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ASAC	<i>The Agrarian Sociology of Ancient Civilizations.</i> Translated by R. I. Frank. London: Verso, 1988.
Biography	Marianne Weber, <i>Max Weber: A Biography</i> . Translated and edited by Harry Zohn. New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction, 1988.
BW	<i>The Protestant Ethic and the “Spirit” of Capitalism and Other Writings</i> . Edited and translated by Peter Baehr and Gordon C. Wells. New York: Penguin, 2002.
CH	<i>The Protestant Ethic Debate: Max Weber’s Replies to His Critics, 1907–1910</i> . Edited by David J. Chalcraft and Austin Harrington. Translated by Austin Harrington and Mary Shields. Liverpool: Liverpool University Press, 2001.
EaS	<i>Economy and Society: An Outline of Interpretive Sociology</i> . Edited by Guenther Roth and Claus Wittich. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1978.
FMW	<i>From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology</i> . Edited by H. H. Gerth and C. Wright Mills. New York: Oxford University Press, 1946.
GEH	<i>General Economic History</i> . Translated by Frank H. Knight. Mineola, NY: Dover, 2003 [1927].

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<i>Lebensbild</i>	Marianne Weber, <i>Max Weber: Ein Lebensbild</i> . Munich: Piper, 1984 [1926].
<i>MSS</i>	<i>The Methodology of the Social Sciences</i> . Translated and edited by Edward A. Shils and Henry A. Finch. New York: Free Press, 1949.
<i>MWG</i>	<i>Max Weber-Gesamtausgabe</i> . Tübingen: Mohr (Siebeck), 1984–.
<i>PE</i>	<i>Die protestantische Ethik und der “Geist” des Kapitalismus: Textausgabe auf der Grundlage der ersten Fassung von 1904/05 mit einem Verzeichnis der wichtigsten Zusätze und Veränderungen aus der zweiten Fassung von 1920</i> . Edited by Klaus Lichtblau and Johannes Weiß. Weinheim: Beltz Athenäum, 2000.
<i>PW</i>	<i>Political Writings</i> . Edited by Peter Lassman and Ronald Speirs. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994.
<i>RC</i>	<i>The Religion of China: Confucianism and Taoism</i> . Translated and edited by Hans H. Gerth. Glencoe, IL: Free Press, 1951.
<i>RK</i>	<i>Roscher and Knies: The Logical Problems of Historical Economics</i> . Translated by Guy Oakes. New York: Free Press, 1975.
<i>VL</i>	<i>The Vocation Lectures</i> . Edited by David Owen and Tracy B. Strong. Translated by Rodney Livingstone. Indianapolis: Hackett, 2004.
<i>WuG</i>	<i>Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft: Grundriss der verstehenden Soziologie</i> . 5th edn. <i>Studienausgabe</i> . Edited by Johannes Winckelmann. Tübingen: Mohr (Siebeck), 1980.