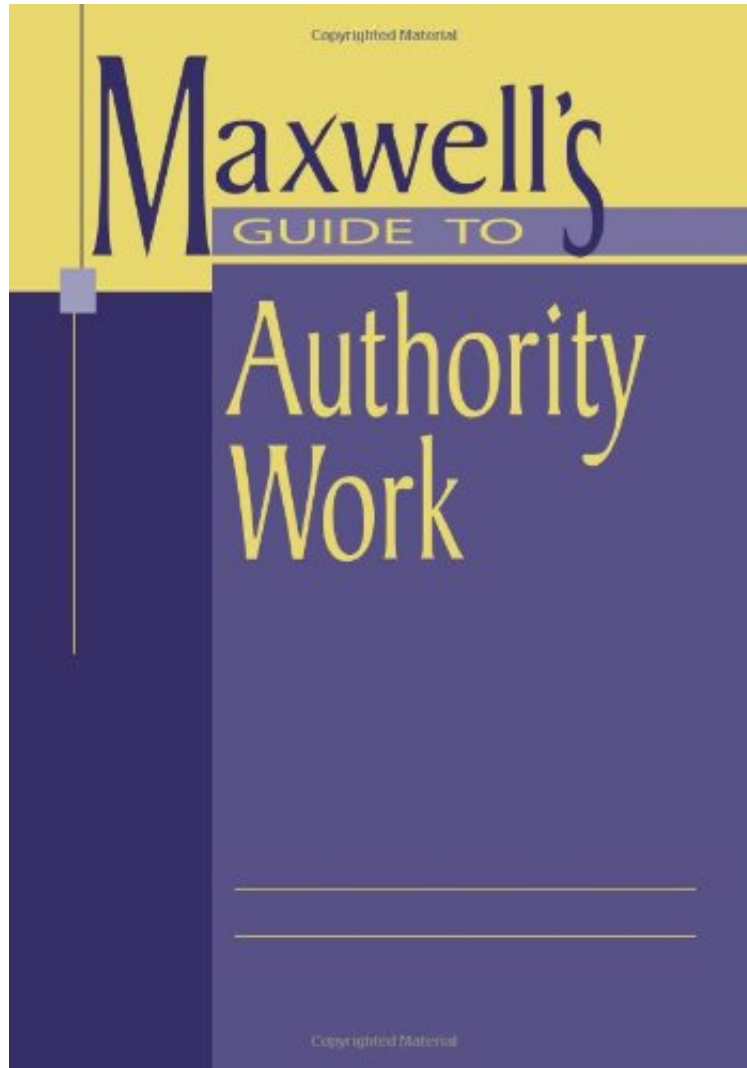


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In this text, authority work is broken down to its most basic components so that you can trace and follow the preparation of a complete authority record. Helpful illustrations identify the key characteristics of good authority records, common acronyms are defined, and cross-references throughout reinforce material. Step-by-step, you'll learn how to: form and record uniform access points; keep thorough and accurate records; share information in an

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From Library Journal Finally for catalogers, a new book on authority work to fill the gap that has existed since Doris Clack's 1990 Authority Control went out of print. Maxwell's new book covers Part 2 of AACR2 in much the same way that his Handbook for AACR2 covers Part 1. However, the Clack book has better coverage of the theory and principles behind authority control so don't weed it from your professional collection. Maxwell also includes two chapters on subject and genre heading lists. These chapters are preceded by one on thesaurus building. This makes for a well-rounded view of the subject, but if you plan to build a thesaurus, you're better off with Jean Aitchison and others' Thesaurus Construction and Use (Fitzroy Dearborn, 2002; 4th ed.), which thoroughly deconstructs both the ANSI/NISO and ISO standards for comparison and understanding. While Maxwell gives no clue as to the intended audience for this work, it reads like a textbook and will probably be used as such. If you're looking for an explanation of Part 2 of AACR2 or generally want to learn what authority work is and why we do it, then this should suit your needs. April Bohannon, Virginia Beach P.L. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. Robert Maxwell has written a very important book bringing the subject of authority control up to current standards and explaining the complexities in simple language. The writer of this review learned a few things from this book, despite having extensive experience in dealing with authority records. I highly recommend the book to anyone who needs to learn about authority work for the first time and those with some experience who would like to refine their skills. -- Technical Services Quarterly A step-by-step text for creating efficient, complete authority records. --Public Libraries A step-by-step text for creating efficient, complete authority records. --Public Libraries A step-by-step text for creating efficient, complete authority records. --Public Libraries About the Author Robert L. Maxwell is Associate Librarian of the Harold B. Lee Library at Brigham Young University, where he also serves as leader of the special collections and humanities cataloging team. He has taught cataloging in the School of Information Resources and Library Science at the University of Arizona and has chaired the Bibliographic Standards Committee of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of the Association for College and Research Libraries (ACRL). He is co-author, with Margaret Maxwell, of the current edition of Maxwell's Handbook for AACR2R. Maxwell earned his master's of library science degree from the University of Arizona and his doctorate degree in classical languages from the University of Toronto.