

Finding books and ebooks in iDiscover

1. You can choose to search within iDiscover using one of the three options by selecting a radio button at the top of the screen:

- **Cambridge Libraries Collections:** books (printed and electronic), other physical library content and Apollo, the Cambridge institutional repository.
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- **Search everything:** All of the resources covered by the Cambridge Libraries Collections and Articles and online resources searches

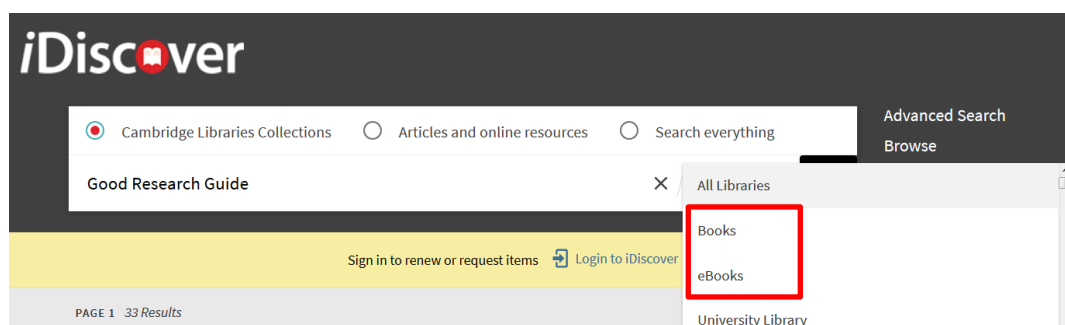


2. Finding books

- You can search for books and ebooks using the title, author, ISBN or a keyword.
- Enter your search term in the simple search box. For example, *Good Research Guide*:








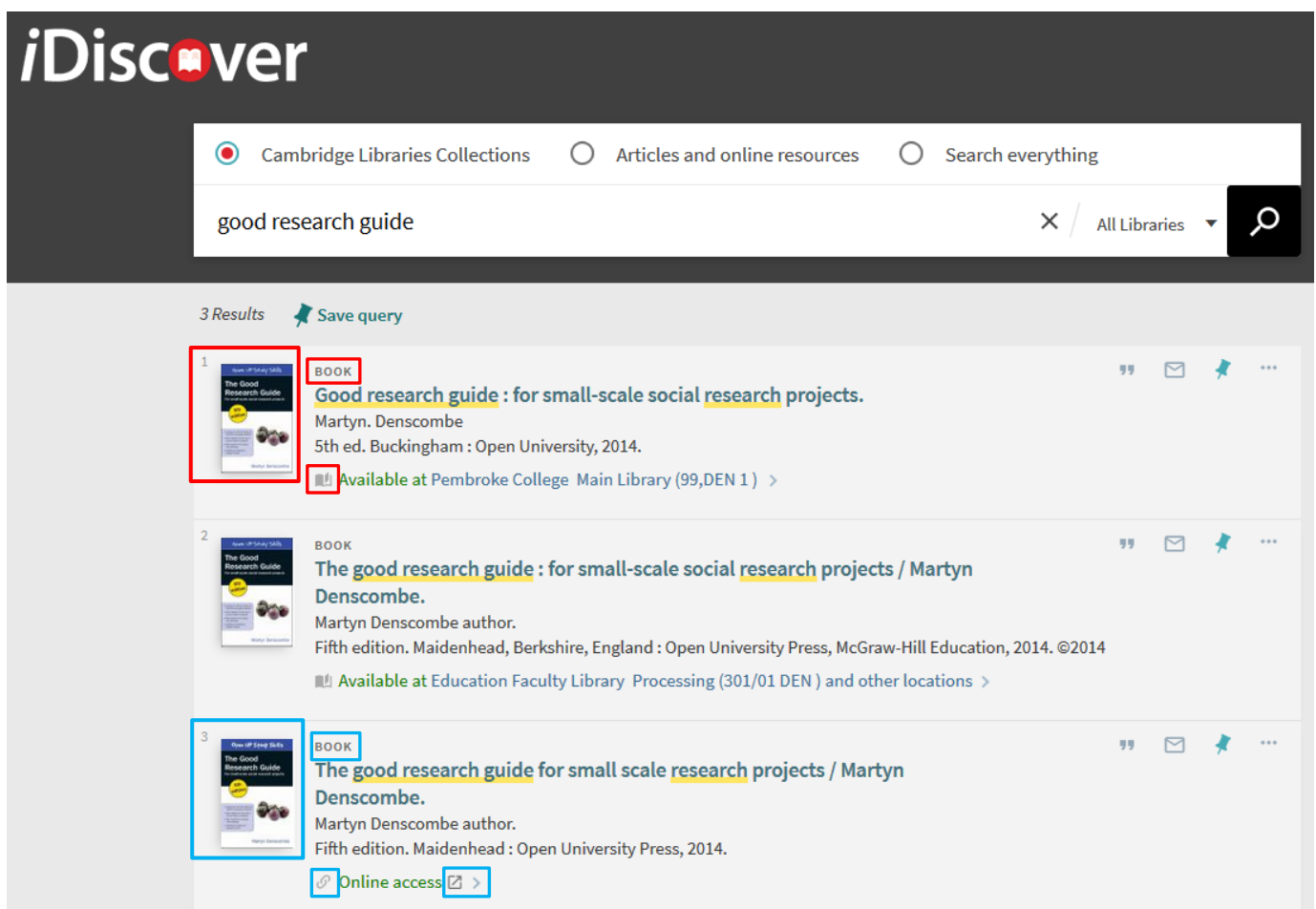
- To further refine your search to ebooks or print books, select the 'Books' (for printed books) or 'eBooks' (electronic books) option from the dropdown to the left of the search box:



