

To: RDA Steering Committee
From: Dave Reser, LC Representative
Subject: Revision of RDA 1.10.3 (Quotations in notes)

We thank Europe for noticing this disparity in the treatment of quoted information in RDA. We agree that there are multiple ways in which quoted data may be given in notes that are understandable to users, and there is no reason for RDA to limit itself to one method. We also agree with Europe that there is no principled reason RDA should prohibit recording the preferred source of information as the source of the quotation.

While we agree with the idea of the proposal, we found the solution proposed by Europe somewhat difficult to understand. We present two versions of the instruction for the RSC to consider.

Version A is a modified version of Europe's proposed revision that is consistent with other RDA instructions. It presents an Optional Omission for not indicating the source of the quotation when it is the preferred source of information.

Version B is a more simplified approach. It removes recording the source of the quotation from the basic instructions and makes it an Optional Addition. It also includes an instruction about adding quotation marks as an Optional Addition.

Version A Proposed Revision:

Record quotations from the resource or from other sources ~~in quotation marks.~~
Follow the quotation by Provide an indication of its the source of the quotation.
unless that source is the preferred source of information for the identification of the
resource (see [2.2.2 RDA](#)). Add quotation marks, as necessary, for clarity.

EXAMPLE

"Published for the Royal Institute of Public Administration"

"In an edition of 25 copies"—Title page

"A textbook for 6th form students"—Preface

“Generally considered to be by William Langland”—Oxford companion to English literature

Spine title: Spanish concise dictionary

Optional Omission

Omit the source of the quotation if it is the preferred source of information for the identification of the resource (see 2.2.2.)

Version A Clean Copy:

Record quotations from the resource or from other sources. Provide an indication of the source of the quotation. Add quotation marks, as necessary, for clarity.

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Version B Proposed Revision:

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