**Searching Tips for the Claremont Collection on LibraryThing**

**Profile: [http://www.librarything.com/profile/FriendsClaremontLib](http://www.librarything.com/profile/FriendsClaremontLib" \t "_blank)**

**Catalog: [http://www.librarything.com/catalog/FriendsClaremontLib/allcollections](http://www.librarything.com/catalog/FriendsClaremontLib/allcollections" \t "_blank)**

**Once you have arrived at the Friends of the Claremont Library LibraryThing profile it is easy to search for books within the Claremont Author’s Collection. Here are a few pointers to make searching even easier:**

1. In the catalog search terms are character strings not keywords. So a search for fiction will also hit *non*fiction.
2. Catalog searches can contain special modifiers that you can use to narrow your search. See the table below for a list of the modifiers and what they search.
3. Negative searches are possible within a catalog using a minus/dash before the search term.
4. Search terms are separated by spaces. You may search for a character string including a space by using quotes, e.g. "civil war".

**Sample searches**

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| Search syntax | Search result |
| **potter** | all books that match *potter* anywhere in the data |
| **harry -potter** | all books with *harry* in them, minus those with *potter* in them |
| **harry potter title:-phoenix** | all Harry Potter books except Order of the Phoenix |
| **atlas "non-fiction"** | quotes must be used when searching for items with a hyphen (-) in them. |
| **"The Green Mile"** | items that match the quoted term exactly (or have that exact phrase within them) |
| **tag:history** | all books tagged *history* |
| **tag:-history** | all books *not* tagged *history* |
| **comment:""** | all books with empty comments |
| **tag:xxx tag:yyy** or **tag:xxx yyy** | books that have been assigned one of these tags, or both |
| **tag:xxx tag:-yyy** or **tag:xxx -yyy** | books that have been assigned one tag, but not another |
| **tag:"science fiction"** | multi-word tags |
| **art|history** | books with *art* or *history*; notice the **|**(pipe) character between the search terms. This character is often found just above your enter or return key on your keyboard, although results may vary. Do not use spaces before or after the pipe. |

**Acceptable modifier prefixes**

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| Modifier prefix | Searches these catalog columns |
| **all:** | title, author, tags, ISBN, date, lcc, publication, dewey, source, subjects, comments, review, other authors, private comment\* |
| **most:** | title, author, tags, ISBN, date, lcc, publication, dewey, source, comments, other authors, private comment\* |
| **titleandauthor:** | title, author, other authors |
| **title:** | title |
| **author:** | author, other authors |
| **tag:** or **tags:** | tags |
| **isbn:** | ISBN |
| **date:** | date |
| **lcclassification:** | LC Classification |
| **lccn:** | LCCN |
| **dewey:** | dewey |
| **source:** | book data source (e.g. Amazon) |
| **subject:** | subjects |
| **comment:** or **comments:** | comments |
| **review:** or **reviews:** | review |
| **titleandauthorandsubjects:** | title, author, subjects, other authors |
| **collections:** | collections\*\* |

The Claremont Author's Collection has a small sub-group of books titled the Goldsmid Collection donated by Charles A. Goldsmid in 2013.  Make sure that you are searching "All Collections" in order to yield the most search results.  If you want to browse the Goldsmid Collection, click "Goldsmid" under collections on the main profile page, click on "Goldsmid" under "tags," or search "Goldsmid."

You can decide which catalog fields LibraryThing searches by uses the dropdown menu next to the search box on the main catalog page, where you can choose from “titles/authors”, “tags”, “reviews”, “comments”, ”subjects” and “most fields”. The Claremont Author’s Collection does not utilize the “reviews” field and it is therefore unnecessary to search this field for any reason. If you are interested in searching for additional information, like signed books or specific editions, you can find this information in the “comments” field of an entry. You could search “signed” under “all fields” but to narrow down your search results you could also search the “comments” field only.