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<i>ABD</i>	<i>Anchor Bible Dictionary</i> , 6 volumes
<i>ANET</i>	<i>Ancient Near Eastern Texts</i> , 3rd ed., edited by J. Pritchard (Princeton, 1969).
<i>BGUL</i>	<i>A Basic Grammar of the Ugaritic Language with Selected Texts and Glossary</i> , S. Segert (Berkeley/Los Angeles/London, 1984).
<i>CAD</i>	<i>Chicago Assyrian Dictionary</i>
<i>CTA</i>	<i>Corpus des tablettes en cunéiformes alphabétiques découvertes à Ras Shamra-Ugarit de 1929 à 1939</i> , A. Herdner (Paris, 1963).
<i>DULAT</i>	<i>A Dictionary of the Ugaritic Language in the Alphabetic Tradition</i> , G. del Olmo Lete and J. Sanmartín (Leiden/Boston/Köln, 2003).
<i>EA</i>	El-Amarna
<i>HUS</i>	<i>Handbook for Ugaritic Studies</i> , edited by W. G. E. Watson and N. Wyatt (Leiden/Boston/Köln, 1999).
<i>KB</i>	<i>The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament</i> , edited by L. Köhler, W. Baumgartner, J. Stamm, and M. E. J. Richardson (Leiden, 2001).
<i>KTU</i>	<i>The Cuneiform Alphabetic Texts from Ugarit, Ras Ibn Hani and Other Places</i> , edited by M. Dietrich, O. Loretz, and J. Sanmartín (2nd edition; Münster, 1995).
<i>PRU</i>	<i>Le Palais royal d'Ugarit</i> , Ch. Virolleaud (Paris, 1955, 1957, 1965).
Sivan, <i>Grammar</i>	<i>A Grammar of the Ugaritic Language</i> , D. Sivan (Leiden, 1997).
<i>UDB</i>	<i>Ugaritic Databank</i> , edited by J.-L. Cunchillos, J.-P. Vita, and J.-A. Zamora (translated by A. Lacadena and A. Castro; Madrid, 2003).

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UF

Ugarit-Forschungen

Ug

Ugaritica

UNP

Ugaritic Narrative Poetry, edited by S. Parker
(Atlanta, GA, 1997).

UT

Ugaritic Textbook, by C. H. Gordon (Rome,
1965).

VT

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