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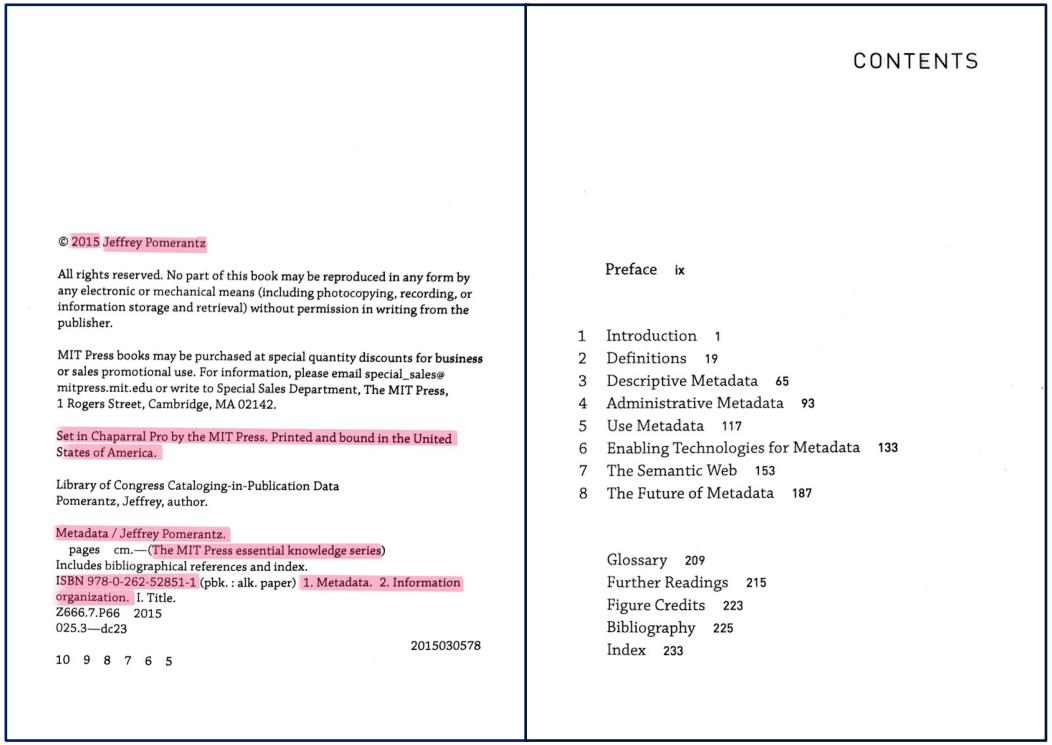

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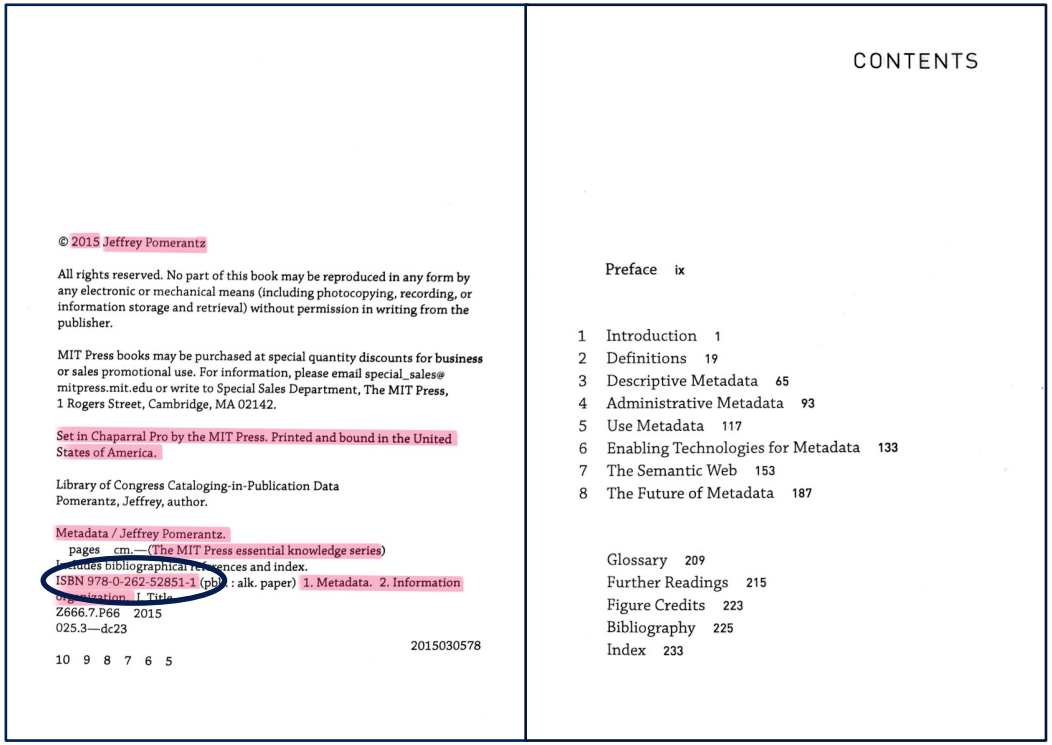

