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Title of Book
Author
City: Publisher, 20XX
Xxx pages, hardcover, \$xx
AIC member price \$xx (if applicable)
Available from Name of Organization, address (if applicable)
ISBN xxxx.

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