

## ■ Specialist book review databases

There are two databases which specialise in locating book reviews. These can be accessed online from the **Databases** section of the Library website.

<p><b>Book review index</b> <a href="http://library.uq.edu.au/record=e1000246">http://library.uq.edu.au/record=e1000246</a></p>	<p>This database covers 1965 to the present. It lists published reviews, sometimes with full text.</p>
<p><b>Book review digest retrospective</b> <a href="http://library.uq.edu.au/record=e1001089">http://library.uq.edu.au/record=e1001089</a></p>	<p>This database covers the years 1905 to 1982. It lists published reviews, sometimes giving excerpts from them.</p>

## ■ Book review journals

Many scholarly journals include book reviews. There are some journals which specialise in book reviews.

The following journals publish book reviews in **all subject areas**:

<b>Australian book review</b>	SS&H and Fryer Journal Z1007.A8
<b>Times literary supplement</b>	SS&H Journal PN2. T5 Archive for 1902 to 1990 available online: <a href="http://library.uq.edu.au/record=e1001224">http://library.uq.edu.au/record=e1001224</a>
<b>London review of books</b>	SS&H Journal Z1035.A1 L7
<b>New York review of books</b>	SS&H Journal Z1035.A1 N46 (earlier issues on microfiche in Fryer Library)
<b>New York Times book review</b>	SS&H Journal Z1035.A1 N48 From 1997 available online: <a href="http://library.uq.edu.au/record=b1024162">http://library.uq.edu.au/record=b1024162</a>

There are other journals which specialise in book reviews in **specific subject areas**. These are some examples:

<b>The art book</b>	SS&H Journal N1 .A1 A62 Online: <a href="http://library.uq.edu.au/record=b1946707">http://library.uq.edu.au/record=b1946707</a>
<b>Classical review</b>	SS&H Journal PA1 .C7 Online: <a href="http://library.uq.edu.au/record=b1012079">http://library.uq.edu.au/record=b1012079</a>
<b>History (Washington, D.C.)</b>	Online: <a href="http://library.uq.edu.au/record=b1949358">http://library.uq.edu.au/record=b1949358</a>
<b>Journal of economic literature</b>	SS&H Journal Z7164 .E2 J69 Older issues online: <a href="http://library.uq.edu.au/record=b1125235">http://library.uq.edu.au/record=b1125235</a>

Philosophical books	SS&H Journal Z7127 .P48 Online: <a href="http://library.uq.edu.au/record=b1125167">http://library.uq.edu.au/record=b1125167</a>
Reviews in anthropology	Online: <a href="http://library.uq.edu.au/record=b1677223">http://library.uq.edu.au/record=b1677223</a>
Reviews in religion and theology	SS&H Journal BR44 .R48 Online: <a href="http://library.uq.edu.au/record=b2115815">http://library.uq.edu.au/record=b2115815</a>

## ■ Finding book reviews in bibliographic databases

You can also use Library databases to locate book reviews. Many bibliographic databases index reviews. Use the terms 'review' or 'book review' as part of your search strategy when searching.

The **Web of Science** database is particularly useful for locating book reviews in leading journals in *all disciplines*, including the social sciences and arts and humanities. Use the **Cited Reference Search** and input the author's name in the **Cited Author** box. In the **Cited Work** box input the first letters of the first word of the title, using the asterisk to truncate (e.g. *aust\**). When the references are retrieved, use the selection box at the bottom of the screen to restrict your search to **Book Review** as the document type.

## ■ Finding book reviews on the Web

Thousands of book reviews are available on the Web. Use **Google** and input the author's last name, the title of the book in inverted commas, and the word **review**, e.g.

*coetzee "slow man" review*

As with all information which you find on the Web, you should carefully **evaluate** any book reviews which you find. What are the reviewer's credentials? Who is responsible for the website?

If you are just browsing for information on new books, here are some good sites to try:

<b>Arts &amp; Letters Daily</b>	<a href="http://www.aldaily.com/">http://www.aldaily.com/</a>
<b>SciTech Daily</b>	<a href="http://www.scitechdaily.com/">http://www.scitechdaily.com/</a>
<b>The Guardian and Observer (UK)</b>	<a href="http://books.guardian.co.uk/reviews/">http://books.guardian.co.uk/reviews/</a>
<b>The Age (Melbourne)</b>	<a href="http://www.theage.com.au/entertainment/books/">http://www.theage.com.au/entertainment/books/</a>
<b>New York Times</b>	<a href="http://www.nytimes.com/pages/books/">http://www.nytimes.com/pages/books/</a>
<b>E-Streams (Science &amp; Technology)</b>	<a href="http://www.e-streams.com/">http://www.e-streams.com/</a>