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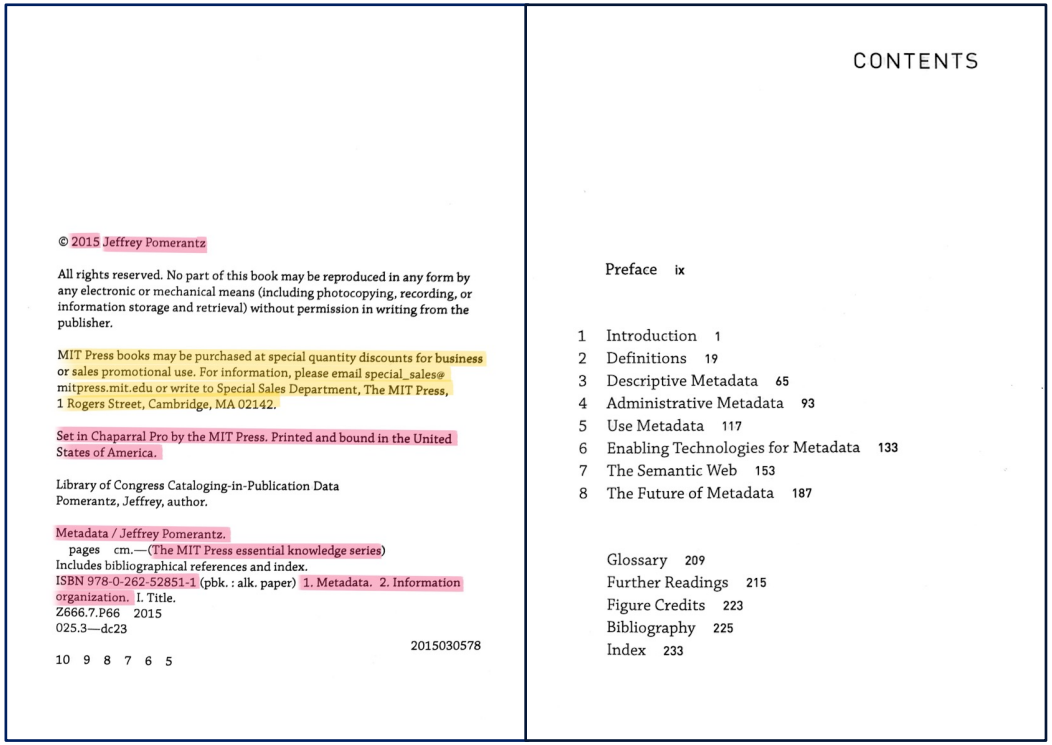

