Learned About Searching Databases
- Limiters don’t always work
- Different databases may = different results
- Which search terms to use –
  - Key word: “book review” “isbn”
  - Subject: “Books—Reviews” “Book
- Publishers search engines usually more cumbersome than databases

Learned About Publication
- Many journals stopped publishing book reviews in the mid 2000s
- Can be years without any reviews published
- Very few publish regularly
- Few include Websites or a/v

Learned About the Reviews
- Length may vary
- Recommend or not
- Most signed
- Timeliness may vary

Journal Sample from Journal Citation Reports (JCR) /
Those with Book Reviews
- 79 out of 246 titles searched *

Fisheries -- 9 out of 46 titles
Limnology – 1 out of 18 titles
Marine and Freshwater Biology – 35 out of 93 titles
Oceanography – 11 out of 59 titles
Water Resources – 31 out of 76 titles
* 8 journals are covered in more than one category

Years Book Reviews Appeared in Individual Journal Titles 2006-2012

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