

# NoveList<sup>®</sup> Plus

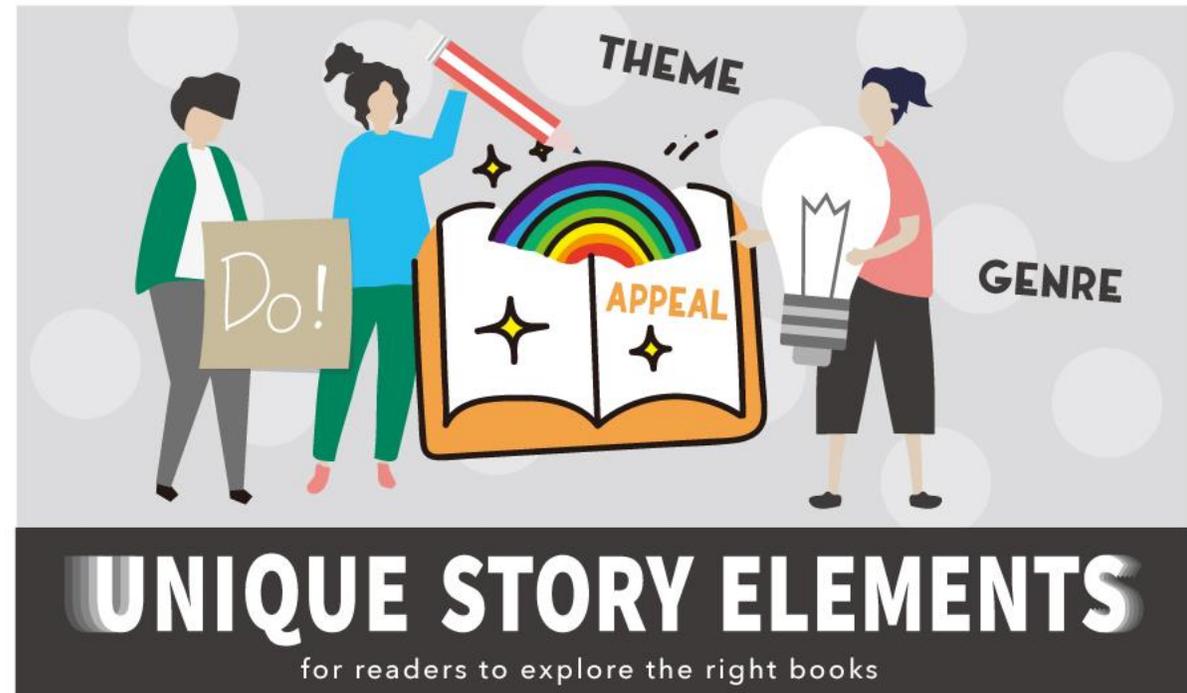
## User Guide

### A database of book recommendations

Fiction | Nonfiction | Audiobooks



For readers of  
**ALL AGES**  
especially for library staff and teachers



# Login to NoveList Plus

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Go to the HKPL website:  
[www.hkpl.gov.hk](http://www.hkpl.gov.hk)

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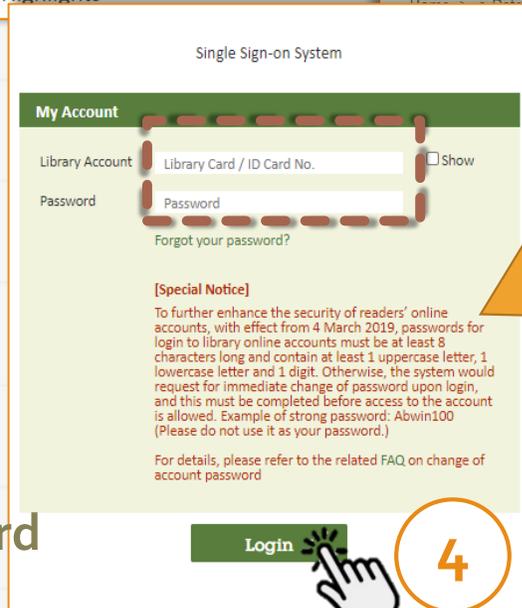
Click e-Databases  
under Electronic Resources

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Browse e-Databases by title  
to access NoveList Plus

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Login  
by entering your library card number /  
registered HKID card no. / E-account and password



