive and detailed guidance to authors of research papers--term papers, theses, and dissertations. Now the editors of *The Chicago Manual of Style* have revised Turabian's *Manual* to bring the details of style into conformity with the fourteenth edition of *The Chicago Manual*. This new edition of Turabian also reflects the way students work today, taking into account the role of personal computers in the preparation and presentation of their papers. The familiar organization of this popular book remains largely unchanged. Chapter 1 describes the parts of a long formal paper. Chapters 2-5 introduce the mechanics of writing style, from abbreviations to quotations. Chapters 6 and 7 show how to prepare and refer to tables and illustrations. The section on documentation, chapters 8-12, describes two of the most commonly used systems of citation; these chapters provide many examples including guidance on how to cite electronic documents. Chapter 13, on manuscript preparation, shows how to take advantage of word processing software to present the elements of a paper clearly and effectively. Chapter 14 offers more than two dozen sample pages illustrating ways of formatting some of the complex features found in many research papers. Authoritative, comprehensive, easy to use, and filled with good sense, this new edition will be the standard for yet another generation of students and their teachers. Kate Turabian (1893-1987) was dissertation secretary at the University of Chicago from 1930 to 1958. This manual and her *Student's Guide for Writing College Papers* made her name so well known that she has become "part of the folklore of American higher education" (Quill and Scroll).

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I have been using the Terabian style book for about ten years. Though Kate Terabian passed away several years ago, her legacy lives on in her style book. The book is well-organized, and covers every question I have ever had regarding punctuation, formatting, and style. The proliferation of examples is what makes it easy to use. I would recommend it, especially for serious academic writers, both students and teachers. The only caution I have is that a casual writer may find it too technical.

The text is exactly what it claims to be. I purchased this book for a course in Historical Methods and I've used it to the point of needing a second copy. This manual is so incredibly detailed and concise that I wouldn't think of writing a paper (in any course or context) without it! I love it, it gives detailed instructions and examples for just about every scenario one might stumble upon in writing, whether it be research or not. I'd definitely recommend this manual to anyone, academic, professional, or anyone else; who writes in any form.

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