



Everything LibraryThing

Introduction

An example of a "social cataloging" Web site, LibraryThing lets you create a catalog (or database) of books: books you own, books you would like to own, books you've read, books you would like to read, or any combination that works best for you. You can then share this catalog with others.



In addition to keeping track of your books with a database, you can use LibraryThing to rate and write reviews of the books you have read, read reviews written by others, get book recommendations based on a book you enjoyed or your entire collection, and join groups so that you can discuss books and reading online.

LibraryThing is free to use to catalog up to 200 books. If you want to add more books, a \$10 yearly membership or a \$25 lifetime membership will allow you to add an unlimited number of books to your catalog.

Creating an Account

Registering for a LibraryThing account is a simple, one-step process. Once at the LibraryThing Web site (<http://www.librarything.com>), choose a user name and password, type them into the green box as shown to the right, and click on the Submit button.

After you create an account, you can sign in the same way: just type your user name and password into the green box and click on the Submit button. Make sure that you enter the correct user name, or else a new account will be created.

Create an account or
Sign into your account
(this is the only step)

user name

password

Deleting Your Account

If you ever want to delete your entire account (or if you make a typo in your user name and accidentally create a new account), you must send an email to this address: abby@librarything.com. Make sure to include the username and password of the account you wish to delete in the email.

Managing Your Profile

Your LibraryThing profile will contain information both about your catalog of books and about you. You can access it by clicking on the [Your profile](#) tab at the top of the screen. An example of a profile is shown here:

The screenshot shows a LibraryThing profile for user 'midlibrary'. The profile includes a header with navigation links (profile, reviews, tag cloud, author cloud, author gallery, fun statistics) and a main content area with several sections:

- Profile Information:** User name (midlibrary), Account type (public, free), Books cataloged (10), Books reviewed (None so far), Top tags (fiction, thriller, borrowed from library, unread, mystery, medical examiner, Israel, gift, memoir, suspense), Groups (Historical Fiction, What Are You Reading Now?), Favorite authors (Michael Crichton, Thomas Hardy, J.R.R. Tolkien), About me (I am a test library!), About my library (I have books in me.), Email (midlib01@yahoo.com), Also on (MSN Messenger), Location (Wisconsin), URLs (profile and catalog), Member since (Jul 16, 2007).
- Actions:** Edit profile/account settings, Put your library on your blog, Invite friends to LibraryThing, Upgrade to paid account.
- Members with your books:** A list of users who have books in the user's library, including mfields8, Kathy89, chagan, oopsireadit, etc.
- Comments:** A comment from 'midlibrary' stating 'LibraryThing is fun!' posted on Jul 17, 2007.
- Member connections:** Interesting libraries (avaland, wafflehouse), Private watch list (sylphette), Friends (pending) (thundermuse).
- Random books from midlibrary's library:** A list of books including 'No Place Like Home: A Novel by Mary Higgins Clark', 'Thieves Like Us (Film Ink Series) by Edward Anderson', 'Predator by Patricia Cornwell', 'Lifeguard by James Patterson', 'Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life by Anne Lamott', 'Cross Bones (Temperance Brennan Novels) by Kathy Reichs', and 'Deep Six (Dirk Pitt Adventures) by Clive Cussler'.

Annotations on the screenshot include:

- 'Information about your catalog.' pointing to the profile information section.
- 'Information about you.' pointing to the 'About me' and 'About my library' fields.
- 'Web addresses for your catalog and profile.' pointing to the 'URLs' field.
- 'Other LibraryThing users who have the same books you do.' pointing to the 'Members with your books' section.
- 'Other LibraryThing users can leave comments for you here.' pointing to the comment section.
- 'Lists of users whose catalogs you are interested in, users whose catalogs you are privately watching, and users who are your friends.' pointing to the 'Member connections' section.
- 'A few random books from your catalog.' pointing to the 'Random books from midlibrary's library' section.

