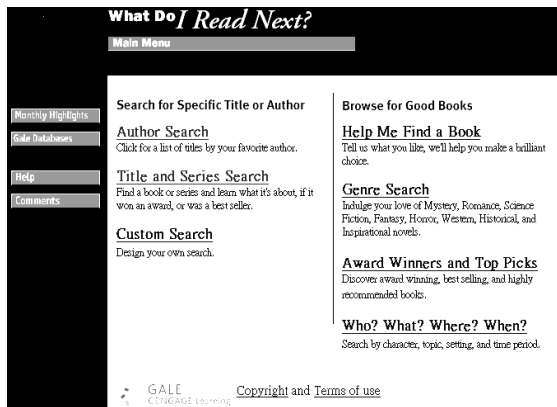


## What Do I Read Next?

What Do I Read Next? includes nearly 134,300 recommended titles, more than 74,500 plot summaries, and information from 568 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.

資料庫收錄大約 134,300 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。



Before searching, click on the right categories on top of the screen

- Adult / Young Adults / Children
- Fiction / Non-fiction books

### Searching

#### Author Search

1. Select either “Name contains” (eg. *Charles Dickens*) or “Start of Last Name” (eg. *Austen, Jane*).
2. Click “Search” for searching or “Clear Form” to start another search.

#### Title and Series Search

1. Select “Exact title” (eg. *Gone with the wind*) or “Titles containing this word of phrase” (eg. *Gone Wind*) in the Title field or
2. Select “Exact series name” (eg. *Chronicles of Narnia*) or “Series names containing this word or

phrase” (eg. *Narnia*) 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, “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 characters of your selected terms.

#### Genre Search

1. 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”, then click “Search”.
2. Select “All” from the list of story types can show all books belonging to one of the genres.

#### Award Winners and Top Picks Search

1. Select from the pull-down lists the name of an award, 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 “Who”, “What” or “When” and type in a geographic setting in the field “Where” (eg. Europe; New York) and click “Search”.

### Search Tips

#### Punctuation

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

#### Truncation (Wildcard)

1. The asterisk (\*) at the end of the term’s root retrieves all words sharing the same root, e.g. faith\* retrieves faith, faithful, or faiths.
2. The question mark (?) is used to replace a single character within a word to retrieve 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. *lord w4 rings* finds documents with the word *lord* within 4 words of the word *rings* and *lord* must precede rings.  
Example: *lord w4 rings*  
Result: *lord of the rings*
5. 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. *dark N3 light* finds documents contain the words *dark* and *light* within 3 words of each other and the word *dark* can precede or follow *light*.  
Example: *dark N3 light*  
Results: *Dark Tales and Light;*  
*City of Light, City of Dark*
6. Parentheses ( ) allow you to construct very powerful queries,  
Example: (*cowboy\** OR (*gold rush* AND *California*)) AND (*18??* OR *nineteenth century*)

## Displaying the Results

## Navigating Results List and Documents

Command	Function
Click on the column's heading	For document sorting
First Document	Retrieves the first document in 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 in the results list
Current Results	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	Shows current news on relevant subject "Latest Award Winners", "Seasonal Suggestions" and "Bookmarks"
Help	For search assistance
Books with Same Topic	Shows all the subject terms associated with a selected book

Books by Same Author	Shows other books by the author
Add to Keeper List	Create a personal list of titles for easy retrieval of interested documents. Information in the list can be updated or removed
Comments	Enables you to send comments to the editors
May We Suggest...	Displays a list of other titles you may like

## Printing

1. Click "Format for Printing" on the result displayed pages and click "Print".
2. Follow the standard procedures to pay for and collect the printouts.

## Email

1. Click "E-mail Data Home" and type the email address.
2. Select "HTML" or "Plain text" option and click "Send".

## Available At 提供地點

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Library card-holders of the Hong Kong Public Libraries may also access the database remotely via the World Wide Web by entering the Hong Kong Public Library Homepage:

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