



How to find Book Reviews

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When locating book reviews, it is very important to remember:

- ✓ Reviews appear within three to five years of the publication date of a book.
- ✓ In most cases it is best to start with a general book reviewing source like *Book Review Digest* or *Book Review Index*.
- ✓ If your book was published after 1980, you may prefer to use *Academic Search Premier* or *Book Review Index Plus Online* first.
- ✓ After you have located the complete citation to a review, you must check the Library's catalog to see if the periodical in which the review was published is owned by the Library.

Print Resources

Source	Coverage	Call No./Location
<u><i>Art Index</i></u>	1926-1996 <i>Continued by Art Index Online</i>	Ref. Z5937 .A78 (Along Reference Dept Wall)
Author/Subject indexed. Beginning with the 1973/74 volume look in the back of the volume for the "Book Review" section. Volumes prior to 1974 look under the author's last name.		
<u><i>Book Review Digest</i></u>	1905-	Ref. Z1219 .C96 (Book Review Index Shelves)
Author/Title/Subject indexed. Includes citations to and excerpts of reviews of current juvenile and adult fiction and nonfiction in the English Language.		
<u><i>Book Review Index</i></u>	1965-	Ref. Z1035 .A1 B6 (Book Review Index Shelves)
Author/Title indexed. Provides citations to reviews of current books and periodicals representing a broad range of interests.		
<u><i>Children's Book Review Index</i></u>	1965-	Ref. Z1037 .A1 C475
Author/Title/Illustrator indexed. The work is a collection of the reviews of children's books printed in the <i>Book Review Index</i> .		
<u><i>Children's Literature Review</i></u>	1976-	Ref. PN1009 .A1 C5139
Author indexed. Source has an international scope, representing many areas and genres of children's and young adult literature. Entries contain excerpts and citations of reviews.		
<u><i>Combined Retrospective Index to Book Reviews in the Humanities Journals</i></u>	1802-1970	Ref. Z6265 .C65 1982 (Book Review Index Shelves)
Author/Title indexed. Represents the book review contents of 150 humanities journals and is printed in ten volumes.		
<u><i>Combined Retrospective Index to Book Reviews in the Scholarly Journals</i></u>	1886-1974	Ref. Z1035.A1 C64 (Book Review Index Shelves)
Author/Title indexed. Represents the book review contents of 459 scholarly journals of history, political science and sociology and is printed in 15 volumes.		
<u><i>Current Book Review Citations</i></u>	1976-1982	Ref. Z1035 .A1 C86 (Book Review Index Shelves)
Author/Title indexed. The work is printed in two parts. Part I. is author/title indexed and Part II. is title indexed and refers the user to Part I.		
<u><i>An Index to Book Reviews in the Humanities</i></u>	1960-1990	Ref. Z1035 .A1 I63 (Book Review Index Shelves)
Author indexed. This work is an index to book reviews published in humanities journals. Prior to 1971 entries were included only if they reviewed books in certain subject categories.		
<u><i>IBR (Internationale Bibliographie der Rezensionen)</i></u>	1971-	Ref. Z5051 .I64
Periodical/Subject/Author/Reviewer indexed. Provides book reviews on an international scale. Citations only found in Part A. This source is in German.		
<u><i>Magill's Literary Annual</i></u>	1970-	Ref. Z1219 .M332 (Along Reference Dept Wall)
Title indexed. This resource provides a biography of the book's author, history and current affairs as well as citations for reviews of the work.		
<u><i>New York Times Book Review Index</i></u>	1896-1970 <i>Continued by the New York Times Index</i>	Ref. AP2 .N658 (Book Review Index Shelves)
Author/Title/Subject indexed. Contains citations of reviews printed in the <i>New York Times Book Review</i> . Search the <i>New York Times Index</i> for book reviews by looking under the subject heading of "Books and literature."		

