

How to Find Book Reviews

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 "Find...Articles/Databases/Subjects" in the alphabetical list.

3. Try GENERAL periodical databases.

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

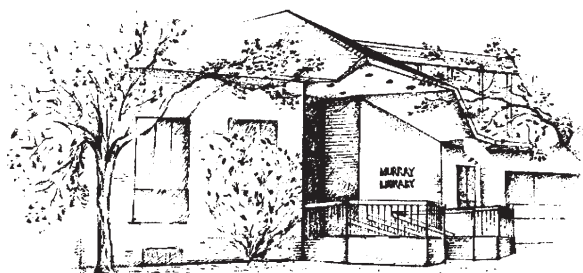
Academic Search Complete: One way to search for book reviews is to put the title in quotation marks (Example: "The DaVinci Code"). You may wish to add the author's last name to the search as well (Example: "Color of Water" and McBride)

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/Subjects" from the Library home page and select the subject from those listed. On the subject page, search the databases listed under "Find...Articles/Databases/Subjects."



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