# On the Homepage

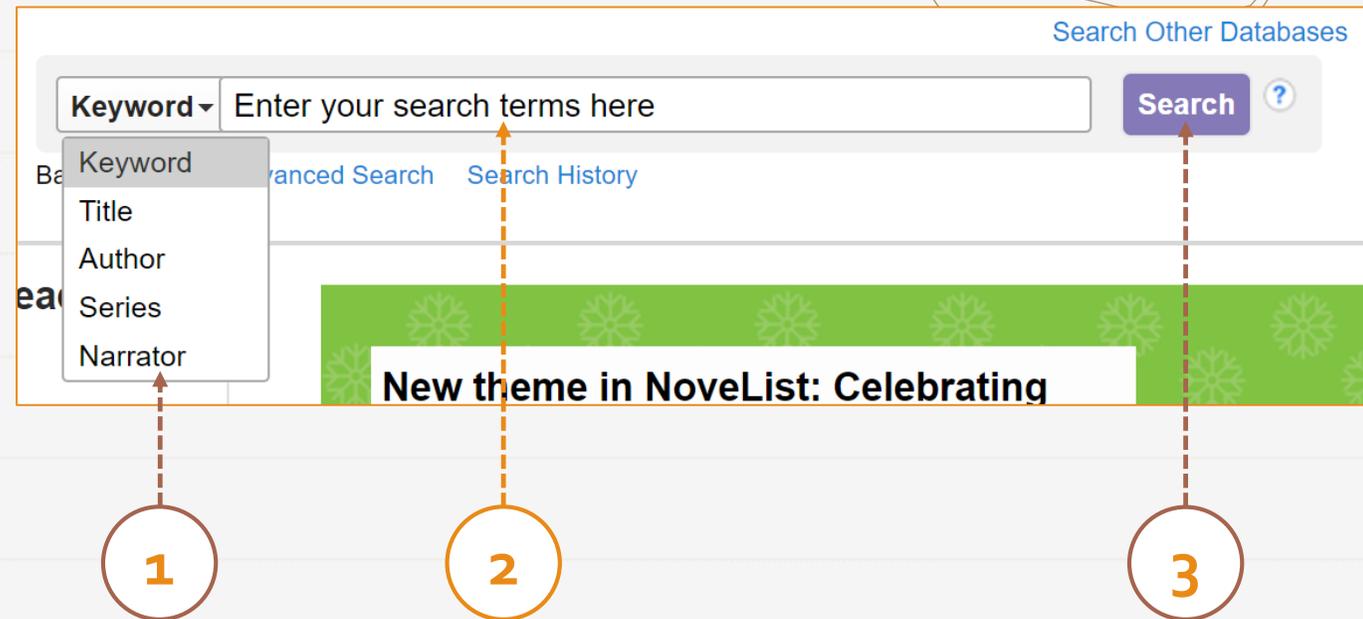
The screenshot shows the homepage of the Hong Kong Public Libraries website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Browse By, Especially For, Quick Links, and How Do I?. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are links for Sign In, Help, Exit, Feedback, Suggest Read-alike, and a Folder icon. Below the navigation bar, there is a search bar with a 'Keyword' dropdown menu and a 'Search' button. A callout box labeled 'Basic Search' points to the search bar. To the left of the search bar, there is a 'NoveList Plus' logo. Below the search bar, there are links for Basic Search, Advanced Search, and Search History. In the center of the page, there is a green banner with the text 'New theme in NoveList: Celebrating identity' and 'Joyful narratives that celebrate all kinds of diversity'. To the left of the banner, there is a sidebar with 'Recommended Reads Lists' and a list of categories such as Fiction, Nonfiction, Adult, Teen, Ages 9-12, and Ages 0-8. A callout box labeled 'Recommended Reads Lists' points to the sidebar. Below the banner, there is a section for 'Browse by Appeal' with tabs for 'Intricately plotted and Compelling', 'World-building and Dramatic', 'Character-driven and Complex', and 'Witty and Sardonic'. A callout box labeled 'Browse by Appeal' points to this section. Below the 'Browse by Appeal' section, there is a row of book covers including 'BEFORE the RUINS' by Victoria Gosling, 'Take it Back' by Kia Abdullah, 'WHITE IVY' by Susie Yang, 'LEAVE THE WORLD BEHIND' by Rumaan Alam, 'COVER YOUR TRACKS' by Daco S. Auffenorde, 'MACHINE' by Elizabeth Bear, 'TANA FRENCH The Searcher', and 'STUART TURTLE THE DEVIL AND THE DARK WATERS'. Below the book covers, there is a section for 'Browse Genres' with a callout box labeled 'Browse by Genre' pointing to it. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the logo of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the text '香港公共圖書館 Hong Kong Public Libraries'.