To make changes to your profile, click on the [Edit profile/account settings](#) link in the upper right hand corner of the page. You can change your user name, password, or email address; add information about yourself; and change your account settings.

Adding Books

To begin adding books to your catalog, click on the [Add books](#) tab at the top of the screen, then follow these steps:

The screenshot shows the 'Add books to your library' form. On the left, there is a search box with 'da vinci code' entered and a 'Search' button. Below the search box are fields for 'Tags to add (optional)' with 'suspense, religion' entered, and 'Search what?' with 'Amazon.com' selected. At the bottom left are links for 'Advanced options', 'add the book manually', and 'import books'. On the right, a 'Recently added' list shows several books with edit and delete icons. Four numbered annotations with arrows point to: 1. The search box and 'Search' button; 2. The 'Tags to add' field; 3. The 'Search what?' radio button options; 4. The 'Search' button.

HINT: Searching by ISBN is often fastest, as there will be fewer results to choose from.

LibraryThing can gather your book's information from a number of sources. Amazon.com and the Library of Congress are the two most popular options, but if you don't get results or if you have an item published in another country or language, you may have better luck with one of the other 70+ worldwide sources.

After you click on the [Search](#) button, a list of matching books will appear on the right hand side of the screen, as shown to the right.

You can click on the ► symbol to get more information about a book. Once you have located the exact book you have, click on the title (in blue) to add it to your catalog. It will then be displayed in your list of recently added books, and you can add another book.

If you accidentally add the wrong book, click on the **X** icon next to it and try again.

The screenshot shows search results for 'The Da Vinci Code'. The first result is 'The Da Vinci Code' by Dan Brown (Anchor, 2006), mass market paperback. It includes details like ISBN: 1400079179, Edition: Ill, Number of pages: 496, Publisher: Anchor, and Publication date: 2006-03-28. A blue arrow points to the title 'The Da Vinci Code'. Below it are other results like 'The Da Vinci Code: Special Illustrated Edition: A Novel' and 'Fodor's Guide to The Da Vinci Code: On the Trail of the Bestselling Novel'. A red 'X' icon is visible next to the first result.

If you can't find your book's information in any of the 70+ sources LibraryThing is able to search, you can click on the [add the book manually](#) link at the bottom of the screen to enter the book's information yourself.

Barcode Scanners

If you have a lot of books to add to your catalog, you might want to invest in a barcode scanner to scan in the ISBN barcodes on the back of books. LibraryThing sells a type of scanner called a CueCat (see picture to the right) for \$15, but any scanner that can read ISBN barcodes will work. The CueCat plugs directly into your computer's USB port.



Importing Books

LibraryThing can add multiple books at a time to your catalog by importing them from a saved file or a Web site. LibraryThing looks for ISBNs when importing books, so the file or Web site will have to contain those numbers.

You can import books from various sources by clicking on the [import books](#) link at the bottom of the Add Books page, then choosing one of the following three options:

Click on the Browse... button to import from a saved file.

Upload file

Accepts: TEXT, CSV, XML, HTML, RTF, tab-delimited, etc. 2MB max.

Type the Web address to import from a Web site.

Grab from a webpage

Works: Amazon wish lists, past-orders and Listmania!, Reader2... many others.

Copy and paste text that contains ISBNs.

Paste text (list or source code)

Works: Amazon wish lists, past-orders and Listmania!, Reader2... many others. ([What?](#))

Saved files you can use to import books include TEXT, CSV, HTML, and RTF.

If you want to import your Amazon.com wish list, you will want to make sure you're logged out of your Amazon.com account before accessing your wish list. For more information about importing Amazon.com wish lists and order histories, see the LibraryThing FAQ (found under the [About](#) tab).

LibraryThing can't import all of your books at once, so the ISBNs will go into a queue. You can check the progress by looking at the green box at the bottom of the Import page. If you click on the [clear queue](#) link, that will remove all ISBNs from your queue.

Lookup queue

You have 0 ISBNs in your lookup queue, including 0 failed and 0 active. ([clear queue](#))

No items in queue.

