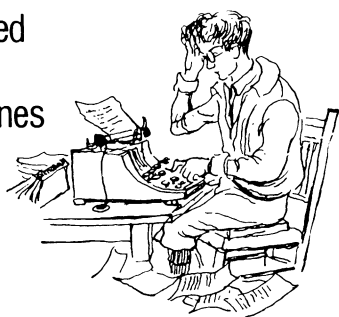


THE SOURCE

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Line style

As one who has recently been through the agonizing, sometimes mysterious and frequently exciting process of getting a book into print, I greeted *Style guide for authors and copy editors* with some longing. I wished I had had a copy to hand before my pen had touched paper.

This lucid 20-page booklet from George Allen and Unwin Australia takes the author or copy-editor through the parts of a manuscript, as the publisher would like to receive it, right down to the index.



It has brief notes on the style approved to be followed, as well as on permissions and proof-reading. It is intended for authors preparing

'presentable typescripts' for this particular publisher – other publishers will have their own preferences. It will also be a useful brief style manual for aspiring authors who have not yet ensnared a publisher, as well as for small publishers who don't want to 'roll their own' and for whom larger style manuals might be rather forbidding.

Certainly the style and production of George Allen and Unwin Australia publications over the past couple of years is worth emulating – no doubt *Style guide* will help maintain these standards by house-training further generations of authors. A limited number of copies of *Style guide for authors and copy editors* are available gratis from George Allen and Unwin Australia, 8 Napier Street, North Sydney, NSW 2060, phone (02) 922 6399. (No ISBN.)

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In October 1982 a detailed guide to the database was issued by the National Library of Australia. Copies of this guide, which is headed *AUSINET data bases: guide to Australian National Bibliography (ANB)*, can be obtained from Computer Search Services, NLA, Canberra, ACT 2600. (No ISBN.)

Happy families

Not only does the Institute of Family Studies maintain a small but highly specialised library of research materials on families and related areas, but it is responsible for an active and useful publication programme.

Most readers will be familiar with its *Diary of social legislation and policy*, which is published in conjunction with the Social Welfare Research Centre of the University of New South Wales and the Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research at the University of Melbourne. Less well-known would be the Institute's *Discussion paper* series and its *Selected reading lists*.

Gay Ochiltree and Don Edgar's *The changing face of childhood* (Discussion paper no 4: ISBN 0 642 89345 4), for example, traces the changes in status and treatment of children through the ages, culminating in the problems of the so-called child-centred society of the twentieth century.

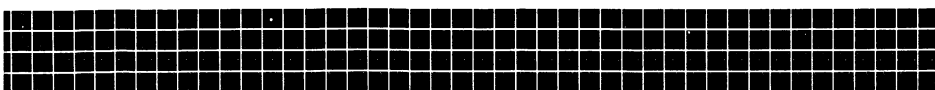
The selected reading list series will also be of interest to many librarians. The eighth in this series, for example, is entitled *Infertility and artificial fertilization procedures* and contains references to titles relating to social, psychological, legal, ethical and philosophical issues of the topic. The Institute also publishes a newsletter, working papers, family information bulletins and a monograph series containing lengthier reports on research, bibliographies and other papers. Further information on the Institute of Family Studies and its publications programme can be obtained from Mari Davis, Head, Family Information Centre, IFS, Lewis House, 766 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, Vic 3000, telephone (03) 342 9100.

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For some months last year the catalogue was not published due to reprogramming, but it is now available once more in its revised form – without loss of any entries. The catalogue has three main sections: Parliamentary Papers (in PP number order); Departmental Titles (in alphabetical order by title and subject for monographs, and by title only for the separate sequence of serials).

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