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Instructions for book reviewers

Length: Generally 800-1,200 words; see review editor's letter for specific length.

Content: Reviews should evaluate books as a contribution to the literature of library and information science, characterizing the content of the book and critically appraising it. Try to position the book within the intellectual history of the field by comparing it to other books or ideas that are related. *Library Resources & Technical Services* is not a library book selection tool and does not include purchasing requirements.

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Approach: To characterize the book's content, a synthesis or a description of its highlights is preferable to a chapter-by-chapter account. State your opinions clearly. Be fair and specific with both praise and criticism. Understand the author's purpose in writing the book and evaluate the author's success in meeting these objects. Consider the following questions as you form your opinion of the book:

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- How does the book compare to others of similar content and purpose?
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- To what audience will the book be most interesting or useful?
- Are there any significant errors or omissions?

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