

# Finding Full-Text Books Online (Mostly for Free)

## Internet Archive

[www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org)

The Internet Archive is building a digital library of Internet sites and other cultural artifacts in digital form, including video, audio, texts and the wayback machine.

- Texts includes books and journals
- Searches bibliographic information (see Open Library below for inside the book searching)
- Displays text or image
- Print from pdf (pdf may not be searchable)

## Open Library

[openlibrary.org](http://openlibrary.org)

Creating One web page for every book ever published. A project of Internet Archive

- Books (Searches Internet Archive)
- Displays text or image
- Download or Print?
  - Searches bibliographic information, to identify books of interest  
Click on Subject to search by subject heading and can then keyword search within the heading (census, maps, Carey's American pocket atlas)
  - Searching inside the book: [openlibrary.org/search/inside](http://openlibrary.org/search/inside)

## Google Books

[books.google.com](http://books.google.com)

Google's mission is to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful.

Books and Journals

- Searches inside the book: use google search tools, use limiters in sidebar
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## Making of America

[quod.lib.umich.edu/m/moagrp/](http://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/moagrp/)

Primary sources in American social history from the 19<sup>th</sup> century

- Searches inside the book or document
- Displays text or image or pdf
- Can print one page at a time (best from pdf)
- No download of complete book or article

### **Family History Archive from Brigham Young University**

[www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/index.php](http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/index.php)

- search bib or inside book, pdf display, print, download

### **Library of Congress Digital Collections (American Memory and Chronicling America)**

[www.loc.gov/library/libarch-digital.html](http://www.loc.gov/library/libarch-digital.html)

Free and open access through the Internet to written and spoken words, sound recordings, still and moving images, prints, maps, and sheet music that document the American experience.

- Newspapers, maps, manuscripts, books, photos, etc.
- Searches inside the document
- Displays Image
- Print from image viewer
- Searches inside the document; browse to appropriate collection (e.g. newspapers from a particular state) and then search

### **Hathi Trust**

[www.hathitrust.org](http://www.hathitrust.org)

HathiTrust is a partnership of major research institutions and libraries working to ensure that the cultural record is preserved and accessible long into the future.

- Search bibliographic information or inside the book

### **Search Engines**

Search many full-text sites at one time

- Just Free Books [www.justfreebooks.info](http://www.justfreebooks.info)
- The Online Books Page (onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu) Listing over 1 million free books on the Web, searches for sites and for books [onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu](http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu)

### **Other sites to Explore**

- Project Gutenberg [www.gutenberg.org](http://www.gutenberg.org)
- Documenting the American South [docsouth.unc.edu](http://docsouth.unc.edu)
- Avalon Project [avalon.law.yale.edu](http://avalon.law.yale.edu)
- Bartleby [www.bartleby.com](http://www.bartleby.com)
- Turning the Pages from the British Library [www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/ttp/ttpbooks.html](http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/ttp/ttpbooks.html)
- HeritageQuest (at libraries, not at Ridgewood)

### **Tips**

- Search for names, places, events, types of records
- Search full text OR bibliographic descriptions
- Look for search within this title
- Be sure to note the citation for your document and the source (for example, googlebooks)
- Use edit/find to search text documents
- Copy with ctrl-Print Screen and paste into a word processing document
- Use cute pdf writer to save documents and webpages as pdfs (free download at [www.cutepdf.com](http://www.cutepdf.com))
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