# Homepage(1) – Basic Search Box

1. Select an option from the drop-down menu

2. Enter your *search terms*

3. Click on “Search” / press *Enter* to access the Result List



# Homepage(2) – Recommended Reads Lists

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**Recommended Reads Lists**

**Fiction** Nonfiction

**Adult** Teen Ages 9-12 Ages 0-8

Audiobooks: Fiction »

Australian and New Zealand Fiction »

**Fantasy**

- Classic Fantasy
- Dark Fantasy
- Faerie Land
- Historical Fantasy
- Not Just for Teens: Fantasy
- Short Stories: Fantasy
- Urban Fantasy

Court Intrigue

Epic Fantasy

Here Be Dragons

Humorous Fantasy

Romantic Fantasy

Steampunk Fiction

**Intricately**  
Prepare to be

**BEFORE the RUINS**  
a novel  
VICTORIA GOSL

Want to make your

1. Select "Fiction" or "Nonfiction"

2. Select an *audience level*

3. Select a *theme* from a *general topic*

# Homepage(3) – Browse by Appeal

1. Select an *audience level* & an *appeal*

2. Select an item and click on it to access the detail page

3. Search by custom combo (optional)  
Click on “Try our appeal mixer” and select *appeal categories* & *terms*

I'm in the mood for books that are...

Adult Teen Ages 9-12 Ages 0-8

Intricately plotted and Compelling World-building and Dramatic Character-driven and Complex Witty and Sardonic

**Intricately plotted and Compelling**  
Prepare to be enthralled.

BEFORE the RUINS a novel VICTORIA GOSLING

Take it Back a novel Kia Abdullah

WHITE IVY SUSIE YANG

LEAVE THE WORLD BEHIND a novel RUMAAN ALAM

COVER YOUR TRACKS a novel DACO S. AUFFENORDE

Want to make your own combo? [Try our appeal mixer](#)

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(optional)

Adult Teen Ages 9-12 Ages 0-8

**Make Your Own Appeal Mix**

Select a category: --

Select a category: --

Select a category: --

Find Titles

Pick some appeals to get started

# On the Advanced Search Page

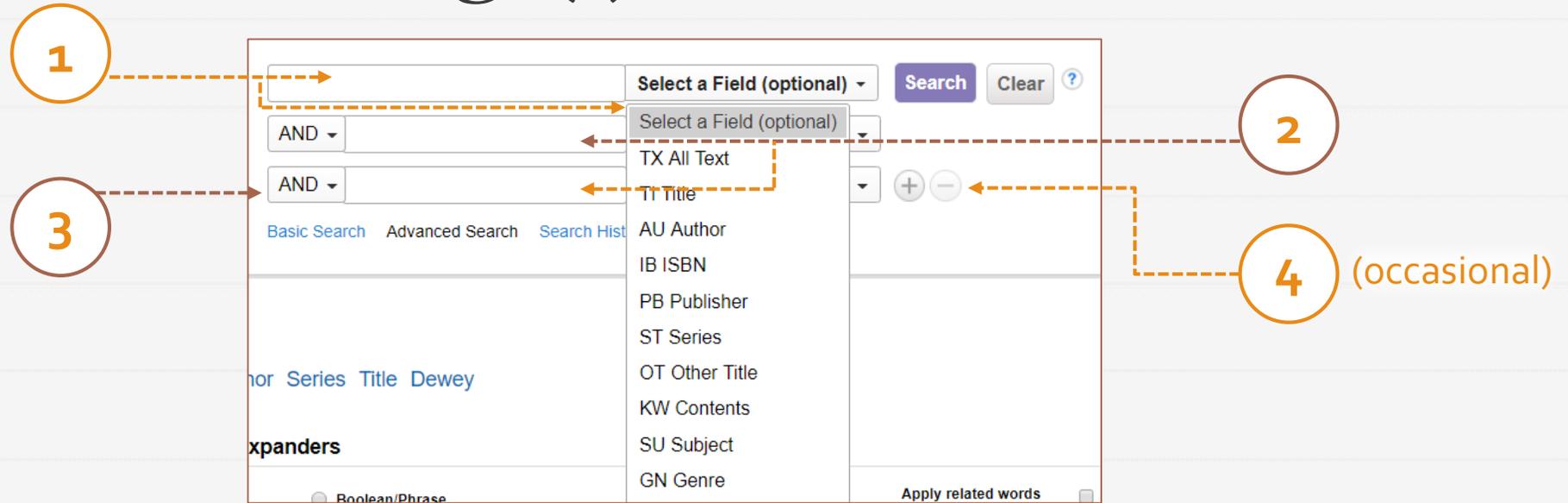
Access by clicking on the Advanced Search link under the *basic search box*

