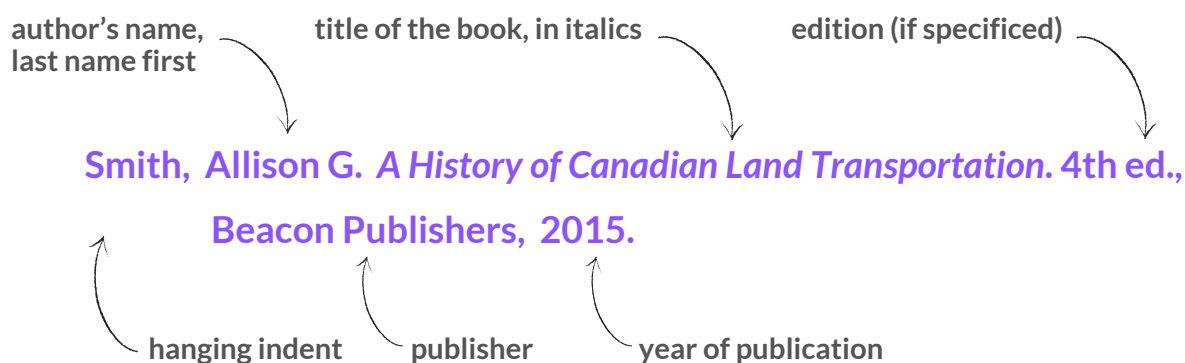


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National Numismatic Association. *2020 Guidebook to Coins*. Drachma Publications, 2010.

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