A handbook is a type of reference work, or other collection of instructions, that is intended to provide ready reference. The term originally applied to a small or portable book containing information useful for its owner, but the Oxford English Dictionary defines the current sense as "any book...giving information such as facts on a particular subject, guidance in some art or occupation, instructions for operating a machine, or information for tourists." Book and handbook are synonymous, and they have mutual synonyms.


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- booked, bookish, booklet, booking, bookie

Synonyms for Handbook.
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