The screenshot shows the Advanced Search interface of the Hong Kong Public Libraries website. The page is divided into several sections:

- Search Box:** Located at the top, it features a search input field, a dropdown menu for "Select a Field (optional)", and "Search" and "Clear" buttons. A callout box labeled "Search Box" points to this area.
- Expanders:** This section includes "Search Modes and Expanders" with radio buttons for "Boolean/Phrase", "Find all my search terms", "Find any of my search terms", and "SmartText Searching Hint". It also has checkboxes for "Apply related words" and "Also search within the full text of the articles". A callout box labeled "Expanders" points to this section.
- Limiters:** This section allows users to refine their search results. It includes a "Limit your results" section with a "Published Date" range selector, "Award Winner", and "Starred Review" checkboxes. On the right, there are checkboxes for "Forthcoming", "Audience" (Adult, Teen, Ages 9-12, Ages 0-8), "Fiction/Nonfiction" (Fiction, Nonfiction), "Review Available", and "Number of Pages" (All, with a text input field). A callout box labeled "Limiters" points to this section.

Navigation links at the top include Home, Browse By, Especially For, Quick Links, How Do I?, Sign In, Help, Exit, Feedback, Suggest Read-alike, and Folder. The page title is "HONG KONG PUBLIC LIBRARIES".

# Advanced Search Page(1) – Search Box



1. Enter your *search term* & select a *field* from the drop-down menu

2. Repeat *Step 1* for adding another search term

3. Select a *Boolean operator* (and / or / not) to combine the search box entries

4. Click on the plus or minus sign to add or delete a row if necessary

# Advanced Search Page(2) – Expanders & Limiters

## Optional Selection

1. Check the *box(es)* to broaden / narrow the focus of your search

2. Scroll down and click on “Search”

The screenshot displays the 'Advanced Search' interface with various filters and expanders. The 'Search Modes and Expanders' section includes radio buttons for 'Boolean/Phrase', 'Find all my search terms', 'Find any of my search terms', and 'SmartText Searching'. There are also checkboxes for 'Apply related words' and 'Also search within the full text of the articles'. The 'Limit your results' section features dropdown menus for 'Published Date', 'Award Winner', 'Starred Review', 'Media Mentions', 'Exclude Series Titles', and 'Author's Nationality'. It also includes checkboxes for 'Forthcoming', 'Audience', 'Fiction/Nonfiction', 'Review Available', 'Includes Media Mentions', 'Include Series Titles', 'Document Type', 'Grade Level', and 'Lexile Range'. The 'Expanders' section at the bottom includes 'Audio Format', 'Audio Sample Available', and 'Audio Review Available'. A dashed blue line highlights the 'Search' button at the bottom left, and a circular arrow icon is visible on the right side of the interface.

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# On the Result List Page

The screenshot shows the search results page for the keyword 'sea' on the Hong Kong Public Libraries website. The page features a navigation bar at the top with links like 'Home', 'Browse By', 'Especially For', 'Quick Links', and 'How Do I?'. A search bar contains the keyword 'sea' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, there are tabs for 'Books', 'Audiobooks', 'Series', 'Authors', and 'Lists & Articles'. The results are displayed in a list format, with the first three items being 'Sea prayer' by Khaled Hosseini, 'Sea turtles' by Laura F. Marsh, and 'Odessa Sea' by Clive Cussler. Each item includes a book cover, title, author, publication date, and a brief description. The page also has a 'Refine Results' sidebar on the left with various filters like Audience, Fiction/Nonfiction, and Publication Date. A 'Sort by' dropdown menu is located at the top right of the results area, set to 'Relevance'. The page is annotated with callouts: 'Refining Results' points to the sidebar, '5 Different Tabs' points to the category tabs, and 'Sorting Results/ Changing Views' points to the sort menu.

