

Eighteenth Century Collections Online: A basic guide to searching

What is Eighteenth Century Collections Online?

Eighteenth Century Collections Online (ECCO) has nearly 150,000 English-language titles and editions published between 1701 and 1800, and allows full-text searching of more than 33 million pages of material. It is in essence, every significant English-language and foreign-language title printed in the United Kingdom, along with thousands of important works from the Americas.

Accessing Eighteenth Century Collections Online

From the Library homepage: <http://library.wellcome.ac.uk>, find under **Electronic Resources > Databases > E**. Alternatively, search the Library catalogue for 'ECCO': <http://catalogue.wellcome.ac.uk>. Registered users may access ECCO outside the Library using their Library card number.

Searching Eighteenth Century Collections Online

- Select **Entire Document** to search across all fields in the citation as well as full text. However you must include a Boolean operator AND to search multiple keywords.
 - e.g. *Culpeper AND Physician*
- You can use the **Advanced Search** to enter multiple search terms in different fields.
 - e.g. Author: *Culpeper*, Title: *Physician*
- Use an asterisk * after a word to retrieve all words that begin with that stem
 - e.g. *physi** will find physical, physick, physician, etc.
- Use an exclamation mark after a word to retrieve singular and plural versions of the word
 - e.g. *doctor!*
- Use a question mark to replace exactly one character within a word to retrieve various forms of that word
 - e.g. *physic?ian*
- Use double quotation marks to search an exact phrase
 - e.g. "*Culpeper's English Physician*"

Limiting/Refining your search

On the **Basic Search** you can also limit your search to:

- Date of publication
- Subject

On the **Advanced Search** you can also limit by:

- Language
- Type of illustration

With **Refine your Search**, you can select any of the limits from the **Basic** and **Advanced** Search screens.

Cross searching EEBO

- Check the box **Include records from EEBO in your search** to get results from Early English Books Online (for 1701-1800). Clicking on **View full record in EEBO** opens EEBO in a new window.



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- This cross search includes only the bibliographic records and not the full text so you should still search each resource separately to get fuller results.

Viewing your results

- Click on the highlighted title to view the document images
- Click on the **blue arrow button** to browse the work
- To jump forwards or backwards use **Page #** or **Image #** and click on **Go**
- If you specified a full text search then a list of the relevant page and image numbers will appear on the left hand side
- You can also view **Full Citation**, **eTable of Contents** and **List of Illustrations**
- Occasionally the OCR technology [optical character recognition] used to index the full text has logged a word incorrectly. You can change the **Fuzzy Search Level** to widen your results.

Printing and Emailing a Marked List

- Checking the box to the left of the record on the search results screen will mark the record for printing, emailing or downloading
- Clicking on **Marked List** will take you to a list of all items you have marked in one session.

Printing

- To print the page you are viewing click on the PDF icon. The document will open in Adobe Reader and you can save a copy or print the page.
- To print or download more than one page at a time, you will first need to add the work to your **Marked List**. Then go to **Marked List** and click on **Download Document Image Sets in PDF Format**. You can choose to download the entire document or select a range.
- You may need to change the paper orientation and resize the page within Adobe Reader to get the best result.

Emailing

- Citations, not whole works, can be emailed.
- Add citations to your **Marked List** by checking the box to the left of each record you would like to email.
- Go to **Marked List** and click on the **Email** blue button.
- If the citations fail to arrive in your email account within five minutes, please check your spam filter. The email may have been 'trapped' by your provider.

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Further help

Click on **Help** at the top right of the screen. This is context sensitive. There are also tutorials available at the [Proquest](#) web site.

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