

PREFACE

Class P: Subclasses P-PA was originally published in 1928 and reissued with supplementary pages in 1968 under the title *Philology. Linguistics. Classical Philology. Classical Literature*. A supplement with the title *Byzantine and Modern Greek Literature. Medieval and Modern Latin Literature* was published in 1942 and reissued in 1968 with supplementary pages of additions and changes. The 1997 edition incorporated all supplementary material into the main text. The 2005 edition cumulated all additions and changes from the period 1997-2005. This 2010 edition includes additions and changes that have been made since 2005. Captions for Greek authors and titles in PA3819-4500 and PA5301-5649 now include Greek characters, which were provided by Lucas Graves of the staff of the Policy and Standards Division.

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