Working with Your Library

After you have added books, you can view your library (all of the books that have been added to your catalog) by clicking on the [Your library](#) tab. You can change how the list of books is organized by clicking on the icons at the top of the list:

Show book information in columns.


The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with 'List view' and 'Cover view' buttons. Below them are 'Display styles' options: A, B, C, D, E, and an '(edit)' link. A search bar and a 'Books' dropdown menu are also visible. The main content area is a table with columns: Title, Author, Date, Tags, Rating, and Shared. The first row shows 'Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life' by Anne Lamott, 1995, with a 4-star rating and 2014/41 shared. The second row shows 'Bloodsucking Fiends: A Love Story' by Christopher Moore, 1996, with a 5-star rating and 931/30 shared. Arrows point to various elements: 'List view' (to show book information in columns), 'Cover view' (to show only covers), 'Display styles' (to choose what information is displayed), and the 'Title' column header (to click on a heading to sort by that column).


HINT: If none of the **A B C D E** options display the exact combination of information you want, click on the **(edit)** link next to them to create a custom display.



Editing Book Information

When you are looking at your list of books, you can edit the book information in each column by double clicking in the box containing what you want to change. After you double click, the box will look like the image to the right. After you make your changes, click on the **Save** button.



You can click on the PowerEdit icon () at the top of the screen to edit multiple books' tags at the same time or delete multiple books.

Alternatively, you can edit all of a book's information, change covers, and add your own book reviews by clicking on the  icon at the right hand side of each row.

Click on the  or  icon at the right hand side of each row to see a book's "social information," including other LibraryThing users' ratings, reviews, tags, and discussions about the book. The yellow speech bubble indicates that there are reviews for the book. The numbers underneath the icon tell you how many people have the book in their library (the first number) and the number of reviews (the second number).

Clicking on the  icon will allow you to see all of a book's information.

Tags

Tags, or words or phrases that you assign to each book, are optional but can be a very handy, flexible way to categorize your books. The most important thing to remember about tags is that they are personal; they don't have to make sense to anyone but you. Tags can be any words or phrases. If entering more than one for a book, separate tags with commas. Some common types and examples are listed here:

- **Tags that describe type or genre**—non-fiction, poetry, fantasy, historical fiction, psychological thriller
- **Tags that describe content, characters, or setting**—Harry Potter, religion, pirates, World War II, 1800s, ancient Egypt, London
- **Tags that describe physical characteristics or location**—coffee table book, blue, textbook, boxed up, office, chewed by dog
- **Tags that describe status**—unread, borrowed from library, lent to sister, purchased, own, wishlist

Once your books are tagged, you can select one tag and see just the books with that tag. So you can see just your non-fiction books, or your books about dogs, or just the books you lent to your best friend or borrowed from the library or keep at your office. See lists of your tags by clicking on the [Tags](#) tab at the top of the screen.

Searching LibraryThing

There are several ways to search LibraryThing. Start by clicking on the [Search](#) tab at the top of the screen, then type in your keywords for the various searches:

Search your library

Your library

[\(advanced tips\)](#)

Search within your catalog for certain titles, authors (to find all of your books by an author), or tags (to find all of your books that have a certain tag).

Site search

Works

Authors

Tags

Search for books by tags (not just yours, but all users' tags). Also find related tags.

Search for a specific book or author.

Talk messages

Groups

Members

User locations

"Also On"



On

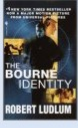
Search for a discussion or a discussion group.

Search for other users by name or location.

Search for users who use other Web sites.

Book Pages

When you do a search for a book, you will see the book's "social information" page (the same page you see when you click on the  or  icon when viewing your library).



