

Past Masters

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and/or translation, including unpublished works, articles and essays, reviews and correspondence.

In this task, you will navigate through the subject and author menus and expand full-text. You will also practice searching for topics or quotations from individual authors or groups of authors and mapping the results.

- ✚ Connect to Databases A-Z (<https://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/az.php>)
- ✚ Search for **Past Masters**.
- ✚ Click on the link for Past Masters and enter the database
- ✚ To note: a search on SOLO for the author of your choice e.g. **Past Masters Descartes** should take you directly to that author.
- ✚ In the Subject menu, select **British Philosophy**.
 - Click on **Wittgenstein Collected Works**
 - Scroll down the contents list on the left panel and click on **Philosophical Investigations**
 - Click on the ☒ to expand the **Front matter** and read the details of the printed text
 - Click on the ☒ to expand **Philosophical Investigations and Part II**
 - Click on any chapter to scroll through the text
 - Jump to a later chapter
 - Export a citation. To do so, click on the "Export a Citation" button located under the Search box in the top left corner of the screen.
 - Return to **Titles** list
- ✚ A feature of Past Masters is the bundling of some authors together, so that the individuals do not appear independently in the **Titles** List
- ✚ Explore either **The Romantic Age** or **British Philosophy 1600-1800** to see which authors are obscured in this way.

Searching with Past Masters: matching a quotation

- ✚ Click on **Search** and insert into the simple search box "**Women who read, much more women who write**"
 - Click through the link to see the full quotation
 - Scroll up to see the provenance and read the context.

SKILLS Toolkit

Proximity Searching

- From the Search tab at the top, enter **utility principle** in the search box and set the range to 5 words, and search.



- Scroll down to view the results and click through to the full text

Advanced Searching

- Search for **mind body**
- Limit proximity to within **1 word of**
- Using the “Search these Titles” drop-down menu, select Continental Rationalists, The (confusingly filed at the start of K, alphabetically), and Locke-Berkeley-Hume, to search just these philosophers’ works.



- View results.

