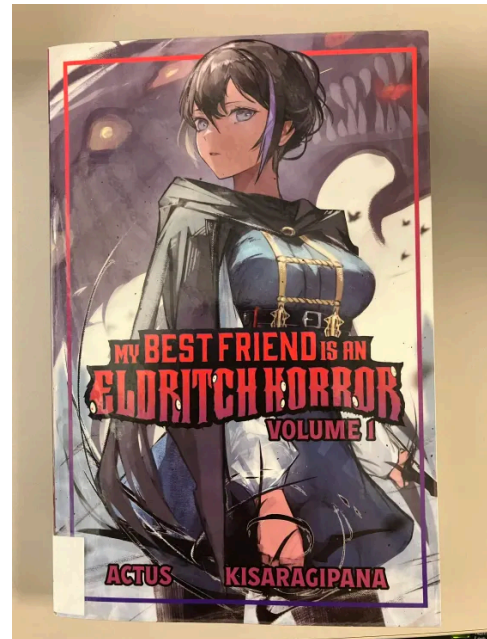
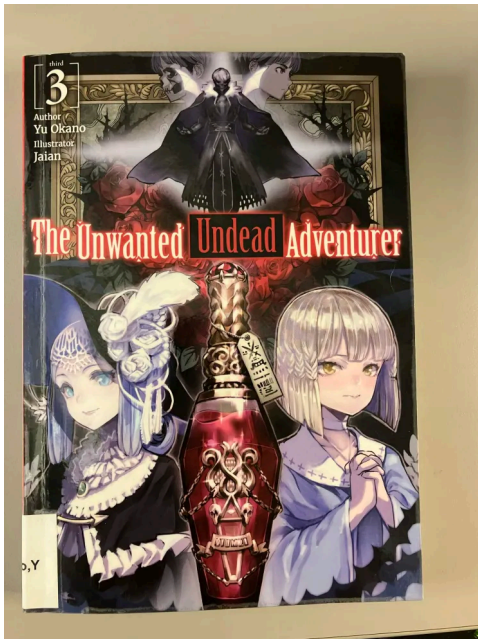


Minerva Standards for Light Novels

What is a light novel?

Light novels, originally from Japan, tend to be short, easy-to-digest novels serialized in multiple volumes, frequently with illustrations. They are mostly marketed toward teens and young adults. Readers that already enjoy anime and/or manga tend to also enjoy light novels.



Material Type: the material type should be set to “a” for printed material.

Note: several light novels have graphic novel adaptations, and several graphic novels have light novel adaptations. Light novels have illustrations, but they are clearly books where the text is how the story is read and understood. When in doubt, flip through the book.

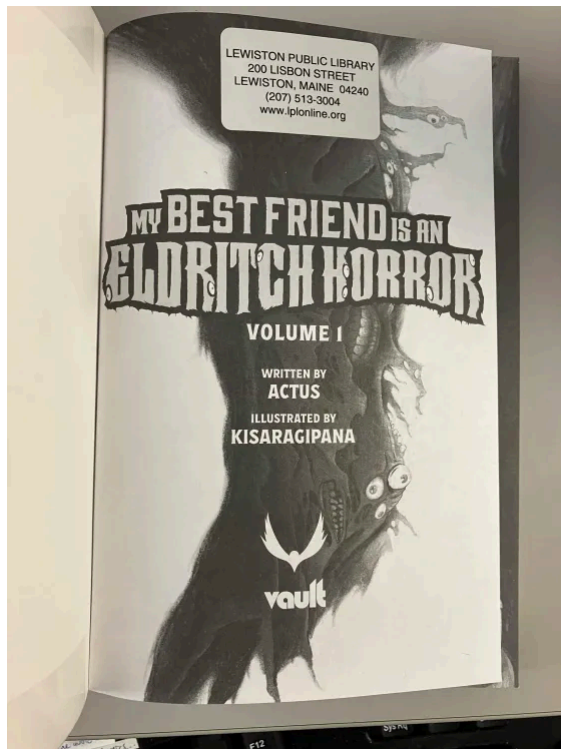
008 field: Illustr1 should have an “a” for illustrations. Since these are frequently books for teens, you can indicate this in the Audience field with a “d” if applicable.

100 field: Typically the author. Use 7XX fields for illustrators, translators, etc.

