Finding Books & Book Reviews
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Before we look for reviews, we need to locate an appropriate book. In this example, I am looking for books on globalization and energy.

Use the Catalogue search box, located on the Library website.

For this example, I am looking for a book related to globalization and trade. To best maximize my search, I am using “energy” and “global*” as keywords.

- enter your keywords in the Catalogue
- Use “anywhere” for keyword searching
- Try using * at the end of a root word to get more results (ex: global* = global, globalization, globalize)
547 titles found, sorted by relevance

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Finding Books

I have found one book which looks good and the instructor has approved it.

The book is:

Smil, Vaclav. **Energy at the Crossroads: Global Perspectives and Uncertainties**

The record will indicate “Stacks” if available. Write down the call number and retrieve it from the stacks.

We now need to find some Reviews…….
When searching for reviews, consider the following:

The edition of the book.
• Is it a first edition, or are there earlier editions?
• Are the reviews for the edition you have or are they for earlier editions?

Source of the review:
• Is it in a scholarly (peer reviewed) journal?
• Is it from a specialized magazine or professional website?
• Avoid reviews from personal websites or blogs!

Author of the review:
• Is it a expert in the field?
• A friend of the books author?
• A regular critic of that author or that viewpoint? Try and find out some info about the review author…
Finding Book Reviews

Rather than spending hours searching for reviews and comments about the book on the internet, try first using one or all of the following Library databases:

- Book Review Index Online
- Book Review Digest Plus
- Scholars Portal Search (U of T’s answer to Google Scholar)

- Some Book Reviews are available in full text online, others will only be available in print in the library.
I need to find Book Reviews on:
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From the U of T Mississauga Library website, select the “Search by Subject” link.

Select the “Book Reviews – Humanities and Social Sciences”
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4. International Bibliography of Book Reviews (IBR)
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To find book reviews, select Web of Science, then General Search. In the first box type the title or author of the book. In the second search box, use the drop down menu to select select "Document type" and then a drop down menu will appear in the search box. Scroll down this menu and select "Book Review".

Humanities Abstracts

1963-
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**Highly Recommended Indexes**

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  Globe & Mail (Toronto, Canada) August 20, 2005 pD15
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- "Energy at the Crossroads: Global Perspectives and Uncertainties, (Book)
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  Journal of Economic Literature March 2004 v42 i1 p335(1)
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