Tips:

- Use “...” around your search terms to focus the search to the exact title. This will bring up more relevant results.
- Click on the library drop down to search from a specific library.

- **Book** records will show the word ‘BOOK’ in the results list and will have a book cover image (or a  icon when no cover image is available). Availability information will display next to the  logo.
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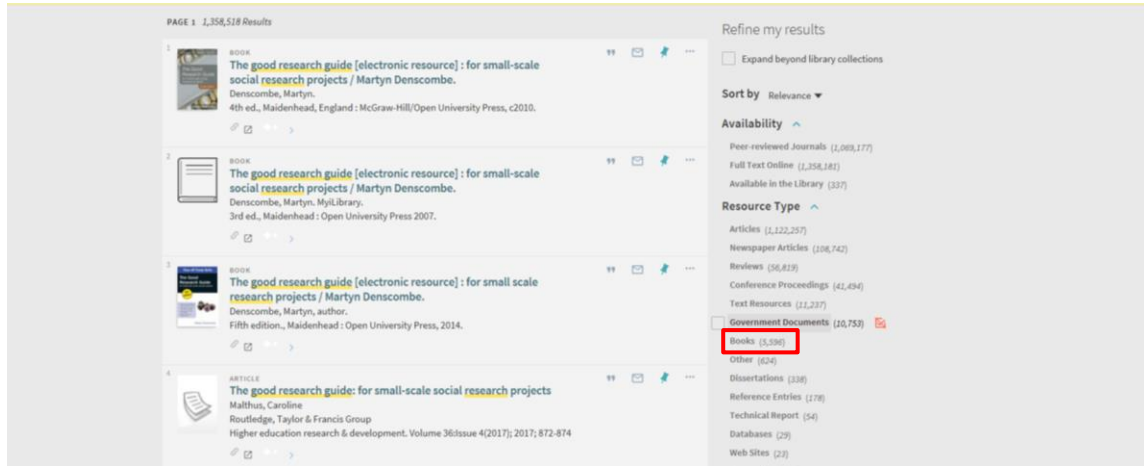
The screenshot shows the iDiscover search interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "good research guide" and a search button. Below the search bar, there are three radio buttons for search scope: "Cambridge Libraries Collections" (selected), "Articles and online resources", and "Search everything".

The search results are displayed in a list. The first result is highlighted with a red box. It shows a book cover image, the word "BOOK" in a red box, the title "Good research guide : for small-scale social research projects.", the author "Martyn. Denscombe", and the edition "5th ed. Buckingham : Open University, 2014." Below the title, there is a green box containing the text "Available at Pembroke College Main Library (99,DEN 1) >".

The second result is also highlighted with a red box. It shows a book cover image, the word "BOOK" in a red box, the title "The good research guide : for small-scale social research projects / Martyn Denscombe.", the author "Martyn Denscombe author.", and the edition "Fifth edition. Maidenhead, Berkshire, England : Open University Press, McGraw-Hill Education, 2014. ©2014". Below the title, there is a green box containing the text "Available at Education Faculty Library Processing (301/01 DEN) and other locations >".

The third result is highlighted with a blue box. It shows a book cover image, the word "BOOK" in a blue box, the title "The good research guide for small scale research projects / Martyn Denscombe.", the author "Martyn Denscombe author.", and the edition "Fifth edition. Maidenhead : Open University Press, 2014." Below the title, there is a blue box containing the text "Online access >".

