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Abbreviations

Abbreviations of names and works of Greek and Roman authors follow the Oxford Classical Dictionary.

ANRW  Aufstieg und Niedergang der römischen Welt
BICS  Bulletin of the Institute of Classical Studies
BMCR  Bryn Mawr Classical Review
CIL   Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum
CJ    Classical Journal
CP    Classical Philology
CQ    Classical Quarterly
CR    Classical Review
CW    Classical World
G&R   Greece & Rome
GRBS  Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Studies
ILS   H. Dessau, Inscriptio Latinae Selectae. Berlin (1892)
JHS   Journal of Hellenic Studies
JRA   Journal of Roman Archaeology
JRS   Journal of Roman Studies
MAMA  Monumenta Asiae Minoris Antiqua
OGIS  W. Dittenberger, Orientis Graeci Inscriptio Selectae. Leipzig (1903–1905)
SEG   Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum
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