# How to Find and Request Books from the Bookshare Website

This tutorial will demonstrate how to find and request books from the Bookshare website.

To start, go to [www.Bookshare.org](http://www.bookshare.org/), and log in to your account.

There are two ways to find books: searching for specific books, and browsing

To conduct a standard search, go to the search box located at the top of any page.

You can search by title, author, or ISBN.

To conduct a filtered search, select the “advanced search” link next to the browse link.

On this page, you can search specifically by title, author, ISBN, publisher, or you can enter specific phrases in the “full text” field. You can enter information in one, two, three, or all of these fields, and Bookshare will only search within these parameters for a more narrow search.

You can further narrow your search with 50 additional categories such as:

* Cooking, food and wine
* Mystery and thrillers
* Teens
* Mathematics and statistics
* Language arts
* Social studies

And many more!

Note that you can also search for titles in Bookshare and partner collections, including the internet archive, by selecting your preference in the “collection to search” field.

When you have completed entering your criteria, select the “advanced search” button to view your search results.

The other way to find books is to browse the Bookshare collection. Select the “browse” link under the standard search bar. This will take you to a list of categories that you can browse, such as

* Author
* Category
* Languages
* New Books
* Most Popular Downloads
* NIMAC Books

And more!

When you select any of these categories, you will see a list of sub-categories or books. You can then select a specific book to learn more, or download it. We encourage you to explore all of these categories and experience the breadth of Bookshare’s large collection.

If you do not find the book you want, you can request that it be added to the collection. Go to the “getting started” drop down menu and select the “how to find books” link. Next select “request to add new books” link.

Please provide as much information as you can to help with processing and faster turnaround. The ISBN is particularly helpful. If you are an educator who works with qualified student members with IEP’s you may request that books be added from the national instructional materials access center, or NIMAC. If you know that a textbook is available in the NIMAC please provide that information in your request.

More information about NIMAC books is available under the “learn more” heading on the “how to find books” page.

Bookshare tries to process all student and teacher book requests, however, please understand that in some circumstances, the requested material may not be available or suitable for scanning. The Bookshare team will reply to your email within three business days with the status of your request

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