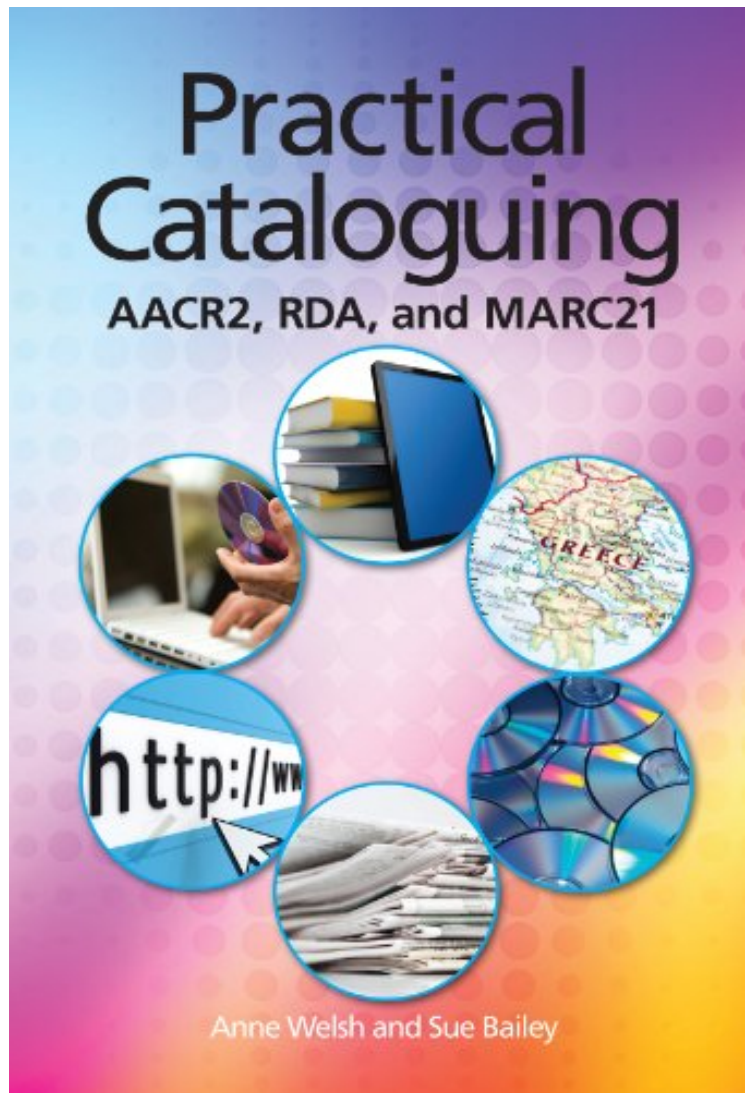


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Welsh and Batley have given us a fine example of the kind of transitional work needed as we move forward with implementation and practical application of Resource Description and Access. This book offers a simple overview and comparison of RDA and AACR2, as well as discussion of some of the more fundamental issues of FRBR and its role in modernizing library catalogues. Cataloguers new and old should find it an informative read that gently ushers them into understanding the changes on the horizon for bibliographic control. --Shawne D. Miksa, Acting Associate Director, Interdisciplinary Information Science Program, University of North Texas "Comprehensive, practical, clear, and written with a dash of humor--this is the textbook about AACR2 and RDA for which catalogers have been waiting." --Karen Attar, Senate House Library, University of London, UK About the Author Anne Welsh is a lecturer in Library and Information Studies, University College London. Sue Batley is Course Director for the MA in Information Management, London Metropolitan University.