



## Gutenberg Project

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The Gutenberg Project is a full-text searchable, downloadable archive of out-of-copyright books. To search within the books, first click on the **Catalog**, on the left hand side of screen. From the catalog page, click **Advanced Search**. When searching Gutenberg:

- put in an author last name, if known
- use only one or two words in the full-text field. It is unable to handle too many search terms.

When you get results:

- look at the “context” button before you open the whole text. This lets you tell if the result is the one you want
- if the “context” search is not conclusive, you can open the text, then under the “Edit” menu on the browser, choose “Find on this page” and enter a keyword from the original search

## LitFinder

(available only in the library)

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This database includes detailed citations and some full text poetry, essays, short stories, and plays—but it is strongest in poetry. Results give author, title, and date, as well as a listing of books in which the work can be found. When using LitFinder for quotation searching:

- don’t bother with the regular search, go straight to **Advanced Search** and let its functions guide you
- leave out quotation marks—they confuse the search interface

When you get your result list:

- note that the first five results are displayed automatically: you must click on **View all matches** to see the rest of the results
- when you click on a hit, you may also see links to further information on the author or the poem, or to the full text

## New York Times

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This is actually two databases, one covering the years 1851-2001 with full-page images of the pages of the newspaper. The second covers 1999-present with text only. *The New York Times* is not a “quotation source” per se, but almost everything of public note in New York history (and much other history as well) has been mentioned in its pages. To make best use of the Times for quotation searching, use the “General Search Strategies” on the previous page. If you think you know who said it, add that name to your search as well.

## Google

[www.google.com](http://www.google.com)

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Sometimes you just have to widen your search with a general web query. For best results with Google, use the “General Search Strategies” on the other side of this page, and double-check any source you find. For example, if you find a web site claiming a quote comes from Mark Twain in *Roughing It*, go to [www.gutenberg.org](http://www.gutenberg.org) and use the instructions above to confirm the citation.

### Answers to sample searches:

“The blue and bright-eyed floweret of the brook/Hope’s gentle gem, the sweet Forget-me-not”

—Samuel Taylor Coleridge, “True Love,” from *The Keep-Sake*. Found using LitFinder.

“The child is father of the man”

—William Wordsworth, “The Rainbow,” also known as “My Heart Leaps Up.” Found using Bartleby.