The Bourne identity

by **Robert Ludlum**

tags | recommendations | reviews (11) | member ratings | members (1,229) | elsewhere

Tags used to describe the book

1 2002 **action** action/adventure **adventure** american **amnesia** assassins Bookmooch Bourne Bourne Trilogy cia cold war conspiracy crime drama **espionage** Europe **fiction** film intelligence intrigue **jason bourne** library literature **ludlum** memory movies **mystery** Mystery/Suspense mystery/thriller **novel** OWN paper paperback Read **Robert Ludlum** series **spy** **spy thriller** spy vs spy **suspense** tbr **thriller** unread want to read


(show numbers|show all tags)


From LibraryThing's recommendations machine (see all recommendations)

- The Bourne Ultimatum by Robert Ludlum
- The Bourne Supremacy by Robert Ludlum
- Robert Ludlum's Jason Bourne in The Bourne Legacy : a novel by Eric Van Lustbader
- Patriot Games by Tom Clancy
- The Sum of All Fears by Tom Clancy
- The Day of the Jackal by Frederick Forsyth
- The Firm by John Grisham
- The Pelican Brief by John Grisham
- Timeline by Michael Crichton
- The Odessa File by Frederick Forsyth
- The Eagle Has Landed by Jack Higgins
- Eye of the Needle by Ken Follett
- Robert Ludlum's The Moscow Vector by Patrick Larkin
- Congo by Michael Crichton
- Raise the Titanic! by Clive Cussler
- McNally's Luck by Lawrence Sanders
- The Key to Rebecca by Ken Follett
- The First Deadly Sin by Lawrence Sanders
- Angels & Demons by Dan Brown
- The Spy Who Came in from the Cold by John Le Carre

See the *LibraryThing Unsuggester* for really bad recommendations.

Member reviews

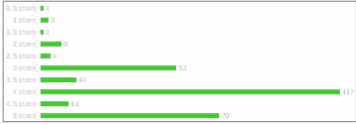
Great book! The film is so far removed from the book that the two shouldn't share the same name. (★★★★★)
aaaron_t_hanson | May 23, 2007 |  **flag**

This book is a fantastic read and should definitely be picked up by any espionage enthusiast out there. It is much better than the movie, and I thought the film was good.
Bookalicious | May 16, 2007 |  **flag**

Robert Ludlum is still one of the masters, despite his death. His books are still relevant even after all of this time, most of them at least. (★★★★½)

(Show all 11 reviews)

Member rating: ★★★★★ (3.92)



Rating	Count
0.5 stars	0
1 star	0
1.5 stars	0
2 stars	0
2.5 stars	0
3 stars	0
3.5 stars	1
4 stars	11
4.5 stars	0
5 stars	0

Members who have the book

1,229 members have the book in their library. There are 909 books more popular.


(Show all members)


Elsewhere on the Web

Wikipedia

- 1980 in literature
- Cain
- (disambiguation)
- Carlos the Jackal
- Cheshire Academy
- Delta
- Jason Bourne
- NATO phonetic alphabet
- Robert Ludlum
- Template:Jason Bourne
- The Bourne Identity
- The Bourne Identity (film)
- Thriller (genre)
- War novel
- Wesleyan University people

To the left is an example. You can see the tags others have used to categorize the book, reading recommendations for if you like the book, reviews written by other users, ratings assigned to the book by other users, the number of members who have the book in their catalogs and their names, and links to Web sites like Wikipedia that have information related to the book.

If you click on the  **Conversations** link in the upper right hand corner of the page, you can read and participate in any discussions about the book.

If you want to add the book to your catalog, click the  **Add to your catalog** link.

Author Pages

When you do a search for an author, you will see the author's "social information" page. Below is an example.

Author: Stephen King

Also known as: [Richard Bachman](#), [Stephen Bachman](#), [Richard alias King](#), [Richard King](#) [Stephen as Bachman](#), [Stephen King \(Richard Bachman\)](#), [Richard Bachman \(pseudonimo De Stephen King\)](#), [Stephen King/Richard Bauchman](#), [King-S ...](#) (see complete list)

10,422 LibraryThing users own 68,716 books by Stephen King.


