

# FRIENDS OF THE BROWN COUNTY LIBRARY BOOK SALE SORTING GUIDE

*Did you know: Our dedicated volunteers spend  
20 hours per week year round sorting books!*

**Antiquarian:** Books published around 1950 or earlier, any category

## ***Animals & Nature***

Pet Care, Nature Guides  
Agriculture & Veterinary Medicine  
Earth Science, Oceans & Environment

## ***Garden & Landscape***

Outdoor & Indoor  
Containers  
Flowers, fruits, veggies  
Trees/shrubs  
Water gardening  
Bonsai, cactus, etc etc etc

## ***Science & Tech***

Computers & Math  
Astronomy & Space Program  
Biology, Chemistry, Physics  
Engineering, Electronics, Metals

## ***Travel***

Guidebooks  
Geography  
Travel & Adventure Writing  
Pictorials (National Parks, etc)

## ***Humor***

*Humorists:* Erma Bombeck, Dave Barry, etc  
*Cartoon Books:* Doonesbury, Dilbert, Cathy, etc  
*Jokes & Riddles*  
*Comic books go to CHILDREN*

## ***Religion & Inspirational & Philosophy:***

Western Religions: Christianity & Judaism  
Inspirational & “Hallmark” poetry: Susan Polis Shutz etc.  
(Eastern Religions go in New Age. This is not a value judgment, it’s to make these materials easier to find since Religion is a huge category)

## ***New Age***

Eastern & Native American Spirituality  
Meditation & Mysticism  
Paranormal  
Occult & Magic  
Astrology & Prophecy  
Angels, crystals, etc.

## ***Cookbooks***

Including:  
Food - Wine  
Home Entertaining

## ***Diet & Nutrition***

Weight loss programs  
Food & Health

## ***Fitness & Grooming***

Exercise & jogging  
yoga & tai chi  
body building & martial arts  
beauty etc.

## ***Health***

Medicine: Mainstream & Alternative  
Drugs & herbal remedies  
“Cures”  
History of medicine/illness/disease

## ***Handicrafts***

Needlecrafts  
beading  
jewelry  
quilting  
home decorating  
Weddings

### ***Home & Vehicle Maintenance***

Cars, car repair & Buyer's Guides  
boats, boat repair & Buyer's guides  
home & appliance repair & remodeling  
housekeeping and "how to clean"  
Consumer Reports Buyer's Guides  
woodworking, plumbing & electrical, etc.

### ***Reference***

English Dictionaries

*English/Foreign Dictionaries go to Foreign Language*

Thesauruses

Almanacs

World Records

"Amazing Facts" type of books

College guides & Study Guides

### ***Foreign Language***

Books in Foreign Languages

Books about Foreign Language

English/Foreign Language Dictionaries

Tapes for learning foreign languages

### ***Pop Culture***

Biographies/memoirs of stars

Movie review guides

"tell all" books

Histories of Hollywood, film, culture, etc

***Biography/Memoir:*** other than Pop Culture

### ***Art & Music***

Art & Music Criticism & Theory

sheet music & music books

architecture

design (graphic, fashion, etc) / photography

clip art

***How to:*** paint, draw, take pictures, sing, etc

***Antiques & Collectibles:*** Books *about* collecting

### ***Literature***

Classic Mythology (like Edith Hamilton)

Plays & scripts

History or analysis of literature or theater

Writer's Market / Poet's Market

"How to be a writer"

Collections of short stories, essays and poetry

*Classic novels are in General Fiction*

### ***Business & Careers / Personal Finance***

Resumes, careers

Personal financial planning, taxes

*Histories of companies go to U.S. History*

### ***Self Help & Psychology***

Personal growth

Relationships

### ***Sociology***

Women's Studies

Ethnic & Cultural Studies

Gay & Lesbian Studies

Anthropology

People around the world

### ***War/ Military/ Aviation***

### ***U.S. History***

### ***World History***

### ***Current Events & Politics***

### ***Sports & Games***

All Indoor and Outdoor sports

Hunting & Fishing

Gambling & Casinos

Crossword puzzles / Scrabble / Sudoku

Brain teasers/Logic puzzles / Chess / Magic

### ***True Crime***

## ADULT FICTION CATEGORIES

### **Mystery**

*Thrillers & Suspense* (Grisham, Clancy, etc) go to GENERAL FICTION

### **Sci Fi / Fantasy**

### **Horror/Graphic Novels/Manga**

### **Romance - Single**

### **Romance - Serial**

### **Westerns**

### **General Fiction - Hardcover & Trade Paperback**

### **General Fiction - Mass Market PB**

## CHILDREN'S ROOM CATEGORIES

### *Picture Books / Baby*

### *Activities & Puzzles*

### *Beginning Chapter*

### *Middle Chapter*

### *Teen Fiction*

### *Series*

### *Folklore*

### *Fairy Tales*

### *Poetry*

### *Foreign Language*

### *Holidays*

### *Religion*

### *Sports*

### *Jokes*

### *General Nonfiction*

### *Parent/Teacher*

Child rearing

Books written for adults about Activities/games/crafts for kids and families.