

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

The Chicago Manual of Style (CMOS) Format

An annotated bibliography can be described as a concise description of a list of citations to books, articles, documents and their major features. The citation is usually followed by 150 words of descriptive and evaluative paragraph (i.e. the annotation). The aim of the annotation is to inform the reader of the relevance, accuracy, and quality of the cited sources in the work. Two examples of annotated bibliographies in CMOS style are shown below.

Obama, Michelle. *Becoming*. New York: Crown, 2018.

Obama's book discusses a deeply personal experience. The book talks about her roots and how she found her voice, as well as her time as the first lady of the United States of America. It talks about her public health campaign, and her role as a mother. The book is divided into three sections: *Becoming Me*, *Becoming Us*, and *Becoming More*. *Becoming Me* traces Obama's early life growing up in the South Side of Chicago, through her early career and meeting Barack Obama. *Becoming Us* continues with their relationship, their marriage and the beginning of Barack Obama's political career in the Illinois State Senate. The section ends with Barack Obama's election as President of the United States and *Becoming More* describes their life as first family.

Gates, Melinda. *The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World*. Australia: Pan Macmillan, 2019.

Gate's book is a moving and compelling New York Times bestseller. The author discusses some lessons she's learned from people she met during her work and travels around the world. In her introduction, she said she had to write the book to share the stories of people who have given focus and urgency to her life. She wants everyone to see ways we can lift women up where we live. Gates provides an unforgettable narrative backed by startling data as she describes the issues that need urgent attention around the world including child marriage, lack of access to contraceptives and gender imbalance in the workplace. She writes about her personal life and the road to equality in her own marriage. She introduces us to remarkable women and shows the power of connecting with one another. In her words "When we lift others up, they lift us up too".