Books by Stephen King (combine/separate works)

On writing : a memoir of the craft 3065 copies, 57 reviews
The gunslinger 2859 copies, 33 reviews
The shining 2621 copies, 28 reviews
It 2467 copies, 33 reviews
The drawing of the three 2435 copies, 20 reviews
Wizard and glass /Stephen King 2158 copies, 19 reviews
The waste lands 2086 copies, 12 reviews
'Salem's lot 2005 copies, 22 reviews
The stand 1980 copies, 15 reviews
The dark tower 1935 copies, 29 reviews
The stand : the complete & uncut edition 1873 copies, 30 reviews
Wolves of the Calla 1849 copies, 15 reviews
Cell : a novel 1845 copies, 56 reviews
Bag of bones 1833 copies, 22 reviews
Misery 1810 copies, 15 reviews
Insomnia 1747 copies, 12 reviews
Pet sematary 1734 copies, 18 reviews
(see all 341 books)

Conversations

 There are 1199 conversations about Stephen King's books.

Member ratings

Average:  (3.81)



Stars	Count
0.5 stars	150
1.5 stars	426
2.5 stars	56
3.5 stars	1333
4.5 stars	104
5.5 stars	6712
6.5 stars	1042
7.5 stars	6670
8.5 stars	710
9.5 stars	1083

Users with books by Stephen King

[ashamel](#) (138), [haushinka](#) (131), [Travint](#) (100), [SpacemanSpiff](#) (94), [stefferto](#) (82), [AzViaTx](#) (73), [tyranist](#) (71), [goldenmoon](#) (69), [shearrob](#) (69), [epuedanlq](#) (68), [hero120499](#) (68), [loquitur](#) (72), [sxh36](#) (72), [kemunrex](#) (71), [MichWasHere](#) (71), [angrystarlyt](#) (64), [SonofDad](#) (64), [auntbeast](#) (63), [drobichaud](#) (63), [TracyatBN](#) (63) — see all users

Search for authors

Related tags

[show numbers](#)

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Non-fiction [NOVEL own Owned paperback](#)
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[speculative fiction](#) [stephen king](#)
[supernatural suspense tbr](#) [thriller unread](#)
[vampires western](#) [writing](#)

Links

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Favorites

141 members: [6thboro](#), [alanahawk](#), [alatebloomer](#), [amancine](#), [aplomb1](#), [Arwenya](#), [ashes](#), [baffiebabe](#), [beeg](#), [biblibeck](#), [BigRefT](#), [bish322](#), [bluehwys](#), [boeflak](#), [bookladykm](#), [Bookmarque](#), [brewergirl](#), [BrigidsBlest](#), [BunnyCates](#), [CandiBelle](#), [CassianoFeanor](#), [odyankeefan](#), [cherrysodasiren](#), [chiefsgirl](#), [writestuff](#)

(add to your favorites)

Also known as?

This entry includes...

[Stephen King](#)
[Richard Bachman \(separate\)](#)
[Stephen Bachman, Richard alias King \(separate\)](#)
[Richard King Stephen as Bachman \(separate\)](#)
[Stephen King \(Richard Bachman\) \(separate\)](#)
[Richard Bachman \(pseudonimo De Stephen King\) \(separate\)](#)
[Stephen King/Richard Bauchman \(separate\)](#)


Is this you?

If you're an author, consider becoming an official LibraryThing Author.

Fun author links

[Author cloud](#)
[Your author cloud](#)
[Author Zeitgeist](#)
[Your author gallery](#)
[Recently added author photos](#)
[LibraryThing Authors](#)

You can see other names for the author, a selection of his or her books, average ratings for the author's books, and users who have books by the author in their catalogs. In the green boxes on the right, you'll find the most popular tags used to describe the author's books, links to author Web sites, and users who have the author in their favorites. Click on the [\(add to your favorites\)](#) link to add the author to yours.

Click on the  [There are 1199 conversations about Stephen King's books.](#) link to see conversations LibraryThing users have had about the author and the author's books.

