

# How to Find Book Reviews

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## 1. Determine the publication date of your book.

Book reviews generally appear at the time of publication or within 2-3 years after. The date may determine what index you use to find a review, since some indexes may not cover the dates needed.

## 2. Try a general book review index.

*Book Review Digest*—Index to reviews of books published or distributed in the U.S. or Canada. A work of nonfiction must have received reviews in at least two of the magazines; fiction, in at least three. Includes short excerpts from the reviews.

*Access:* 1905-present: Available electronically from the Library's home page under "Articles/Databases and Subject Guides" in the alphabetical list.

## 3. Try GENERAL periodical databases.

Periodical databases often include reviews of books. Try these two general databases:

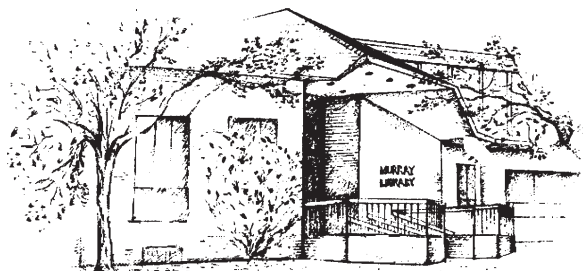
*Academic Search Complete:* One way to search for book reviews is to put the title in quotation marks (Example: "The DaVinci Code"). You may wish to add the author's last name to the search as well (Example: "Color of Water" and McBride)

*Reader's Guide Retrospective:* For reviews of books published prior to 1983, try searching this database, using the same types of searches as for Academic Search Complete (above).

**TIP:** If you find too many articles that do not appear to be reviews, you can add the word "review" to your search.

## 4. Try SUBJECT-SPECIFIC periodical databases.

Most subject-specific periodical databases include reviews of books in the disciplines covered by the databases. To find the appropriate databases arranged by subject, click on "Find...Articles/Databases and Subject Guides" from the Library home page and select the subject from those listed. On the subject page, search the databases listed under "Find...Articles/Databases and Subject Guides."



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