

## Popular Works H 1943.5

**BACKGROUND:** *The subdivision **-Popular works** is used under scientific, technical, and legal subjects for works on these topics intended for the layperson. The practice of using **-Popular works** as a free-floating subdivision under any theological topic was discontinued in 1987. This instruction sheet provides guidelines for assigning this subdivision.*

**1. General.** Assign the free-floating form subdivision **-Popular works** under scientific, technical, and legal subjects for works in these fields addressed to the layperson. *Examples:*

650 #0 \$a Automobiles \$v Popular works.  
650 #0 \$a Chemistry \$v Popular works.  
650 #0 \$a Divorce \$x Law and legislation \$z California \$v Popular works.  
650 #0 \$a Labor laws and legislation \$v Popular works.  
650 #0 \$a Oceanography \$v Popular works.

Assign this subdivision only under those scientific, technical, and legal disciplines and topics in which works for the nonspecialist are distinctly different from those written for specialists in the field and are identified as being specifically for the layperson.

Do not use this subdivision for textbooks on a topic.

**2. Medicine.** Assign the heading **Medicine, Popular** to general works on medicine written for the layperson. *Example:*

*Title: A layman's guide to modern medicine.*  
650 #0 \$a Medicine, Popular.

Assign the free-floating subdivision **-Popular works** under medical disciplines, individual diseases, and under headings of the type [**part of the body**]-**Diseases** for materials written for the layperson on the subject. *Examples:*

*Title: Your heart ; questions you have, answers you need.*  
650 #0 \$a Heart \$x Diseases \$v Popular works.

*Title: How to get your money's worth out of psychiatry.*  
650 #0 \$a Psychiatry \$v Popular works.

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3. *Special topics.* Under other topics, where **-Popular works** is not authorized for use as a free-floating subdivision, establish the subdivision editorially if appropriate for the subject matter, for example, **Theology, Doctrinal-Popular works**.

4. *Manuals.* Under technical subjects, assign the free-floating form subdivision **-Amateurs' manuals** for "do-it-yourself" or "how-to" manuals for the layperson on these subjects. Do not interpose the subdivision **-Popular works** between the topic and the subdivision **-Amateurs' manuals**. *Example:*

*Title: Household repairs : a manual for homeowners.*

650 #0 \$a Dwellings \$x Maintenance and repair \$v Amateurs'  
manuals.