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Basic Requirements

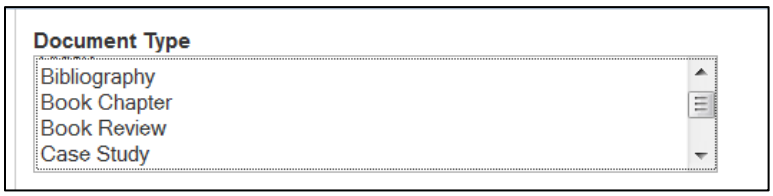
It is important to know the **author, title**, and **earliest date of publication in the English language.** Check Clark Library's library catalog or ask a Reference Librarian for help.

What type of review do you need? Short? Long?

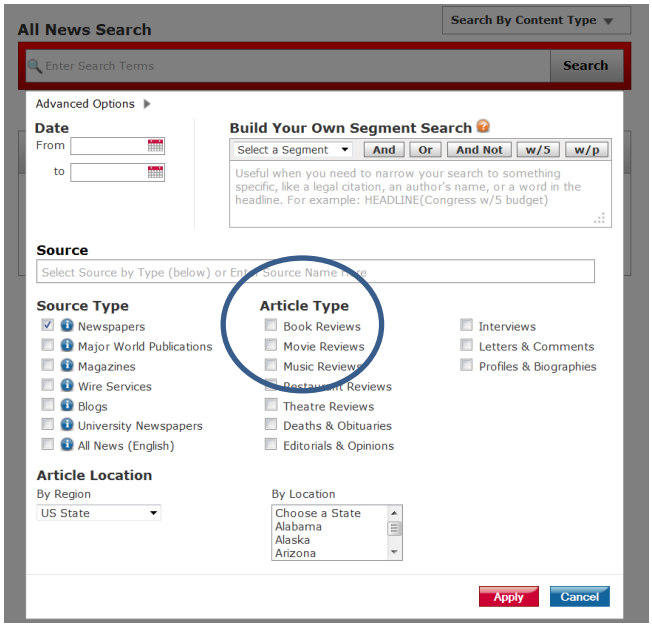
Book reviews vary in length and content. Journals and trade publications such as *Library Journal, Publisher's Weekly* and *Booklist* provide short reviews to aid book buyers. *The New York Times Book Review* and the *TLS* (Times Literary Supplement) provide lengthier and more in-depth reviews. Academic journals covering a specific discipline can be excellent sources of reviews as they are frequently written by experts in the field. Ask a librarian for help in obtaining this type of review from specialized databases.

Some general-purpose databases to try:

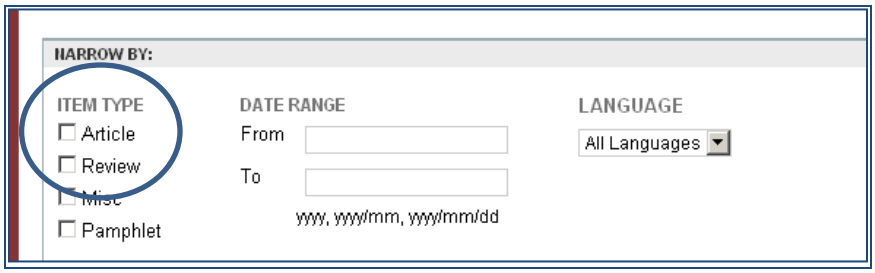
Academic Search Premier: A general database containing both popular and academic journals. 1975 to present; some full text. Look for "Document Type" on the search screen, below "**Limit your results,"** and select "Book Review."



