Google Books Advanced – The Details

Important Google Books facts:

- **Google Books Advanced** has digitized over 30 million volumes (mostly books).

- Any book published before 1923 (the first year of U.S. copyright) – is in the public domain – and can be viewed in its entirety. [You can view all the pages of books published before 1923]

- **Google Books** will allow you to view a portion (partial view) of many books published after 1923.

- Due to ongoing copyright questions – and the fact that **Google Books** hasn’t finished scanning all the world’s books – **many books in Google Books** are still not available for viewing – while other books found in **Google Books** display only a sample sentence or two (Snippet View).

- The **Google Books** project has been controversial. Authors, publishers, and their lawyers have been fighting **Google Books** in court for more than a decade – but so far circuit court judges have ruled in favor of Google. This makes some authors, publishers, and their lawyers very mad.

- **Google Books** links the scanned books to publishers and book sellers such as Amazon which results in people finding and buying books that otherwise would never have been purchased. This makes some authors, publishers, and Amazon very happy.

- **Google Books** links the scanned books to **WorldCat** (the giant library catalog made up of all library catalogs). This allows researchers to see if the entire book is in their library or a nearby library – AND – **WorldCat** provides APA, MLA, and Chicago style citations. This makes students, professors, and librarians very happy.

- If you are studying historic events that happened before 1923, **Google Books Advanced** is an essential resource.

- If you are working on current events and modern ideas **Google Books Advanced** is also extremely useful. Even though only portions of any one book are available, with over 30 million books to choose from, you are almost sure to find many pages, from many books, that provide you with the information you’re looking for.