

## Style Sheet: Guide for Authors



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Jelle Kingma, "Spinoza Editions in the Nineteenth Century," in *Spinoza to the Letter: Studies in Words, Texts, and Books*, ed. Fokke Akkerman and Piet Steenbakkers (Leiden: Brill, 2005), 273–81.

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