

Search Tips

Find a book when you know the author or the title

To find any book when you know the author or title, search for it using [GalterSearch](#) on the library website.

1. Use either the **Search Box** in the website banner or click **Search** in the main menu, and go from there. Both options will produce the same results.
2. For a search by title, enter the first few words of the title in the search box, choose "in the title" from the *Search which fields?* drop-down and click Search.
3. For a search by author, enter the last name of the author name in the search box, choose "in author/creator" from the *Search which fields?* drop-down and click Search.
4. If you do an exact title or author search, you will probably find the book you want quickly. If you still have a lot of results, use the **Narrow your search by** options on the right-side of the results page to limit to books, author, online, etc.
5. A keyword search looks for either words in the title or the broad subject area for the book you're seeking. *It does not search inside the book.* For searches across a collection of books, use a book collection such as Access Medicine, MD Consult, Stat!Ref or Books@Ovid.

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Find a book by topic or subject

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1. Use either the **Search Box** in the website banner or click **Search** in the main menu, and go from there. Both options will produce the same results.
2. **Recommended:** Do a subject search. Enter your search term and select "**in the subject**" from the *Search which Fields?* drop-down.
3. If you have a lot of results, use the **Narrow your search by** options on the left side of the results page to limit to books, author, online, etc.
4. A keyword search looks for either words in the title or the broad subject area for the book you're seeking. *It does not search inside the book.* For searches across a collection of books, use an electronic book collection such as Access Medicine, ClinicalKey, Stat!Ref or Books@Ovid.

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Finding Journals

To find a specific journal, search for it using [GalterSearch](#) on the library website.

1. Use either the **Search Box** in the website banner or click **Search** in the main menu, and go from there. Both options will produce the same results.
2. Enter the first few words of the journal title. For titles that are likely to produce many results, e.g. Cell or Science, you may want to use the title search option outlined next.
3. For a search by title, enter the first few words of the title in the search box, choose "in the title" from the *Search which fields?* drop-down and click Search.
4. If you do a title search, you will probably find the book you want quickly. If you still have a lot of results, use the **Narrow your search by** options on the left side of the results page to limit to journals, online, etc.
5. To access an online journal click on Links and select one of the online access options.

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Searching for articles by topic

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- MEDLINE ([PubMed](#) or [Ovid](#))
- [Scopus](#), [Web of Science](#), or any of the other [top databases](#)
- [Consult a librarian](#) for in-depth search assistance

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