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A Guide to the Basics

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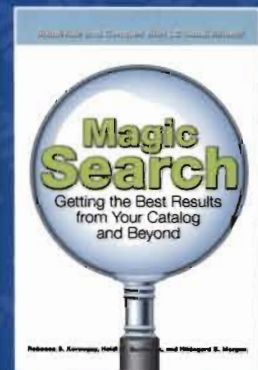
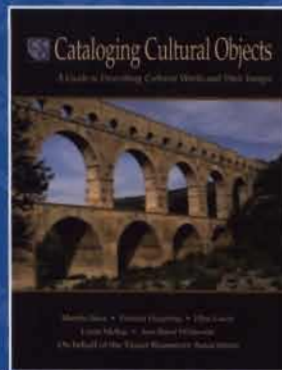
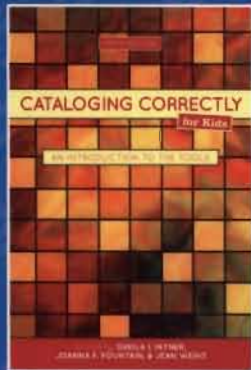
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**A**uthor Chris Oliver, Cataloguing and Authorities Coordinator at the McGill University Library and chair of the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing, offers practical advice on how to make the transition from the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules (AACR) to Resource Description and Access (RDA). This indispensable Special Report helps catalogers by

- Concisely explaining RDA and its expected benefits for users and catalogers, presented through topics and questions
- Placing RDA in context by examining its connection with its predecessor, AACR2, as well as looking at RDA's relationship to internationally accepted principles, standards, and models
- Detailing how RDA positions us to take advantage of newly emerging database structures, how RDA data enables improved resource discovery, and how we can get metadata out of library silos and make it more accessible

No cataloger or library administrator will want to be without this straightforward guide to the changes ahead.

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