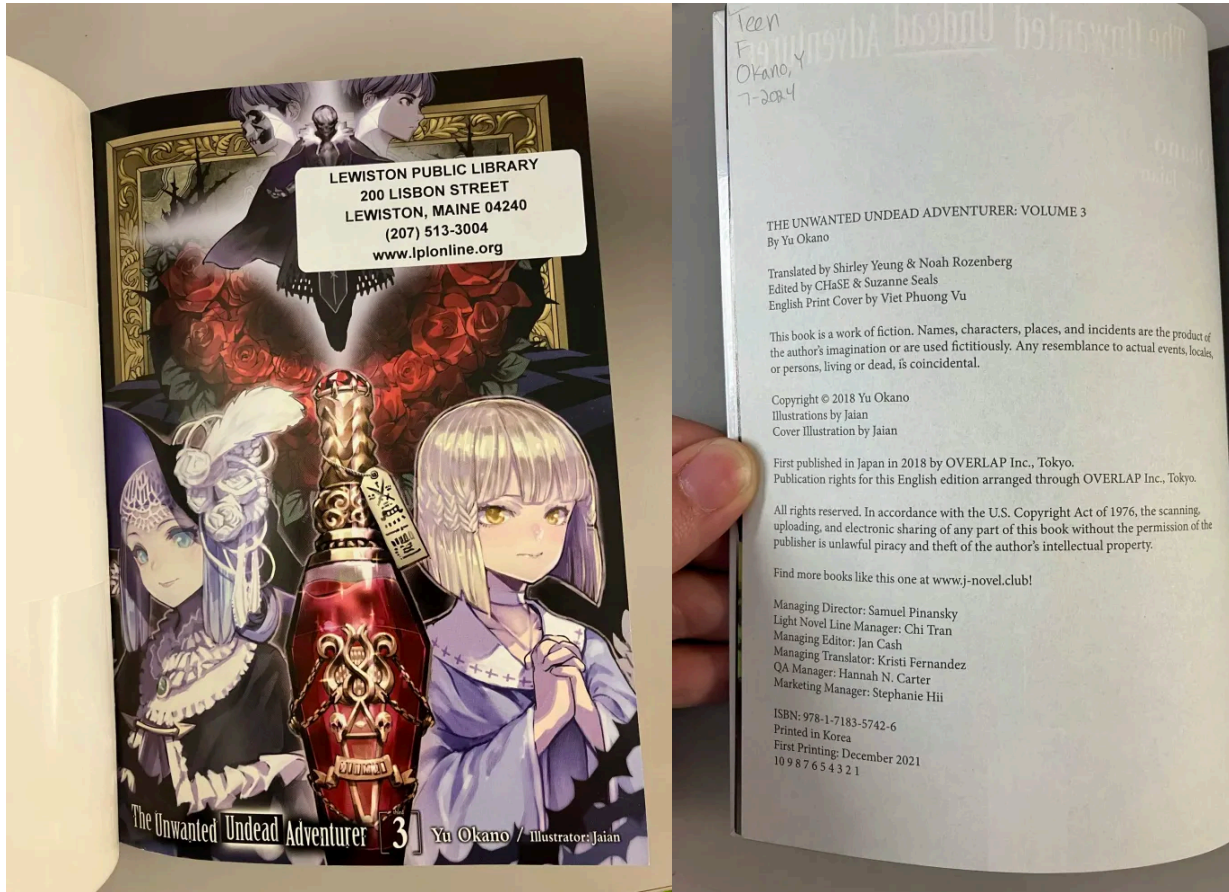
245 field: Use the same guidance you would for graphic novels.

- The main title is entered first
- Use subfield n for the volume number
- **Do not use 4XX or 8XX fields**, just like in graphic novels
- Use the 246 field for further title variations

Examples:



t	245	1	0	My best friend is an Eldritch horror. Volume 1 / written by Actus ; illustrated by Kisaragipana.
u	246	3		My best friend is an Eldritch horror. Vol. 1.
u	246	3		My best friend is an Eldritch horror. 1.



t	245	1	4	The unwanted undead adventurer. n3 / cYu Okano ; illustrator: Jaian ; translated by Shirley Yeung & Noah Rozenberg.
u	246	3	0	Unwanted undead adventurer. nThree.

300 field: be sure to include a subfield b for illustrations, and indicate if they are in color if applicable.

r	300			273 pages : billustrations (some color) ; c18 cm.
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336, 337, 338 fields: be sure to add a 336 field to indicate the illustrations if applicable.

r	336			text btxt 2rdacontent
r	336			still image bsti 2rdacontent
r	337			unmediated bn 2rdamedia
r	338			volume bnc 2rdacarrier

Do not include a 4XX field.

5XX fields:

- Frequently you'll be using the 500 field to indicate when it was first published in Japan
- A 520 field should summarize the individual volume, not the series as a whole
- Use a 546 field to indicate that it was translated if applicable.

n	500			First published in Japan in 2018 by Overlap Inc., Tokyo.
n	520			Rentt Faina has successfully overcome the menacing tarasque standing between him and the Dragon Blood Blossoms he seeks. But then, deep in the Tarasque Swamp, a well-dressed man appears before Rentt, offering him a quest on behalf of the revered Latuule family.
n	546			Text in English translated from the Japanese.

6XX fields: Include the genre heading **655_7 Light novels.**|2|cgft

Note: subdivisions should not use “|vComic books, strips, etc.” for light novels. Use |vFiction or |vJuvenile fiction as appropriate.

d	650		0	Quests (Expeditions) vJuvenile fiction.
d	655		7	Fantasy fiction. 2 cgft
d	655		7	Light novels. 2 cgft

7XX fields: Include the illustrator and translator if applicable.

b	700		0	Jaian, eillustrator.
b	700		1	Yeung, Shirley, etranslator.
b	700		1	Rozenberg, Noah c(Translator), etranslator.

Do not include an 8XX field.