Home Browse By Especially For Quick Links How Do I? Sign In Help Exit Feedback Suggest Read-alike Folder

Search Other Databases HONG KONG PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Keyword: sea Search

Basic Search Advanced Search Search History

Refine Results

Audience

Adult  Teen

Ages 9-12  Ages 0-8

Fiction/Nonfiction

Fiction  Nonfiction

Additional Limiters ▶

Publication Date

From: 1792 To: 2021

Update Results

Genre ▶

Theme ▶

Character ▶

Storyline ▶

Pace ▶

Tone ▶

Writing Style ▶

Time Period ▶

Illustration ▶

Subject ▶

Books Audiobooks Series Authors Lists & Articles

Results: 1-30 of 18,663

Results for: sea

Sort by: Relevance Detailed 30 Share

1. **Sea prayer** (Sep 2018)

By: Hosseini, Khaled

Presents an evocatively illustrated tribute to the tragic human realities of today's refugee crisis in the form of a father's letter to his young son on the eve of a dangerous journey.

Lexile: 930 Lexile: 930

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

Title Read-alikes Author Read-alikes

4470 reviews

2. **Sea turtles** (Jul 2011)

By: Marsh, Laura F.

Presents the life of sea turtles, including where they travel, how they build nests, and what they eat.

Series: National Geographic kids readers, Level 2

National Geographic kids readers

Lexile: 620 Nonconforming text Accelerated Reader: IL: LG, BL: 3.2, AR Pts: 0.5

Popularity: ★★★★★ Ages 9-12 Nonfiction

Title Read-alikes Author Read-alikes Series Read-alikes

21 reviews

3. **Odessa Sea** (Nov 2016)

By: Cussler, Clive, 1931-2020

Refining Results

Sorting Results/  
Changing Views

5 Different Tabs

# Result List Page(1) – Viewing Results

## 5 Different Tabs



Click on “Books” / “Audiobooks” / “Series” / “Authors” / “Lists & Articles” to access the corresponding information

## Sorting Results / Changing Views



Select the **display order** from the drop-down menu next to “Sort by:”



Select the **view** of the Result List & the **no. of results** per page from the drop-down menu

# Result List Page(2) – Refining Results

1. Check the box(es) to add *limiter(s)* / drag the slider to limit *the range of publication years*
2. Click on “Update Results”
3. Select a *topic* and click on it to expand the cluster menu
4. Select a *feature* to narrow down the results to matching items only

**Refine Results**

**Audience**

Adult  Teen  
 Ages 9-12  Ages 0-8

**Fiction/Nonfiction**

Fiction  Nonfiction

**Additional Limiters** ▾

Forthcoming   
Starred Review   
Review Available   
Award Winner   
Audio Sample Available   
Audio Review Available   
Includes Media Mentions   
Include Series Titles   
Exclude Series Titles

**Publication Date**

From:  To:   
Update Results

**Genre** »

- Animal books
- Science
- History Writing
- Adult books for young adults
- Fantasy fiction
- Adventure stories

More »

