

FINDING BOOK REVIEWS

INTRODUCTION

There are different ways to find book reviews at the Library. This will cover a few of the most common options, including Omni, the Book Reviews page, and how to find reviews in specialized subject databases.

BOOK REVIEWS IN OMNI

The first option is the Omni library catalogue. This works best if your book is not too old.

Search Omni for the title of the book you want reviews on. Look in the left column and under Resource Type click to select Reviews. This should give you reviews of your book.

If you don't see Reviews as an option, there aren't any reviews available.

OPTIONS ON THE BOOK REVIEWS WEB PAGE

If you don't find reviews in Omni, use the Book Reviews web page. To find it, look in the top navigation menu on any Library web page and under Research choose eBooks and Books. Then, look under Finding Specific Book Types and choose the Book Reviews link.

You'll find a list of key search tools for book reviews. These are databases with book review search options, in subjects areas that commonly need to find book reviews.

When choosing a search tool, look at the years they cover. Book reviews normally come out a year or two after the book is published. If your book was published in the 1920s, you need a search tool that goes back that far.

You'll also find a list of Additional Search Tools by Discipline. These are for areas not covered well in the Key Search Tools, such as Business, Economics, and Music.

Searching for reviews is similar for most of these search tools. Let's see how it works in America History and Life, one of the Key Search Tools. First, type the title of the book you want to find reviews on into the search box at the top of the page. Before searching, scroll down the page to the Document Type area and choose Book Review from the menu. Then scroll back up and click Search. This will limit your search to book reviews.

Other search tools look a little different, but work basically the same way. First type in your book's title, then look for a way to limit your results to Reviews either before or after you search.

QUESTIONS & FEEDBACK

If you have any questions, ask us at library.wlu.ca/help/askus.