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The second and third volumes contain the schedules / summaries for actually assigning the DDC number. The fourth contains the Relative Index (a Library Tech's best friend), which assists in locating appropriate numbers. I know its a lot of money, but it is well worth it if you are serious about working in this field. The Dewey you can have when you can't afford the whole Dewey. Published by Thriftbooks.com User , 20 years ago. Summaries Ddc 21: Dewey Decimal Classification by Joan S. Mitchell.

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