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Introduction

Key Dates in Google Books History

2004 - Google Book Search (originally called Google Print) launched through a partnership with major public and university libraries. Since 2004, the **Library Project** has scanned and digitized over twelve million books.

2005 - The Authors Guild and the American Association of Publishers (AAP) file a class action lawsuit against Google for copyright infringement.

2008 - An agreement to compensate writers and publishers for the use of their materials is reached between Google, The Authors Guild and AAP. The settlement would create an independent Books Rights Registry to identify copyright holders and collect and disburse payments from third parties like Google.

2009 – Google’s **Partner Program** launched to allow authors and publishers to make in-print books available for preview or for sale.

2010 – Google’s **eBookstore** launched.

2011 – A federal judge rejected the amended settlement citing the significant advantage the agreement gives Google over other competitors, particularly in relation to orphan works.

What's in Google Books?

In-Copyright and In-Print Books

In-print books are books that publishers are still actively selling, the ones you see at most bookstores. Google's **Partner Program** expands the online marketplace for in-print books by letting authors and publishers turn on the preview and purchase models that make their titles more easily available through Book Search.

In-Copyright but Out-of-Print Books

Out-of-print books aren't actively being published or sold, so the only way to procure one is to track it down in a library or used bookstore. The settlement agreement would have allowed every out-of-print book that Google Books digitizes to become available online for preview and purchase unless its author or publisher chose to "opt out". This category includes the controversial orphan works, those that are in copyright though the copyright owner is unknown.

Out-of-Copyright Books

Out-of-copyright books are considered public domain material. Google Book Search users can read, download, and print the out-of-copyright titles that Google has digitized.

How Much of a Book Will You See?

The amount of text you see in Google Books will depend upon the copyright status and the agreement Google has with the author or publisher.

Full View - full view is the full text of out-of-copyright works or works in which the publisher or author has asked to make it fully viewable.

Limited Preview – a preview is available only if the book is in-copyright and the publisher or author has given permission to make a portion of the book viewable.

Snippet – shows a few snippets of text in relation to the user's keyword search.

No View – at the author or publisher's request, no portion of the book is shown at all.

Accessing Google Books

- Input **Google Books** in your internet browser's search screen – or – Go to Google.com and select **more** and then **Books** from the dropdown list.
- Sign in with your Google ID (or create a Google account) to use the personalized features, buy books from the Google eBookstore, or save books to your Google library.



A screenshot of the Google Books interface. On the left, there is a search box titled "Researching a topic?". Below the search box is a "Search Books" button and a link that says "Browse books and magazines >". On the right, there is a promotional banner for the "Google eBookstore" with a "Go to the Google eBookstore now >>" button. A magnifying glass icon is next to the search box, and a book icon is next to the eBookstore banner.

Search all Google books and magazines with a simple keyword search or use the **Advanced Search** feature to add limiters and filters

The **My library** link allows you to create an online library of books you've purchased, have read, or want to read. You can add reviews, mark them as favorites, and organize them into bookshelves.

Search **Google eBookstore** for books to read online or on a variety of e-readers and mobile devices.

Researching a Topic

Basic Keyword Search

Input keywords into the search box and click **Search Books**

The left side of the results screen will give you options to quickly filter by clicking on:

- type of book: those with page previews, Google eBooks, free Google eBooks
- books or magazines
- publication date
- relevance (according to Google)

*Note also the **Did you mean?** which suggests alternatives based on what you typed.

Advanced Search

Click the **Advanced search** link to add additional limiters and filters.

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About 26,800 results (0.12 seconds) [Advanced search](#)

Input or select the advanced search options and click the **Google Search** button.

Google books **Advanced Book Search**

Find results with **all** of the words 10 results Go

with the **exact phrase**

with **at least one** of the words

without the words

Search: All books Limited preview and full view Full view only Google eBooks only

Content: All content Books Magazines

Language Return pages written in

Title Return books with the title

e.g. Books and Culture

Author Return books written by

e.g. Hamilton Mabie or "Hamilton Wright Mabie"

Publisher Return books published by

e.g. O'Reilly

Subject Return books on subject

e.g. Medieval History or "Medieval History"

Publication Date Return content published anytime Return content published between and

e.g. 1999 and 2000, or Jan 1999 and Dec 2000

A trick!

Use the shortcut **AROUND (x)** – called a proximity operator, it allows you to search terms within a certain number of words of each other.

GOOGLE BOOKS

Viewing Books with Previews and Full Views

The screenshot shows the Google Books interface for the book "This Book Is Overdue!: How Librarians and Cybrarians Can Save Us All" by Marilyn Johnson. The page includes a search bar, a "Go" button, a "Contents" dropdown, and a "View eBook" button. A quote by Christopher Buckley is displayed next to a cartoon illustration of a superhero librarian. Callout boxes provide instructions for various features:

- Zoom in or out to make the page larger or smaller**: Points to the magnifying glass icons.
- Click full screen to remove ads and other information on the left.**: Points to the full-screen icon.
- Click to view the table of contents and jump to those pages**: Points to the "Contents" dropdown.
- Click arrow buttons to page forward & back**: Points to the left and right arrow buttons.
- Click links to find the book at another online retailer or in a library**: Points to the "Get this book" section with links to Amazon.com, Barnes&Noble.com, Books-A-Million, and Borders - \$14.99.
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- Input keywords to search within the book**: Points to the search bar.
- Click to add the book to the bookshelves in your cloud-based Google library. More on Google's My Library feature later....**: Points to the "Add to My Library" button.

Note that you cannot print pages from books with only a **Preview**. Books available as **Full View** have the following additional options:

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Download permits you to download public domain or other free eBooks as either a .pdf or an epub format file. Once downloaded, you will be able to print the book.

Magazine Search

To browse the list of full view magazines available in Google Books:

1. Click the **Browse books and magazines** link from the main Google Books page
2. Scroll down the page and click on **Magazines**

Alternatively, input the name of a magazine in the search box and click **Search Books**



The results screen will return both books and magazines with the name you typed.

Click the **Magazines** link on the left side of the screen to filter by magazines.

The good news: once you click on a particular issue, you can read all of the articles in that issue on your screen

...and the bad: you cannot print from the magazine

View 1 or 2 pages at a time or view thumbnails of each page in the issue

*Input a page number and hit **Enter** key to go directly to a particular page or click arrow buttons to page forward & back*



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MARY HIGGINS CLARK

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- Computers & Internet
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- Fiction
- History
- Humor
- Lifestyle & Home

New arrivals

CHARLAINE HARRIS

DEAD RECKONING

JAMES PATTERSON

10TH ANNIVERSARY

PETE HAMILL

TABLET CITY

STEVEN TYLER

DOES THE NOISE IN MY HEAD BOTHER YOU?

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