APA Format, 6th Edition

APA reference list entries for books (pp. 202-205)

Author, A. A. (Year of publication). Title: Subtitle. City, State: Publisher.


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(Taylor & Green, 2004, p. 56)

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(Taylor & Green, 2004, p. 56)

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