<u>Philosopher's Index</u>	1970 -1995	Ref. Z7127 .P47 (Index Shelves)
Author indexed. An international index to philosophical periodicals and books and is a source of book review citations. Beginning with the 1970 volume, refer to the "Book Review Index" for locations of book reviews.		
<u>Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature</u>	1900-	Ref. AI3 .R48 (Index Shelves)
This is an author/subject index to English language periodicals of general interests. Before 1976, search by author's last name. After 1976, look in back of the volume in the "Book Review" section by author's last name.		
<u>Religion Index One</u>	1960-85	Ref. Z7753 .A5 (Index Shelves)
Author/Title indexed. A source of book reviews printed in religious and archaeological periodicals. The book review section is at the end of each volume.		
<u>Times Literary Supplement Index</u>	1902-1980	Ref. AP4 .T453 (Book Review Index Shelves)
<i>Continued by Times Index</i>		
Author/Title/Subject indexed. Provides citations of review articles and leading articles that appeared in the <i>Times Literary Supplement</i> . Search the <i>Times Index</i> for book reviews by looking under the subject heading of "Books (titles and reviews)."		

Electronic Resources

<u>Cambridge Scientific Abstracts Databases</u> ❖ <u>LISA: Library and Information Science Abstracts</u> ❖ <u>LLBA -Linguistics & Language Behavior Abstracts</u> ❖ <u>Sociological Abstracts</u> ❖ <u>Worldwide Political Science Abstracts</u>	1973 - 1963 -	Using the "Advanced Search" feature enter "Book Review" and search as "Publication Type, PT=." On the next row enter author's name or book's title and search as "Anywhere." Then click "Search"
<u>EBSCO Databases</u> ❖ <u>Academic Search Premier</u> ❖ <u>America History & Life</u> ❖ <u>Business Source Premier</u> ❖ <u>Hospitality & Tourism</u> ❖ <u>Psychology and Behavioral Sciences</u>	Varies Depending upon Database	Enter book's title or author's name in first search box and search in "Default Fields." Limit your results to book reviews by selecting "Book Review" from the Document Type menu.
<u>Infotrac Databases</u> ❖ <u>Academic OneFile</u> ❖ <u>Book Review Index Plus</u> ❖ <u>Expanded Academic ASAP</u> ❖ <u>Expanded Academic ASAP</u> ❖ <u>General Reference Center</u>	1980 -	Select keyword search, enter keyword(s) from book's title AND author's last name AND "book reviews." Example: (client AND Grisham AND book reviews)
<u>LexisNexis Academic</u>	1989 -	Select the "News" tab then from the Select Sources dropdown menu select "Book, movie, music, & play reviews." Finally, enter your search terms making sure to select date range that covers your books original copyright date.
<u>New York Times Historical</u>	1851 – 2004	Enter the title of the reviewed work into the first search box and search as "Citation and document text". In the second search box enter "review" and search as "Document type," then click search.
<u>Project Muse</u>	Varies pending upon Journal Title	Use the Basic Search Module. Input author's name or book's title in search field. Then select "Author Reviewed" or "Title Reviewed" from drop down menu.
<u>PsycCritiques</u>	1956-	This product is completely comprised of book reviews of current psychology books and films. Reviews can be found by browsing by author, book title, publication year or by using the search feature.
<u>Silverplatter Databases</u> ❖ <u>Philosopher's Index</u>	1985 -	Set search limit to Book Reviews by selecting "Change" and then select "BOOK-REVIEW" from Document Type listing, then click "OK" to set limit. Enter book title or author's name into search box and click "Search."
<u>ISI Web of Knowledge</u> ❖ <u>Arts and Humanities Citation Index</u> ❖ <u>Science Citation Index</u> ❖ <u>Social Science Citation Index</u>	Varies Depending upon Database	Using the Web of Science search form, enter the title of the work or author's name and search in "Topic." In the next search "in" drop down menu select "Document Type," then select "Book Review."
<u>Wilson Web</u> ❖ <u>Art Full Text</u> ❖ <u>Humanities Abstracts</u> ❖ <u>Library Literature</u> ❖ <u>Readers' Guide Abstracts</u> ❖ <u>Readers' Guide Retrospective</u> ❖ <u>Social Science Abstracts</u>	1984 - 1984 - 1984 - 1983 - 1907 - 1983 -	Enter author's name or book's title in search box and search as "Keyword." Limit to "Book Review" in Document Type drop down menu. Click "Start" to begin your search.