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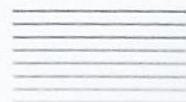
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# The Writer's Handbook for Sociology

Dona Young's book comes at a time when students need it most, both to improve their skills as students but also to prepare them for the professional workforce. She does a great job of conveying essential concepts in a way that is easy to understand while underscoring why scholars write the way they do. I highly recommend it.

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This book is a gift for all social scientists frustrated with having to teach major content while working to develop students' writing. It's an entire professional writing course wrapped into an accessible resource guide, complete with application exercises, and perfectly complements any content course. Relevant! Practical! Empowering!

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