

## Author Search

Author searching in Orbis enables you to locate materials by the name of authors, editors, composers, translators, arrangers, illustrators, and other people associated with a title. Authors can also be organizations, institutions, governments, government bodies, or the names of symposia.

- Search limits are not available for Author searches.
- Boolean operators (and, or, not) do not function in Author (sorted by name) searches.
- Results are displayed in a Search Results List and may be browsed, forward and backward.
- You may also wish to try Author (Sorted by Title) when searching for works by prolific authors or composers, such as Shakespeare or Mozart.

Note:

If you are looking for materials about someone (real or fictional) or about a government body, company, or organization, use the Subject search option.

### Personal author/creator

- Enter the author or creator's last name first, followed by the first name. A comma is not necessary. e.g., verdi giuseppe
- If you are uncertain of the spelling of the last name, enter as much as you know, and omit first names: niet for *nietzsche friedrich wilhelm*
- Retain the hyphen in a hyphenated name: levi-strauss
- For names with connectives (van, von, der), follow the conventions of the person's country or language: le court victor de

### Group authors/creators (government agencies, organizations, conferences)

- As with individual authors, type or enter enough of the name to distinguish it.
- In many instances, department is abbreviated to dept; search using both forms to ensure that all relevant records are retrieved.
- Search hierarchical names in full descending order: catholic church diocese of arras
- Search both acronyms and full names to retrieve all relevant catalog records. Search apa as well as american psychological association.
- Proceedings of conferences, meetings, etc. can be found by searching on the full name of the conference: national symposium on wetlands

### Author Search Examples

<i>Name type . . .</i>	<i>Search Example . . .</i>
personal name	austen jane naipaul v s
compound last name	dos passos john
government agency	united states internal revenue service
organization	john f kennedy center for the performing arts
company	oxford university press
conference	conference on chinese myth and legend

## Author Search

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### Alternative Search Options

If you do not find what you are looking for using an Author (lastname firstname) search, try a [Basic search](#) [1] or an [Advanced search](#) [2] and type in whatever information you know. For example, if you do not know the specific name of a conference, try a Basic Keyword search using what you do know (e.g., part of the name of the conference, location, and date:peace and paris and 1920).

**Source URL:** <https://web.library.yale.edu/help/orbis/searchAuthor.html>

### Links

[1] <http://orbis.library.yale.edu/vwebv/searchBasic>

[2] <http://orbis.library.yale.edu/vwebv/searchAdvanced>