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Gottlieb, A.	(the author of the journal article)
(1995)	(the year of the journal article was published)
Beyond the Lonely Anthropologist:	(the title of the journal article)
American anthropologist	(the title of the journal in which the article appears)
97(1)	(the volume and part number)
pp. 562-566	(the page numbers)

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1. [Beyond the Lonely Anthropologist: Collaboration in Research and Writing](#)

by [A. Gottlieb](#)



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