**Theme** »

**Character** »

**Storyline** »

**Pace** »

**Tone** »

**Writing Style** »

**Time Period** »

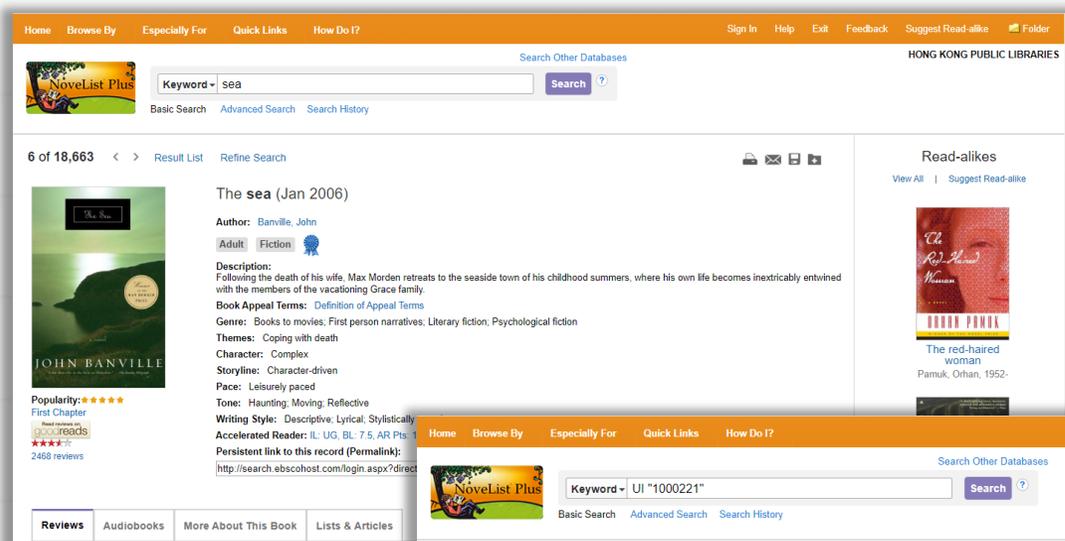
**Illustration** »

**Subject** »

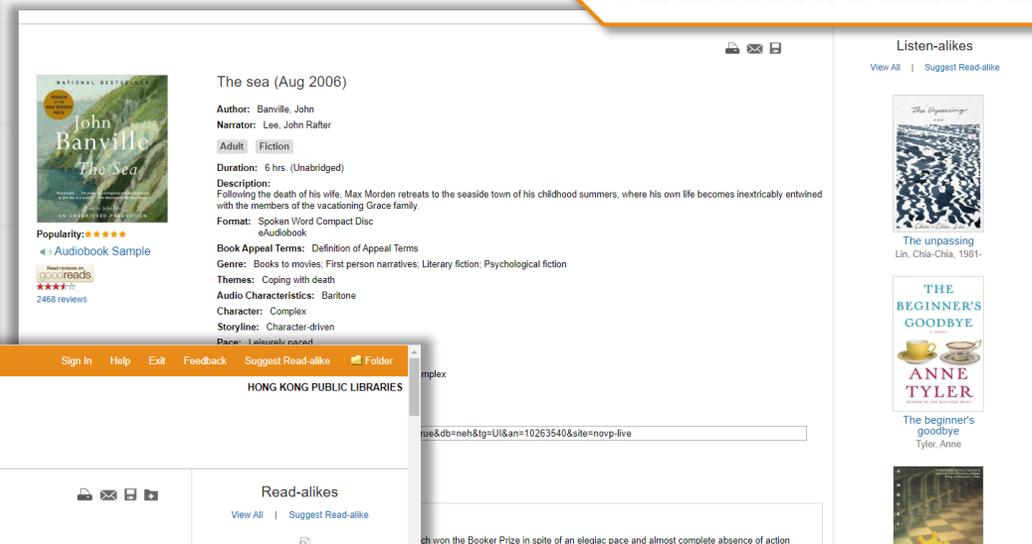
**Location** »

# On the Detail Pages

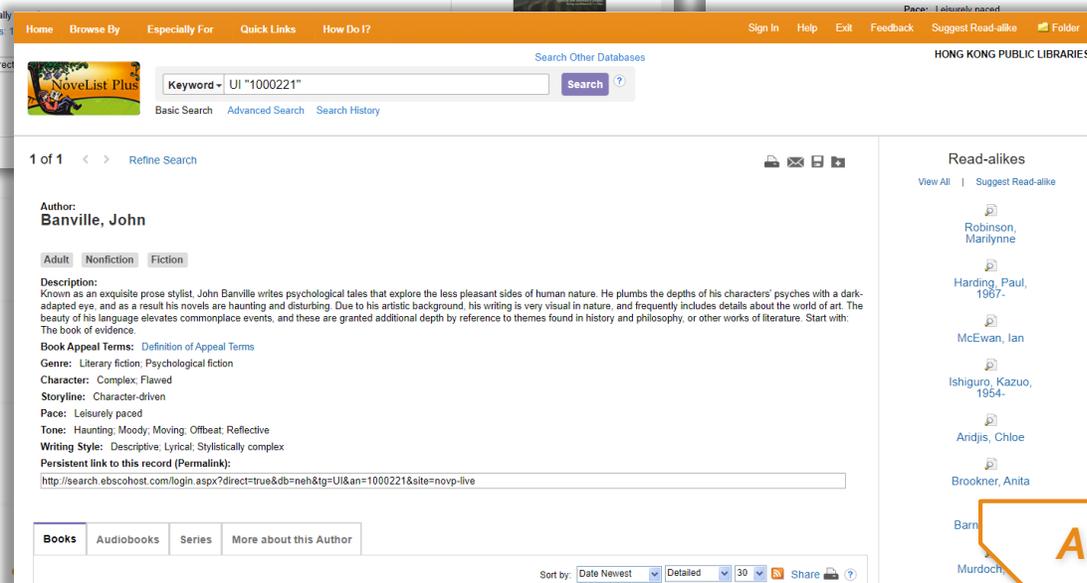
Access by clicking on the results on the Result List Page



