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AT	Descartes, <i>Œuvres</i> , ed. Charles Adam and Paul Tannery
BSAM	<i>Bulletin de la Société Internationale des Amis de Montaigne</i>
CCCM	<i>Corpus Christianorum, Continuatio Mediaevalis</i> , I- (1966–), Turnhout, Brepols
DTC	<i>Dictionnaire de théologie catholique</i>
EM	Nicole, <i>Essais de morale</i>
<i>Ethics</i>	Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i>
OC	<i>Œuvres complètes</i>
OCV	<i>Œuvres complètes de Voltaire</i>
PL	J-P. Migne (ed.), <i>Patrologiæ cursus completus, Series latina</i> , 221 vols, Paris, 1844–64
VS	Montaigne, <i>Les Essais</i> , ed. Pierre Villey and V-L. Saulnier