Finding theses in [iDiscover](#)
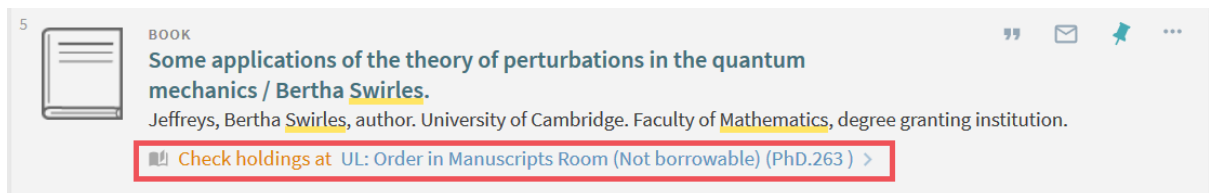
1. Finding theses by author's name

- Change 'All Libraries/Collections' to 'Books' in the drop-down section of the search bar.

- Type author's name and department keyword, press 'Return' or click on

- The result you want will say 'Order in Manuscripts Reading Room (Not borrowable) (PhD…)

Troubleshooting

- Because Cambridge theses are classed as books in iDiscover not all the results you get will be theses.
- If you cannot find the thesis you want in the catalogue please ask at the Manuscripts Reading Room service desk or email mss@lib.cam.ac.uk
- Recently completed theses may be uncatalogued but will be available for consultation if they have been deposited in the University Library by Student Registry.
- Theses approved before 1970 are being added to the catalogue but many are still only listed in a card catalogue in the Manuscripts Reading Room.

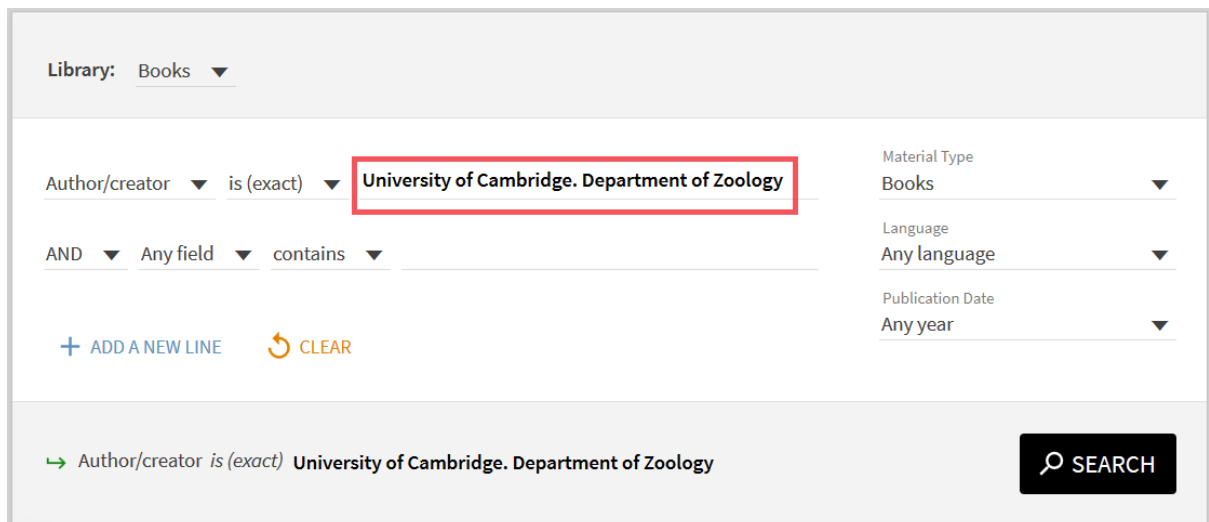## 2. Browsing for theses by subject

- Select the 'ADVANCED SEARCH' option.

- Change 'All Libraries/Collections' to 'Books, 'Any field' to 'Author/creator', and 'contains' to 'is (exact)'.

- Type in the relevant faculty or department for your subject area and click on

- You can also do a simple search, but this may result in more hits.

- You can then refine your results using the drop-down lists.

Refine my results

Sort by   Relevance ▾

Library ∧

Biochemistry: Colman Li… (2)

Christ's College (2)

Churchill College (2)

Fitzwilliam College (2)

Genetics Library (9)

Gonville & Caius College (2)

Homerton College (1)

Moore Library (1)

Murray Edwards College:… (1)

Peterhouse (1)

Plant Sciences Library (2)

Queens' College (4)

St. John's College (1)

Trinity College (2)

University Library (780)

Zoology: Balfour & Ne… (218)

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- Because Cambridge theses are classed as books in iDiscover not all the results you get will be theses.
- Keywords can help narrow down your search, providing the keyword appears somewhere in the catalogue record!
- Cambridge department and faculty names have changed occasionally over the years and some are not catalogued in the form of 'University of Cambridge. Department…'. A list of departments, faculties and affiliated institutions listed in the 'Author/creator' field can be found [here](#).