RDA QuickGuide (Copy Cataloging)

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**Identify** RDA records:

FF:Desc = i (ISBD) & 040$e = rda (RDA)

**Description**

Notable changes in description

No prescribed capitalization.

For ISBD terms, transcribe substitute words/phrases rather than abbreviate

245 punctuation – Do not accept “all caps” case. Change to standard case (either sentence case or capitalize each word).

245 $b/$c A noun phrase \*associated\* with the author is included in $c  
Example: 245 10 $aBurr /$ca novel by Gore Vidal,   
**but:**  245 10 $aBurr :$b a novel /$cGore Vidal.

245 $c may transcribe all authors, regardless of number (but may transcribe fewer followed by [and # others]). No more Rule of Three. . Each SoR phrase considered separately.

**Local practice:** Omit author affiliations.

Transcribe degrees, titles, "Jr.", "Rev.", "the late", etc.

250 Transcribe, but accept abbreviations found in item

260 becomes repeating 264 with indicators.   
Accept either 260 (AACR2) or 264 (RDA)  
RDA does not use abbreviations: s.l., s.n., n.d.

264 2ndInd= 1 ($a/$b/$c publication info)  
Always supply $c publication year (infer a bracketed year)

264 2ndInd= 4 ($c copyright year)  
Accept the phrase “copyright” or the the symbol “©”.

**LC practice:**  
Do not add a copyright year if it is the same as an explicit publication year (264 Ind2=1)

**Local practice:** For non-standard publishers (esp., local material), always record both publ & copyright 264 fields (even if the same year). Code FF:DateStatus=t & Date2

**For copy cataloging**, if the publ & copyright year are the same, accept either LC practice or Local practice.

300 use only standard terms/phrases (no abbreviations)

336/337/338 GMD info ([Content / Media / Carrier Type] --intended to replace 245$h)

Books: text/unmediated/volume

(unmediated = eye-readable)

**Local practice**: For books that are primarily illustrative, use/add 336 "still image"   
Use for: Juvenile picture books (LCSH: Stories without words); art books (N) & graphic novels.

**Accept**: 336 "still image" for juvenile books with LCSH: Picture books for children.

504 merged Bibliography/Index note (accept if notes are split into two fields)

505 Accept capitalization

**Access**

Notable changes in access

Justification no longer applies in RDA & allows untraced authors in the description, and unjustified author added entries  
**Local Practice**: All tracings should be justified

100/700 Entry is under first author mentioned, regardless of number of authors (no more Editor/Compiler Rule)  
More frequent use of |c qualifiers such as occupation to create unique heading. Qualifiers such as "Jr." are allowed. .

600 includes all names (including fictitious/imaginary beings)