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Book

Webster R. (1983) *Gems*. 4th ed. Revised by B.W. Anderson, Butterworths, London, 1006 p.

Chapter or article in a book or series

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