

New Edition vs. Copy

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This document presents some guidelines to follow when trying to determine whether the book-in-hand is a new edition of a previously published work or a copy to be added to an existing bibliographic record.

If two books are known to be different editions of the same work, separate bibliographic records must be created for each. (See LCRI 1.0 for a detailed explanation of the guidelines listed below. If still in doubt, set aside for cataloger.) If there is a question as to whether the book-in-hand represents a new edition or just a copy of the edition described on the existing bibliographic record, consider the following:

You may have a **new edition** if any of the following is present:

- explicit indication of changes (including corrections) of content
- difference in title and statement of responsibility (245)
- difference in the edition statement (250) except for paperback edition (pbk. ed.)
- difference in the publication information (260) except for minor variations (see below)
- difference in extent statement of physical description (300 subfield *a*)
- difference in the series statement (4xx/8xx)

You probably just have a **copy** if the only difference is:

- addition, deletion or change of ISBN (020)
- difference in the printing or copyright date when there is also a publication date (260 subfield *c*)
- minor variation in the publisher's name or place (260 subfield *b* or *c*) or when the publisher uses
- multiple forms concurrently
- difference in binding (hardcover vs. paperback)
- difference in the edition statement (250) or the series statement (4xx/8xx) if the item is a CIP book issued by the publisher in both a hardback and paperback version.