Getting Suggestions

LibraryThing can give you reading suggestions based on one book you enjoyed or based on your entire library. It can also give you “unsuggestions,” or books you probably won’t like based on the books in your catalog. To get suggestions, click on the [Suggestions](#) tab at the top of the screen. The Suggestions page looks like this:

LibrarySuggester (formerly Pssst!)
powered by LibraryThing

People with your books also have: [fiction](#) / [non-fiction books](#)
Similarly-tagged books: [fiction](#) / [non-fiction](#)
Special-sauce recommendations: [fiction](#) / [non-fiction NEW!](#)
Most popular books you don't have: [fiction](#) / [non-fiction](#)

BookSuggester
powered by LibraryThing

I own or have read ...

UnSuggester
powered by LibraryThing


I own or have read ...

LibrarySuggester takes your entire catalog into account. The LibrarySuggester links, split up into fiction and non-fiction, provide recommendations for books based on what other users who have some of your books also own, what books have similar tags to your books, and what books are popular. There is also a “special-sauce recommendations” option, and it provides suggestions based on...well, it’s a secret!

BookSuggester is used to find reading suggestions based on one book you own or have read. The recommended books are broken up into several categories: books others who have your book also have, books with similar tags, books with similar library subjects, and even book recommendations from Amazon.com. In the example to the right, BookSuggester produced a list of books with similar tags to Erik Larson’s *The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America*.

UnSuggester gives bad suggestions. The list is created by comparing LibraryThing users’ catalogs that contain the book with catalogs that don’t contain the book. The theory is that if a book is unlikely to be in a library containing the book you like, you probably won’t like it.

L Books with similar tags

1. [The Chicago World's Fair of 1893 : a photographic record, photos from the collections of the Avery Library of Columbia U](#) by Stanley Appelbaum (suggestions) 
2. [Darkly dreaming Dexter : a novel](#) by Jeff Lindsay (suggestions)
3. [City of the century : the epic of Chicago and the making of America](#) by Donald L. Miller (suggestions)
4. [Fair weather : a novel](#) by Richard Peck (suggestions)
5. [Helter skelter: the true story of the Manson murders](#) by Vincent Bugliosi (suggestions)
6. [Portrait of a killer : Jack the Ripper - case closed](#) by Patricia Cornwell (suggestions)

Connecting with Others

LibraryThing has online forums (or discussion boards) that allow you to communicate with other LibraryThing users about books, authors, and the LibraryThing Web site. If you have questions about how to do something in LibraryThing, you can ask for help in the forums.



To see the wide variety of topics that are being discussed, click on the **Talk** tab at the top of the screen. To read a discussion, click on the topic's title. If you want to start a discussion, click on the **Post a new topic** link on the left hand side of the page. You can also do a keyword search for discussions on a certain book or author or topic using the Search Talk box on the left hand side of the page.

Groups

The Talk page shows discussions that take place within groups. Click on the **Groups** tab at the top of the screen to see a list of standing groups, which were created by the people in charge of LibraryThing, as well as lists of user-created groups with the most members, most active groups, and new groups.

You can search for groups using the yellow search box on the right hand side of the page. If you would like to create a new group, click on the **Create a new group** link on the right hand side of the page. You can create either a public or a private group. You might want to create a group for your household, your family members, your friends, a book club, or even a city or other location.

To see a group's profile and discussions, just click on the group name. Below is an example for the Travel and Exploration Literature group:

Travel and Exploration literature

Description: Travel literature, Outdoor literature, Nature literature, Exploration accounts .. this is a group for discussing far off places and exotic faces.

