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- differently formatted names in one source
- alternative names for an author
- typographical errors
- combining different authors who share the same name

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