

What Do I Read Next?

What Do I Read Next? includes over 119,700 recommended titles, more than 63,700 plot summaries, and information from 566 awards, helps users uncover new reading adventures, find long-remembered favorites and discover award-winning titles. It is an easy and fun-to-use one-stop source for expert recommendations on classics, mainstream or genre fiction and non-fiction titles covering a wide range of subjects for all age levels.

資料庫收錄逾 119,700 項英文書籍推介及得獎書籍資料，讀者可從中獲得專家們提供有關好書的建議。

Searching

Author Search

1. Enter a complete name or any word known to be part of the author's name in the search field.
2. Either select "Name contains" or "Start of Last Name".
3. Click "Search" for searching or "Clear Form" to start another search.

Title and Series Search

1. Enter a complete title or series name or any words known to be the title or series.
2. Select "Exact title" or "Titles containing this word or phrase" in the Title field or select "Exact series name" or "Series names containing this word or phrase" in the Series field.
3. Click "Search" for searching or "Clear Form" to re-start another search.

Custom Search

1. Fill in the Custom Search Form by choosing one or more of the fields required.
2. "Author", "Title", "Location", "Character Name" and "Full Text" fields are type-in fields while "Genre/Story Type", "Subject", "Time Period" and "Character Descriptor" fields contain pull-down lists of terms for users' selection.

Browsing

Help Me Find a Book

1. Enter the complete title of a book or any words known to be in the title. Click "Search" and a list of all titles will appear.
2. Select a title from the result list and a list of terms associated with the title will appear.
3. Select any or all of the terms displayed and click "Search" to find other books that share some or all of your selected terms.

Genre Search

1. Select a book based on Genre and Story Type.
2. Select a story type for one or more genres by using the pull-down lists of story types associated with the 8 genres, i.e. "Fantasy", "Historical", "Horror", "Inspirational", "Mystery", "Romance", "Science Fiction" and "Western" and click "Search".

Award Winners and Top Picks Search

1. Select from the pull-down lists of the "Award-winners", "librarian favorite", "expert pick" or "bestseller" and click "Search".

Who? What? Where? When? Search

1. Search for books by using character descriptors, topical subjects, geographic settings and time period.

2. Select from the pull-down lists from the fields of "Who", "What" or "When" and key in the name of a geographic setting in the "Where" field and click "Search".

Search Engine Tips

Capitalization

1. Use of capitalization does not affect search results.

Punctuation

1. Use of Double quotes (" ") around a phrase makes the search results more precise.
2. A hyphen (-) used between words is considered part of the term.
3. Apostrophes (') and Ampersand (&) are not recognized by the search engine and should be deleted from the search terms.

Truncation (Wildcard)

1. The asterisk (*) is placed at the end of the term's root. The search retrieves all words sharing the same root, e.g. faith* retrieves faith, faithful, or faiths.
2. The question mark (?) retrieves various forms of that word, e.g. wom?n retrieves woman or women .

Boolean Search Operators

1. Use "AND" to retrieve documents that contain both of the terms.
2. Use "OR" to retrieve documents that contain either one or both terms.
3. Use "Not" to retrieve documents that do not contain the term.
4. Proximity operator "W" (within) finds entries containing the words in the specified order within the number of words you indicate, e.g. beach W2

- house finds documents with the word beach within 2 words of the word house and beach precedes house.
- Proximity operator “N” (Next to) locates documents containing the words you specify within the number of words you specify regardless of their order, e.g. apples N3 oranges finds documents contain the words apples and oranges within 3 words of each other and apples can precede or follow oranges.
 - Parentheses () allow you to construct very powerful queries, e.g. (“cowboy*” OR (“gold rush” AND California))

Displaying the Results

Navigating Results List and Documents

- After Search, a list of documents appears. To sort the documents using another column as the sort criteria, click on the column’s heading.
- Select a document from the results list.
 - “First Document” retrieves the first document on the list.
 - “Previous Document” recalls the preceding document you are currently viewing.
 - “Next Document” accesses the following document you are viewing.
 - “Last Document” jumps to the last document on the results list.
- Click “Current Results” to return to the result list.
- “Revise Search” takes you to the last search you performed.
- “Main Menu” returns you to the main search page.
- “Monthly Highlights” brings you to the “Latest Award Winners”, “Seasonal Suggestions and “Bookmarks” sections that update you on the current news on relevant subjects.
- “Help” guides you to the help menu for assistance.
- “E-mail Data Home” helps you send a chosen document to an email address.

- “Books with Same Topic” allows you to view all the subject terms associated with a selected book.
- “Books by Same Author” allows you to search for other books by same author without going back to the main search page.
- “Add to Keeper List” helps you to create a personal list of titles for easy retrieval of interested documents. Use “Update My Keeper List” to revise your list and “Remove from Keeper List” to delete outdated documents.
- “Comments” enables you to send comments/suggestions to the editors.
- “May We Suggest” leads you to the portion of the page that displays a list of other titles you might like.

Printing

- Click “Format for Printing” on the result displayed pages and click “Print”.
- Follow the standard procedures to pay for and collect the printouts.

Email

- Click “Email Data Home” and type the email address.
- Select “HTML” or “Plain text” option and click “Send”.

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