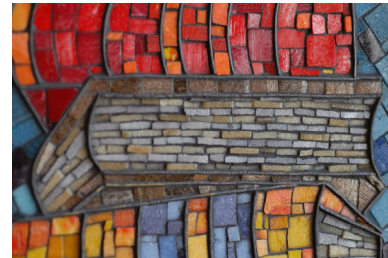

Finding Book Reviews

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To locate book reviews on a particular work, first identify the correct spelling of the *author's name* and the *date of initial publication*. Verify this information by searching for your book here: <http://www.worldcat.org/>.

- If the book was published AFTER 1990, try an *online database*.
- If the book was published BEFORE 1985, select a volume from the Library's *print resources* (see page 3 of this handout).

Online Databases

Academic Search Premier

- Type the author's last name into one search box and the first main keywords from the book's title in another box.
- If this search retrieves too many results, click the "Narrow Results By" bar and select "Publication Type;" choose "Review."

Lexis-Nexis Academic

- Click on "Power Search," choose "Natural Language;" type: "Review of *Your Book Title*."
- Narrow results using "Search by Category."

New York Times Historical

- Type the author's last name into one search box and the first main keywords from the book's title in another box.

The following is a partial list of additional Library databases that contain book reviews:

- *American History & Life*
- *ATLA Religion Database*
- *Historical Abstracts*
- *LION*
- *MLA International Bibliography*

Many other library resources provide book reviews. Try another discipline-specific electronic index or ask for help at the Reference Desk.

Print Resources

You can also find book reviews in the print indexes located on first floor south of the Library.

Using the author's last name, search the volume for the year your book was published. If you do not find reviews published during that year, try volumes that cover the following two or three years.

Three particularly helpful resources in the Index area are *Book Review Digest* (1905-present), *Book Review Index* (1965-present), and the *Index to Book Reviews in the Humanities* (1960-1990). The *Children's Book Review Index* is available in the Curriculum Center.

If you have any questions, please stop by the Reference Desk or call 299-4656.