

PREFACE

The first edition of Subclasses PR, PS, and PZ, *English and American Literature and Juvenile Belles Lettres*, was published in 1915, together with subclass PN. That edition was reissued in 1964 with supplementary pages. The second edition was published in 1978, and the third edition in 1988. Beginning with the 1998 edition, subclass PN was no longer included, having been published separately since 1997. A 2005 edition cumulated additions and changes made since the publication of the 1998 edition. Another edition was published in 2008. This 2012 edition includes additions and changes made since the 2008 edition was published.

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