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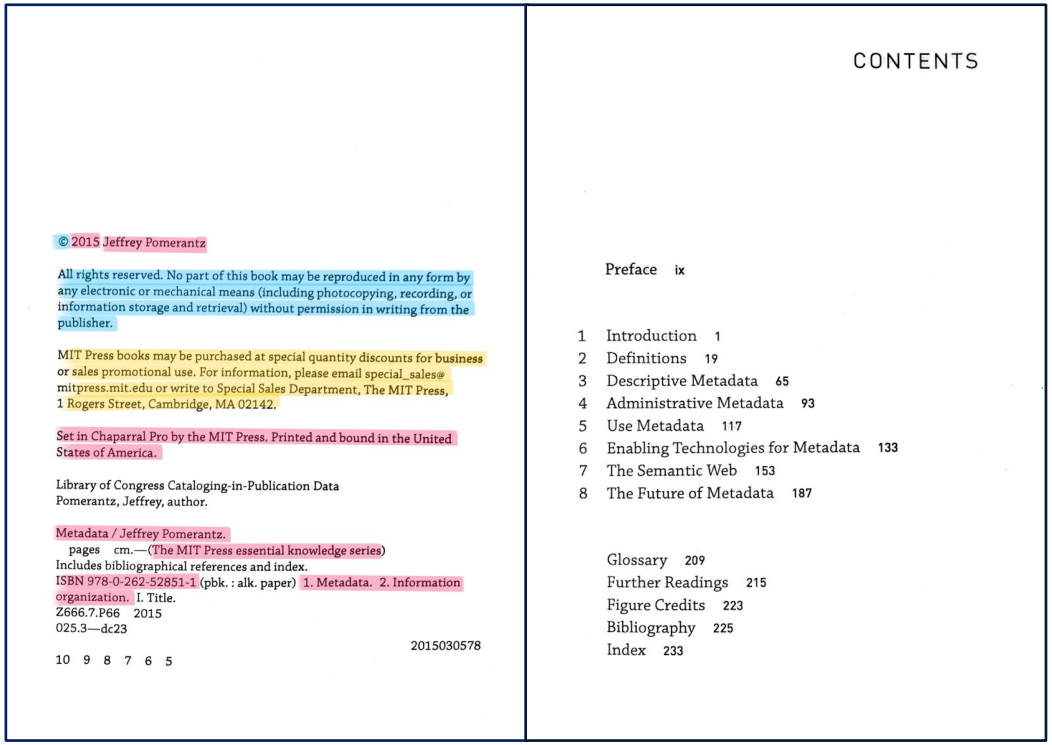

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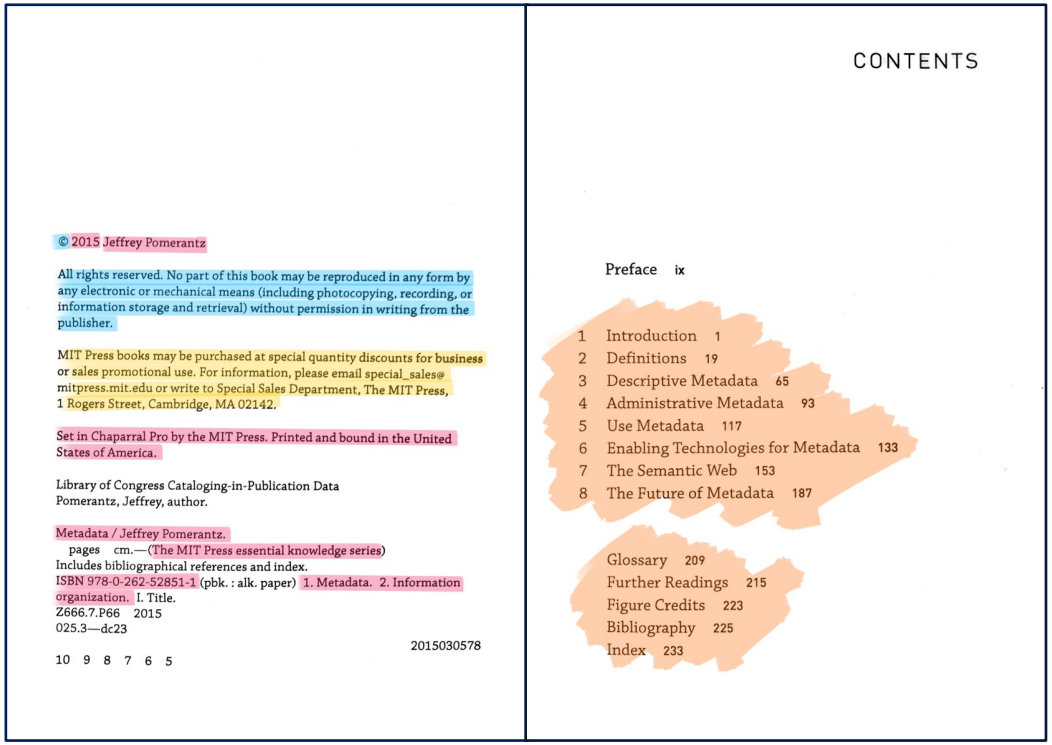

