Editing Mini-Checklist—Christian Fiction

This list is intended as a supplement for the “SHARE Editing Checklist for Books,” for use when cataloging Christian fiction books. It is only meant to convey the additional information needed for a book with specific Christian themes.

Consult the editing mini-checklist for Large Print books if your book is also large print.

Field 600 – Subject Added Entry – Personal name

If the book has specific Biblical persons as a central character or theme, include a subject heading for the name. You will probably have to search the Personal Name authority files rather than the subject authority files for the correct controlled term.

600 00 ‡a Rebekah ‡c (Biblical matriarch) ‡v Fiction.

Field 650 – Subject Added Entry – Topical Term

Evaluate the material for the main themes of the work. Examples of some common possibilities include (but aren’t limited to):

650 _0 ‡a Amish ‡v Fiction.

650 _0 ‡a Christian life ‡v Juvenile fiction.

For the religious group Quakers, use “Quakers” (for individuals) or “Society of Friends” (denomination), not “Friends”.

650 _0 ‡a Quakers ‡v Fiction. or 650 _0 ‡a Society of Friends ‡v Fiction.

Field 655 – Index Term – Genre/Form

Use second indicator 7 and subfield ‡2 to specify the source of the index term.

Always add: 655 _7 ‡a Christian fiction. ‡2 lcgft

Other possible genre terms include:

655 _7 ‡a Domestic fiction. ‡2 lcgft

655 _7 ‡a Bible fiction. ‡2 lcgft

This is not an exhaustive list. Always check the scope notes in the authority files to ensure your genres and subjects are appropriate.

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