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CAF	Comicorum Atticorum fragmenta
CJAS	Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity Series
FHG	Fragmenta historicorum Graecorum, ed K. Müller, Paris: Didot,
	1841–1870; reprint, Frankfurt-Main: Minerva, 1975
ITRL	The I Tatti Renaissance Library
JETS	Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society
JPT	The International Journal of the Platonic Tradition
PCG	Poetae comici graeci
RGRW	Religions in the Greco-Roman World