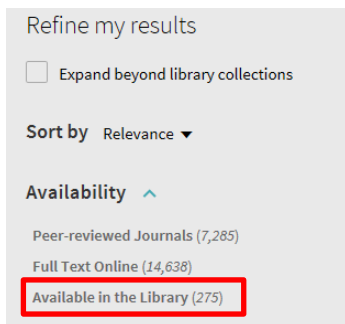
- Click on a book title to view more details and options to obtain/access the book content.
- You can narrow your search to view only books (both print and electronic) in the results by clicking on the 'Books' option in the 'Resource Type' filter:



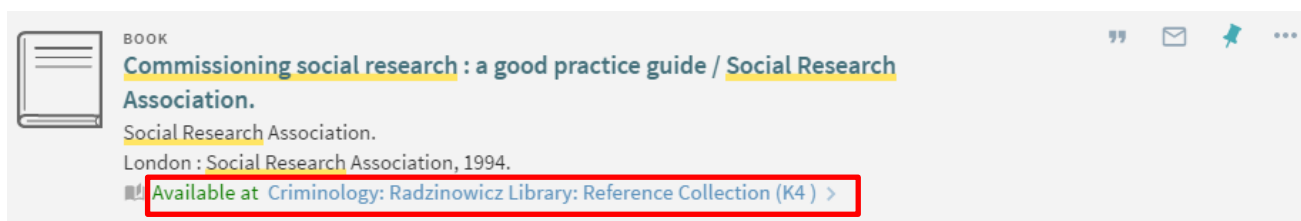
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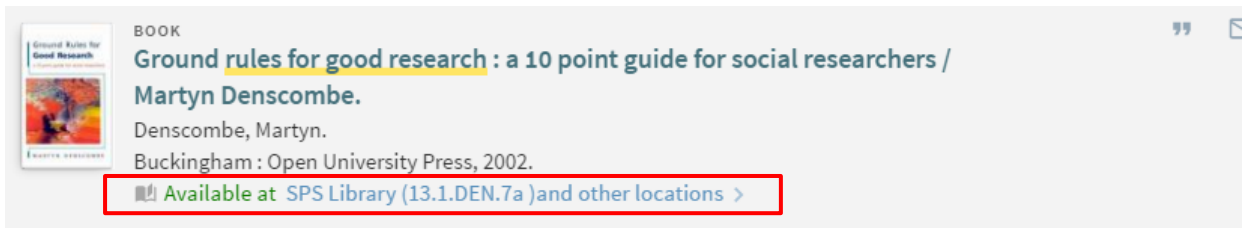
- Use the 'Availability' filter to select 'Available in the library'. Then select 'books' in the 'Resource type' filter (if you haven't already). This search will only retrieve results which are available in print:



A print book record will show the location and classmark. You will see 'Check holdings at' or 'Available at':



- Click on the 'Check holdings at' or 'Available at' link to see which libraries have the book and further details ('and other locations' means there are several locations where this book is held. Click this link to see a list of the libraries with this book):






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Martyn Denscombe.

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4. Accessing ebook content

- Use the 'Availability' filter to select 'Full text online'. Then select 'books' in the 'Resource type' filter (if you haven't already). This search will retrieve only electronic books within your results.
- An ebook record will have the following icons  ...  > in the record details (e.g. [Online access](#)  >)
- Hover your cursor over the 'Online access' link to view the information box relating to this resource.



