

Coding publication dates: a summary

1. If there is a publication date found on the piece in hand (i.e. published in 2018), code your date as:
264 _1 , ‡c 2018.

2. If there is no publication date, and a copyright date is found on the piece (i.e. copyright or ©2018), infer a pub. date from it, and code your dates as:

264 _1 ‡c [2018]

264 _4 ‡c ©2018

3. If there is no publication date and no copyright date, look for a **first** printing date (i.e. May 2018 first printing), infer a publication date from the first printing date, and code your date as:

264 _1 ‡c [2018]

4. If there is no publication date, no copyright date, and no **first** printing date, infer a publication date from any printing date on the resource (i.e. May 2018 printing), code your date as:

246 _1 ‡c [2018?]

5. If there is no publication date, no copyright date, and no first printing date anywhere on the resource; but, on the last inside page of a book, there is a phrase similar to “Made in USA May 2018, Charleston, SC.” This is likely the first printing (manufacture) date, and we code the publication date as in #3 above.

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