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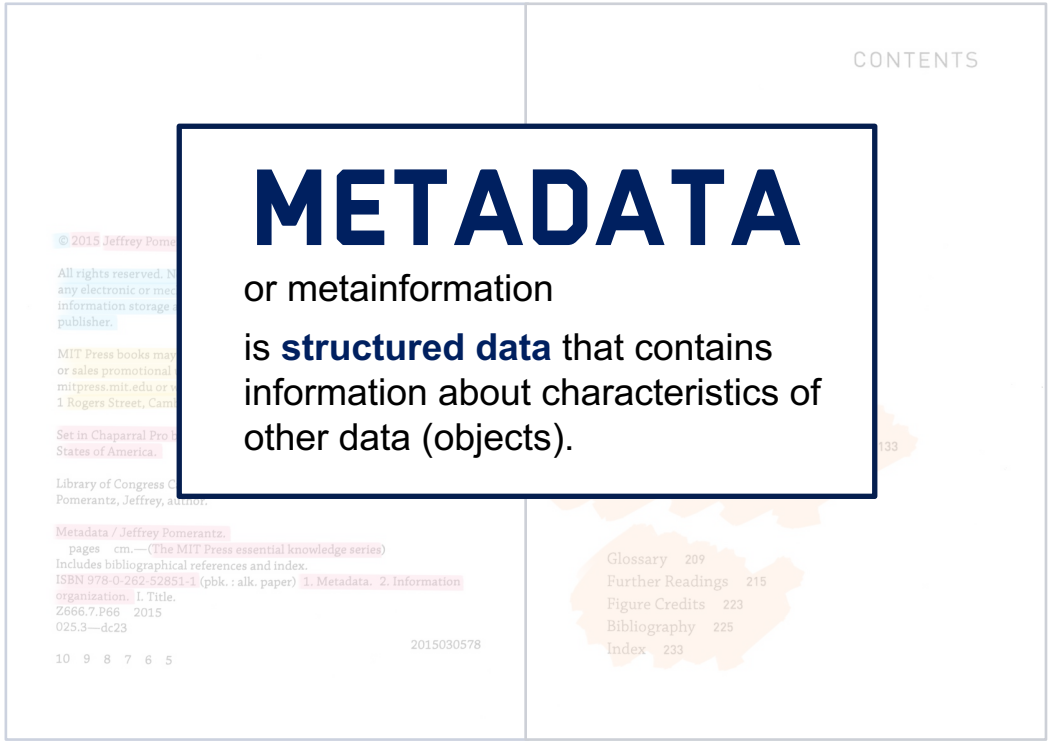

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or metainformation

is **structured data** that contains information about characteristics of other data (objects).

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structural

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