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“One publisher publishes zero, one, or many books; one book has zero, one, or many authors.”

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As a note, I don’t believe the diagramming tool we used this week allows for one-to-many relationships without the null indicator (the empty circle), but even if it did I would probably stick to this notation. It might seem counterintuitive at first, to allow a Book without an Author, but then consider if you were stocking a Christian Bible, for example. While it would have a certain publisher, it likely wouldn’t have an author listed, since it’s a collection of texts of various authors. The same might hold for published collections of public-domain works.