

Searching Tips for the Claremont Collection on LibraryThing

Profile: <http://www.librarything.com/profile/FriendsClaremontLib>

Catalog: <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/FriendsClaremontLib/allcollections>

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 *nonfiction*.
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

Search syntax	Search result
potter	all books that match <i>potter</i> anywhere in the data
harry -potter	all books with <i>harry</i> in them, minus those with <i>potter</i> 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 <i>history</i>
tag:-history	all books <i>not</i> tagged <i>history</i>
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 <i>art</i> or <i>history</i> ; 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

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.