The first step in finding a book review is determining the year the book was published. For most books, that information will appear towards the front of the book, usually on the back of the title page. Once you have found the publication year, use the tools described below to locate reviews.

(To find reviews for books published between 1924 and 1992, please see the other side of this guide.)

To find reviews for books published after 1992:

1. From the Everybody's Menu setup on the computer, pick General Full Text Periodicals.

2. Choose Click here for ProQuest Direct.

3. Once connected you’ll see a box to enter search terms. Click in that box.

4. Type in the title of the book. Type and review? next. Add the author's last name if you choose. Remember to type the word and between the title and author's name.

Example: To find reviews of the book One True Thing by Anna Quindlen

Type: review? and one true thing and quindlen

5. Click on Search

A list of the articles with the words you entered will appear. Click on an article's title to read the text. You can print or e-mail the article from that screen. For some reviews, only a citation (author, title, magazine) will be available. Check with a reference librarian to see if the full article is available in the library.
To find reviews for books published between 1924 and 1992:

The library has a number of printed indexes that give you information about where book reviews were published. These indexes come in yearly volumes and provide citations (author, article title, magazine, date & pages), but not the full-text of the articles themselves. Once you have the citations, check with a reference librarian to see if the full article is available in the DCC library.

When searching for a book review, look in the index for the year the book was published and the following year because it may take some months from the time of publication for the book to be reviewed.

**Book Review Digest** (1928 to present)

Covers book reviews appearing in over 70 selected newspapers and journals. Some entries contain excerpts from the actual reviews. Search for reviews by the last name of the book's author.

**Book Review Index** (1965 to present)

Approximately 500 newspapers and journals are included in this index. Search by the last name of the book's author.

**New York Times Index** (1958 to present)

This yearly index to articles from *The New York Times* and *New York Times Book Review* includes an entry for "book reviews" in the general alphabetical listing. Search through that section by the book's title

**Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature** (1924 to present)

Look in the separate "Book Reviews" section following the main part of the index. Search in that section by the last name of the book's author.

All indexes are kept in the Reference section of the library.

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