The year 1962 saw the publication of a major new book in Maya studies from the University of Oklahoma Press: J. Eric S. Thompson's *A Catalog of Maya Hieroglyphs*. Thompson's Catalog represented just what it said: it was a catalogue of most of the glyphs known up to the time of its publication. Especially over the couple of decades after its publication it was a critical tool, for in that period few signs could be read with any certainty. With Thompson's Catalog it was easier to refer to a sign as "T110" rather than to something like "that squished sign with the ends marked off and parallel lines along the middle".

Thompson's Catalog is considerably more useful than other Maya sign catalogues that have been produced. It is the most complete catalogue that has been compiled, and includes glyphs from both the codices and the monuments. It is reasonably good on the identification of individual, distinct signs. And, Thompson's Catalog has a numbering system that allows for expansion as new signs are identified.

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