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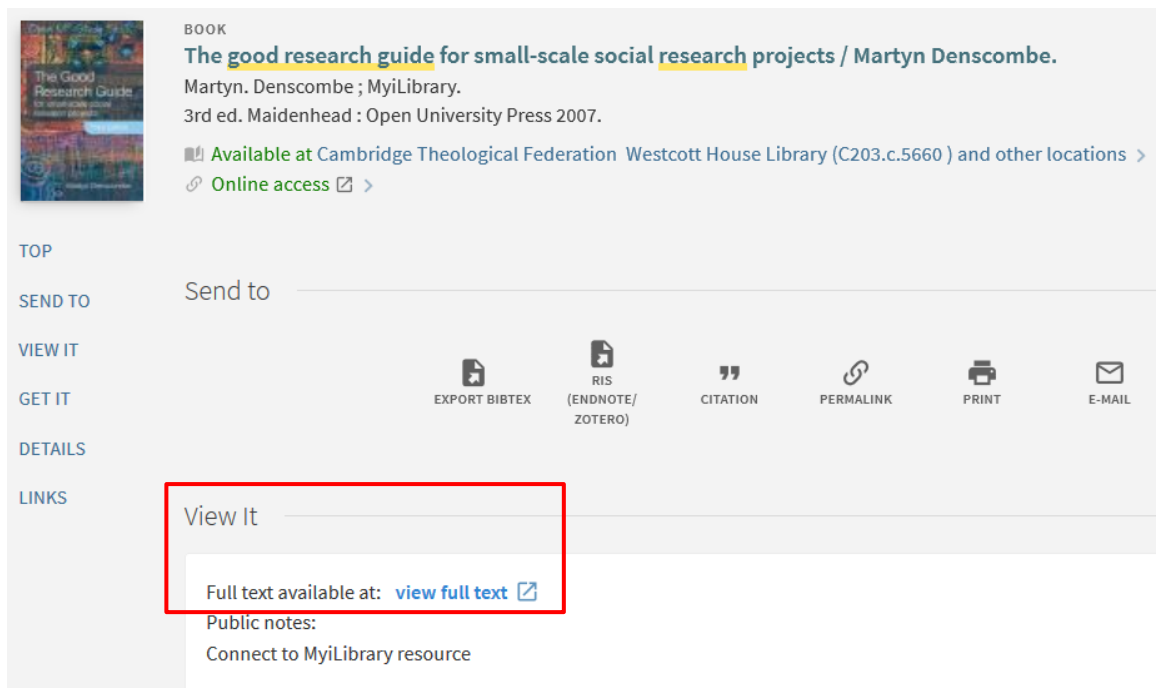
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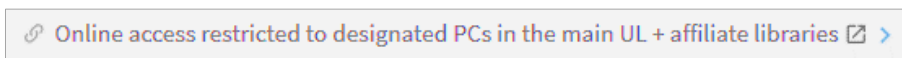


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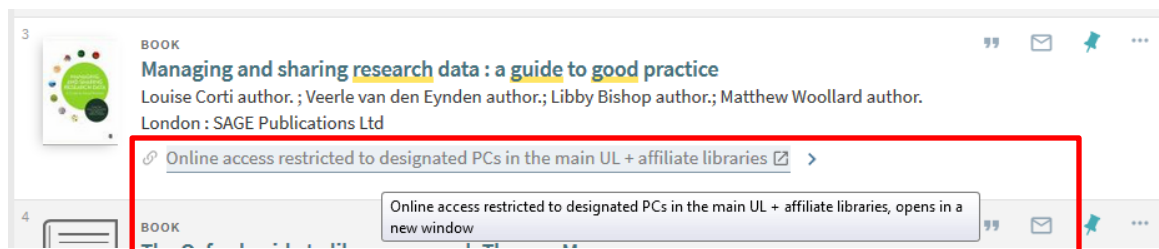
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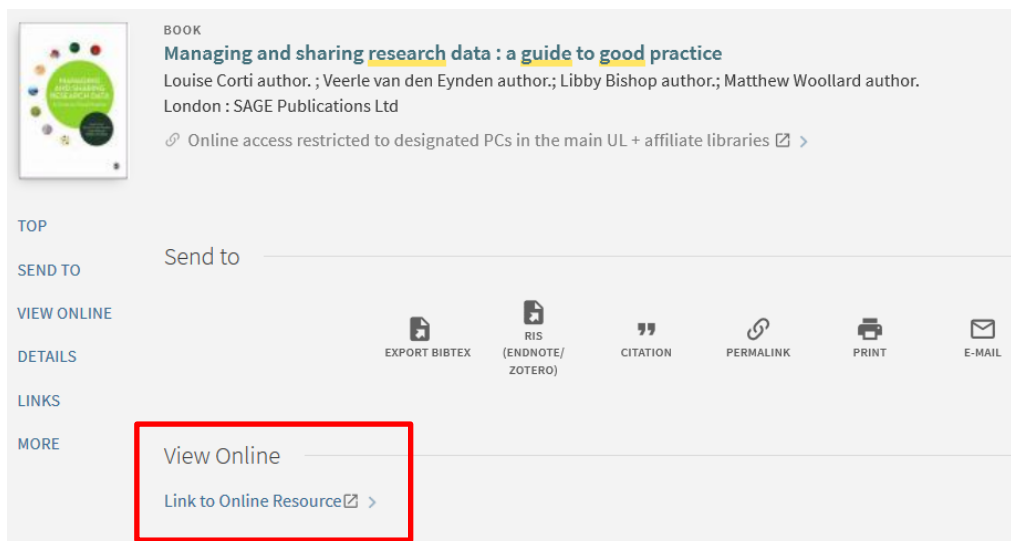
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