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Chapter from a Book or Anthology

chapter author last name, first name. "chapter title,"
Thurschwell, Pamela. "That Imperial Stomach is No Seat for Ladies: Henry James, the First World
War and the Politics of Identification." *Modern Sexualities*, edited by Hugh Stevens,
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Manchester UP, 2000, pp. 167-83.

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review author last name, first name. Review of... book/movie/album, by book/movie/album author.
Schneller, Robert J., Jr. Review of *A History of the Confederate Navy*, by Raimondo Luraghi.
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American Historical Review, vol. 102, Oct. 1997, p. 1232.

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The Golden Bowl. Directed by James Cellan Jones, performances by Cyril Cusack, Barry Morse, Jill
pub company, pub date.
Townsend, Daniel Massey, and Kathleen Byron, Acorn Media, 1999.

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"Meet the Thirteenth Doctor - Doctor Who." *YouTube*, uploaded by Doctor Who, 16 July 2017,
.URL
www.youtube.com/watch?v=-_bSdWEYK8.

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Pei, I. M. Personal interview. 22 July 1993.

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Investigation of the Pearl Harbor Attack. Government Printing Office, 1946.

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URL. Accession date.
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