Audiobook Detail Page



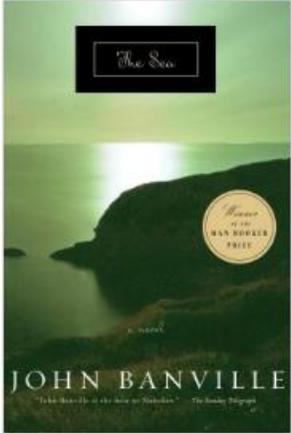
Book Detail Page



Author Detail Page

# Book Detail Page (1)

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**The sea** (Jan 2006)

Author: Banville, John

Adult Fiction 

**Description:**  
Following the death of his wife, Max Morden retreats to the seaside town of his childhood summers, where his own life becomes inextricably entwined with the members of the vacationing Grace family.

**Book Appeal Terms:** [Definition of Appeal Terms](#)

**Genre:** Books to movies; First person narratives; Literary fiction; Psychological fiction

**Themes:** Coping with death

**Character:** Complex

**Storyline:** Character-driven

**Pace:** Leisurely paced

**Tone:** Haunting; Moving; Reflective

**Writing Style:** Descriptive; Lyrical; Stylistically complex

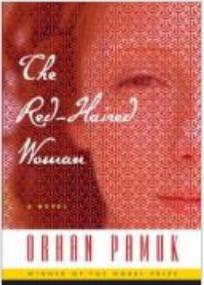
**Accelerated Reader:** IL: UG, BL: 7.5, AR Pts: 11

**Persistent link to this record (Permalink):**  
<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=neh&tg=UI&an=137752&site=novp-live>

Popularity: ★★★★★  
First Chapter  
Read reviews on   
★★★★★  
2468 reviews

[Reviews](#) [Audiobooks](#) [More About This Book](#) [Lists & Articles](#)

**Read-alikes**  
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**The red-haired woman**  
Pamuk, Orhan, 1952-



**THE CHILD IN TIME**  
IAN MCEWAN

To print

To save



To email

To add the book to your folder

Basic Information

Different tabs related to the selected item

Read-alikes

# Book Detail Page (2)

1. Check the box(es) to select the *features that interest you*

2. Click on “Search” to display a list of similar titles from a broad search

The screenshot shows a 'Search for More' section with several filter categories, each with a list of options and a checkbox:

- Genre**
  - Books to movies
  - First person narratives
  - Literary fiction
  - Psychological fiction
- Pace**
  - Leisurely paced
- Writing Style**
  - Descriptive
  - Lyrical
  - Stylistically complex
- Theme**
  - Coping with death
- Character**
  - Complex
- Storyline**
  - Character-driven
- Tone**
  - Haunting
  - Moving
  - Reflective
- Location**
  - England
- Subject**
  - Authors
  - Death
  - Grief in men
  - Identity (Psychology)
  - Loss (Psychology)
  - Memories
  - Middle-aged men
  - Seaside resorts
  - Widowers

A blue dashed line highlights the 'Search' button at the bottom left and the filter options above it. A blue circle with the number '2' is positioned below the 'Search' button, and a blue circle with the number '1' is positioned below the filter options.



# NoveList<sup>®</sup> Plus

Available at	All Hong Kong public libraries (excluding mobile libraries)
使用地點	所有香港公共圖書館（流動圖書館除外）
Remote access	Registered readers of the Hong Kong Public Libraries may access the database via the following website:
經互聯網使用	香港公共圖書館登記讀者可經以下網址使用此資料庫：



<http://www.hkpl.gov.hk/remotearchive>