

Early English Books Online: A basic guide to searching

What is Early English Books Online?

Early English Books Online (EEBO) contains digital facsimile page images of virtually every work printed in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and British North America and works in English printed elsewhere from 1473-1700 - from the first book printed in English by William Caxton, through the age of Spenser and Shakespeare and the tumult of the English Civil War.

Accessing Early English Books Online

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

Searching Early English Books Online

- **Keyword Search** searches across all fields. However you must include a Boolean operator between each keyword.
 - e.g. *Culpeper AND Physician*
- Alternatively you can enter multiple search terms in different fields.
 - e.g. Author: *Culpeper*; Title: *Physician*
- To search on variant forms/spelling use the OR Boolean operator.
 - e.g. *Physician OR Physitian*
- You can use truncation to search on the stem of a word rather than the full form
 - e.g. *Creat** will find create, creation, created, creating, creator, etc.
- Use double quotation marks to perform an exact phrase search
 - e.g. "*Culpeper's English Physician*"
- Find all works by a single author by clicking **Browse**

Limiting/Refining your search

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

- Search for works with full text
- Date of publication.
- Subject (you should select from the list)

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

- Language
- Country of Publication
- Source Library

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



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Cross searching ECCO

- Check the box **Include records from ECCO in your search** to get results from Eighteenth Century Collections Online (for 1701-1800). Clicking on **View full record in ECCO** opens ECCO in a new window.
- 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 camera icon to view the document images
- Click on **Next Image** to browse the work
- To jump forwards or backwards use **Go to Image Number** below the image
- You can also choose to view thumbnails of all images, or the illustrations only. You can view the keyed full text, where that is available.

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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