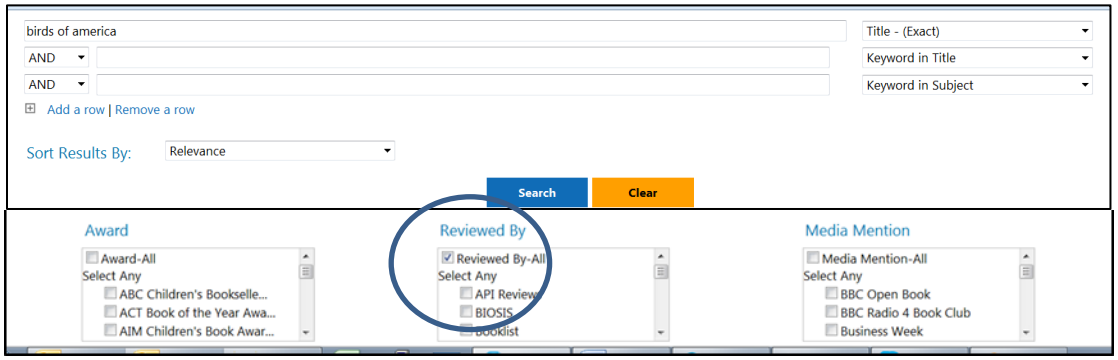
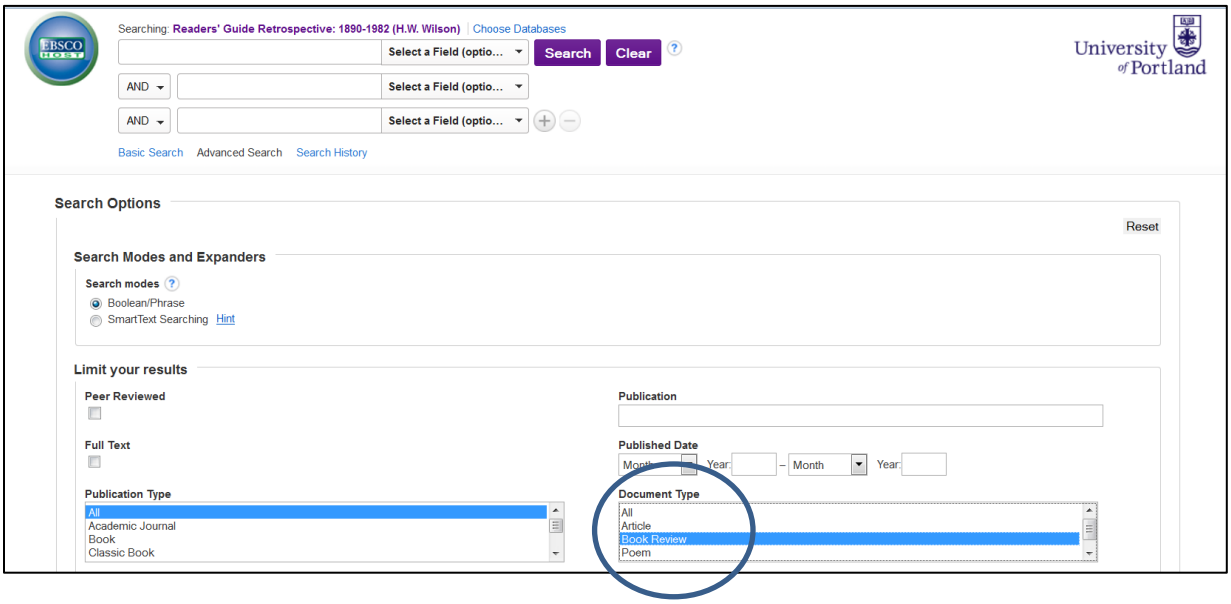
Lexis-Nexis Academic: Find book reviews in newspapers and magazines. 1980 to present; primarily full text. Look for the Book Reviews checkbox under "Advanced Options"/ "Article Type."



JSTOR: Complete runs of scholarly journals, which often contain book reviews. Dates vary; full text. Notice that you can select "Review" in the Item Type list.



Books in Print with Book Reviews – Find brief reviews from over 40 sources. To search for reviewed items, enter the title; then check the "Reviewed By – All" box under "Reviewed By."



Reader's Guide Retrospective: Search general interest periodicals, 1890-1982. You can limit by *Document Type* to "Book review."