

## Book notices

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**David E. Vancil.** *Catalog of dictionaries, word books, and philological texts, 1440–1900: inventory of the Cordell Collection, Indiana State University.* Westport: Greenwood Press, 1993. (Bibliographies and indexes in library and information science, 7). 397 pp. \$75. ISBN 0 313 28700 7.

The Cordell Collection of Dictionaries is the largest in the world, including more than 5100 pre-1901 titles and several thousand published in the twentieth century. The main arrangement is by compiler, supplemented with date index and language index as well as a subject index. A short-title catalog has been previously published but it was confined to English-language materials published before 1901.

**Nuchine Nobari, ed.** *Books and periodicals online: the guide to business and legal information on databases and CD-ROMs.* New York: Library Alliance, 1991. 820 pp. ISBN 0 9630277 0 0

This fifth edition of *Books and periodicals online* has for the first time added information about CD-ROM as well as online database coverage and includes more than 4,300 new entries. It is an alphabetical listing of over 22,000 periodicals and serials (including newspapers) dealing with business, advertising, marketing, taxation, accounting, law and general news. For each title the following information is provided: superceded titles; ceased publication data; publisher; database(s) indexing the title or including its full text; database vendor(s) with file name; and scope notes on coverage. Databases must be published in the United States, Canada or the UK to merit inclusion, but the periodicals/serials are world-wide. Three directories are also included at the end of the volume: publishers' names and addresses; producers' and vendors' names and addresses; and a listing of all books and periodicals included within each database. Information about the availability of CD-ROM databases seems less comprehensive than is the case with online databases.