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Cited numbers refer to text sections, except in the case of *KSA* where volume and page numbers are given. I have occasionally modified published translations.

- A* *The Antichrist*, in *The Portable Nietzsche*, ed. and trans. Walter Kaufmann (New York: Viking Press, 1954).
- BGE* *Beyond Good and Evil*, in *Basic Writings of Nietzsche*, ed. and trans. Walter Kaufmann (New York: Random House, 1966).
- BT* *The Birth of Tragedy*, in *Basic Writings*.
- CW* *The Case of Wagner*, in *Basic Writings*.
- D* *Daybreak*, trans. R. J. Hollingdale (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1982).
- EH* *Ecce Homo*, in *Basic Writings*. The four main chapters will be indicated by roman numerals, with book titles in Chapter III abbreviated accordingly.
- GM* *On the Genealogy of Morality*, ed. Keith Ansell-Pearson, trans. Carol Diethe (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007).
- GS* *The Gay Science*, trans. Walter Kaufmann (New York: Random House, 1974).
- HAH* *Human, All Too Human*, trans. R. J. Hollingdale (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1986).
- KSA* *Sämtliche Werke: Kritische Studienausgabe*, ed. G. Colli and M. Montinari (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 1967).
- TI* *Twilight of the Idols*, in *The Portable Nietzsche*. The chapters will be numbered in sequence by arabic numerals.

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- UDH* *On the Uses and Disadvantages of History for Life*, Part 2 of *Untimely Meditations*
- UM* *Untimely Meditations*, trans. R. J. Hollingdale (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1983).
- WP* *The Will to Power*, trans. Walter Kaufmann and R. J. Hollingdale (New York: Random House, 1967).
- WS* *The Wanderer and His Shadow*, Part 2 of *Human, All Too Human*.
- Z* *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*, in *The Portable Nietzsche*. The four parts will be indicated by roman numerals, the sections by arabic numerals according to Kaufmann's listing on pages 112–114.