Grading System for Books

As New, Mint, Very Fine – Never read condition, completely crisp, no defects whatsoever.

Fine – No obvious defects, read carefully, not crisp.

Near Fine – very minor defects.

Very Good – small signs of wear, may have a few minor defects. Most collectible books fall into this category.

Good – the average used or worn book.

Fair – complete text, but worn with substantial defects such as missing title page.

Poor – complete text, but otherwise terribly worn. Only useful as a reading copy.

Ex-library/Book Club Editions – Generally deplored by collectors.