

PREFACE

The first edition of subclass PT - Part 1, *German Literature*, was published in 1938 and was reprinted in 1966 with supplementary pages of additions and changes. A second edition was published in 1989. The first edition of subclass PT - Part 2, *Dutch and Scandinavian Literature*, was published in 1941 and was reprinted in 1966 with supplementary pages of additions and changes. A second edition was published in 1992. The 2000 edition of subclass PT was the first in which both parts were published together in a single volume, with the title *German, Dutch, and Scandinavian Literatures*. A 2005 edition cumulated additions and changes that were made during the period 2000-2005. This 2009 edition cumulates additions and changes that have been made between 2005 and 2008.

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