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Silver, Lee M. Remaking Eden: Cloning and Beyond in a Brave New World. New York: Levine-Scholastic, 2000.

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Marquart, James W., Sheldon Ekland Olson, and Jonathan R. Sorenson. The Rope, the Chair, and the Needle: Capital Punishment in Texas, 1923-1990. Austin: U of Texas P, 1994.

BOOKS BY MORE THAN THREE AUTHORS

Gilman, Sander, Helen King, Roy Porter, George Rousseau, and Elaine Showalter. Hysteria beyond Freud. Berkeley: U of California P, 1993.

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TWO OR MORE BOOKS BY THE SAME AUTHOR

Frye, Northrop. Anatomy of Criticism: Four Essays. Princeton: Princeton UP, 1957.

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American Medical Association. The American Medical Association Encyclopedia of Medicine. Ed. Charles B. Clayman. New York: Random, 1989.

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The Holy Bible: New International Version. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1984.

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LATER EDITIONS OF BOOKS

Chaucer, Geoffrey. The Works of Geoffrey Chaucer. Ed. F. N. Robinson. 2nd ed. Boston: Houghton, 1957.

EDITED BOOKS WITH SELECTIONS BY DIFFERENT AUTHORS

Weisser, Susan Ostrov, ed. Women and Romance: A Reader. New York: New York UP, 2001.

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Murck, Alfreda. Poetry and Painting in Song China: The Subtle Art of Dissent. Harvard-Yenching Inst. Monograph Ser. 50. Cambridge: Harvard U P, 2000.

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Lauter, Paul. et al., eds. The Heath Anthology of American Literature. 4th ed. 2 vols. Boston: Houghton, 2002.

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Wilson, Edward O. "Heredity." On Human Nature. Cambridge: Harvard U P, 1978. 15-53.

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More, Hannah. "The Black Slave Trade: A Poem." British Women Poets of the Romantic Era. Ed. Paula R. Feldman. Baltimore: John Hopkins U P, 1997. 472-82.

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Jeromack, Paul. "This Once, a David of the Art World Does Goliath a Favor." New York Times 13 July 2002, New England ed.: A13+

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"A Chinese Musician Seeks Asylum in U.S." Washington Post 3 Sept. 1983: C3.

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Woolf, Virginia. "To T. S. Elliot." 28 July 1920. Letter 1138 of The Letters of Virginia Woolf. Ed. Nigel Nicolson and Joanne Trautmann. Vol. 2. New York: Harcourt, 1976. 437-38.

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