When citing a secondary source, your citation should be for the source you actually have in possession, not the original source. For example:

- Let say I have a book: it was published in 2010, edited by Sam Jones, and the title of the book is *APA is fun*. This is the 3rd edition of the book.

- I’ve decided to cite a chapter in this book. The title of the chapter is, Citing Secondary Sources and is written by Jane Doe.

- In this chapter, Jane Doe actually cites another author named Bob Smith. I’ve decided I want to cite the research of Bob Smith; since I don’t have Bob Smith’s original work, I need to cite Jane Doe (author of chapter) as a secondary source.

**In-text citation example of direct quote:**

According to Bob Smith, “citing secondary sources might be tricky for new researchers” (as cited in Doe, 2010).

**Reference citation example:**


Pinellas Park, FL: St. Petersburg College Publishing.