Most recent members: Jyotimitra, ladygata, KoobieKitten, Sassm, lloving, June, jfac, paulproton, gregmills, cloudy_day, Syd1953, perilous, Jgoodyer, smonkey, odeb, barrowa, tropics, mswindupbird, dinosaur_renaissance, gigih, twacorbies, karenward, yodaBaby, citizenkelly, Massagewallah, Condor, Wildsith, Xenaballerina, mdwilliams, JSealy — 259 total

Member library: 159,569 books

Most commonly shared books (weighted): *Travels with a tangerine : from Morocco to Turkey in the foot...* by Tim Mackintosh-Smith (18), *A walk in the woods : rediscovering America on the Appalachia...* by Bill Bryson (45), 1984 by George Orwell (70), *In a sunburned country* by Bill Bryson (38), *Reading Lolita in Tehran : a memoir in books* by Azar Nafisi (45), *Notes from a small island* by Bill Bryson (39), *Pride and prejudice* by Jane Austen (67), *Seven years in Tibet* by Heinrich Harrer (23), *The name of the rose* by Umberto Eco (51), *The happy isles of Oceania : paddling the Pacific* by Paul Theroux (21)

Created: Jul 25, 2006 by Stbalbach; **Language:** English

Group Talk

Post a new topic

Discussions in the group's forum.

Topics	unread/messages	Last message
Travel and Exploration literature Message Board	72 unread / 72	Seajack, Today 10:56am
Non Travel books that have made you want to visit a place	36 unread / 36	myselves, Sunday 8:30pm
South America	17 unread / 17	Condor, June 26
Paddy's dictionary	16 unread / 16	desultory, March 29
the New Seven Wonders of the World	2 unread / 2	FranklyMyDarling, February 10
Exploration accounts in translation	2 unread / 2	myselves, January 21
2006 books read plus TBR's	6 unread / 6	Seajack, January 19

What the group is about.

New members.

Books members share.

Search the group's discussions.

Search

Join this group

Watch this group

Recommend this group

Search group members' libraries

Search Books

Subscribe with RSS.

RSS Feeds

Recent messages

Recent members

Recent books added

Recent groups created

Groups on LibraryThing

Groups home

Complete list

Create a new group

Search for groups

Search

Groups you belong to.

Historical Fiction

What Are You Reading Now?

Other features

(Ignore this group)

To join a group, click on the **+** **Join this group** link in the yellow box on the right. After you join, you will see a link to leave: **Leave this group.**

To keep track of a group without actually joining it, click on the second link: **Watch this group.**


Recommend a group to another user by clicking on the third link: **Recommend this group.**

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Inviting People to LibraryThing

After you start using LibraryThing, you might want to see what books your friends or family members would include in their catalogs. You can invite someone to check out LibraryThing from your profile. Click on the [Your profile](#) tab to go there.



Clicking on the  [Invite friends to LibraryThing](#) link in your profile's upper right hand corner will take you to a form that you can fill out to invite friends and family to view your catalog and join LibraryThing themselves. After you fill out the form, LibraryThing will send them an email with links to your catalog and profile, as well as a link to join LibraryThing. You can also buy gift memberships to LibraryThing for others.

HINT: If you just want to share your catalog without inviting people to use LibraryThing themselves, you can copy your catalog's Web address from your profile and include it in an email or write it down for others.

Other Social Cataloging Web Sites

There are a number of social cataloging Web sites designed for various types of items—books, music, movies, and more. You may find that some fit your needs better than others. In addition to LibraryThing, these are some popular options:

Books

- BiblioPhil – <http://www.bibliophil.org>
- Shelfari – <http://www.shelfari.com>
- Goodreads – <http://www.goodreads.com>

Movies

- DVD Spot – <http://www.dvdspot.com>
- DVD Aficionado – <http://www.dvdaf.com>
- I Heart Movies – <http://www.iheartmovies.org>

Music

- Rate Your Music – <http://rateyourmusic.com>
- Recordnerd – <http://www.recordnerd.com>

Miscellaneous

- The Comic Book Database – <http://www.comicbookdb.com>
- GuruLib – <http://www.gurulib.com> (books, music, movies, games, software)
- Listal – <http://www.listal.com> (books, music, movies, TV shows, games)