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Read call numbers line by line:

**Juvenile Easy Books**

*Example:* “Slowly, slowly, slowly,” said the sloth by Eric Carle

- JE: Juvenile Easy
- C278sl: 2002
- E: Carle
- 278: author assigned Cutter-Sanborn number
- sl: sloth (work mark distinguishes different titles by the same author)
- 2002: Year book published

**Juvenile Dewey Books**

*Example:* Girl reporter snags Crush! by Linda Ellerbee

- J: Juvenile Dewey
- 813: American Literature in English, Fiction
- E: Ellerbee
- 455: author assigned Cutter-Sanborn number
- g: Girl (work mark distinguishes different titles by the same author)
- 2000: Year book published
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Read call numbers line by line:

**Harsh Juvenile Easy Books**

*Example*: Secret birthday message by Eric Carle

![Diagram of call number structure for Harsh Juvenile Easy Books]

- Harsh: Donna Harsh Collection
- E: Easy Book
- C: Carle
- 278: author assigned Cutter-Sanborn number
- s: Secret (work mark distinguishes different titles by the same author)
- 1998: Year book published

**Harsh Juvenile Dewey Books**

*Example*: Thornspell by Helen Lowe

![Diagram of call number structure for Harsh Juvenile Dewey Books]

- Harsh: Donna Harsh Collection
- 823: English & Old English Literatures, English fiction
- L: Lowe
- 913: author assigned Cutter-Sanborn number
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