

How to Navigate the BookWeaver.co.uk Website

A short tutorial

Think of our BookWeaver.co.uk online bookstore as a bookshop that you can go into and either browse the shelves in the sections that you are interested in, or go and ask the assistant to point out where books on a particular subject are kept.

Let's look at how you can browse the 'virtual bookshelves' first.



Down the left hand side of the screen you'll see a long list of categories. These are in alphabetical order and are similar, if not identical, to the categories you'll find in bookstores. However, unlike bookstores, we can make a book appear on several shelves at the same time!

Why would we do this? Well, simply because books often contain information relevant to several categories. If we have a book about Zen Buddhism then we will put that book in the Buddhism as well as in the Zen category. We aren't trying to cheat by making our store look like it has more books, our aim is to help you to find what you are looking for when you are using the categories to browse for the books you want, as easily and as quickly as possible.

When you click a category with your mouse, you'll start to see books appear from desired category. These books are always in alphabetical order (we are lucky because we don't have problems with people putting books back in the wrong place or on the wrong shelves!). Think of this as a bookshelf where you can browse through the book covers, titles, authors, and publishers to see if something catches your eye.

If you want to read about a particular book in more detail, either click the [Information](#) button, or click on the book cover to open the information page.

All of the information that we have on a particular title can be seen on the information pages. You'll see information regarding the ISBN, number of pages (extent), dimensions of the book, its recommended retail price (RRP), and publisher (and publication date) on the right hand side underneath the book cover.

Please note that the RRP does not show the *actual* sale price.

You can find the price by clicking the [Click to Buy](#) button. *Don't worry...* When you click this button all it will do is take you to the relevant page at Amazon.co.uk where you can see the current price. Just click the BACK button on your browser to return to our bookstore. If you like the price and decide to purchase the book, add the book to your Amazon shopping cart then go to the check-out (at Amazon). Simple as that!



Amazon provide a superb delivery service and very secure online purchasing facilities that are hard to beat.

At the bottom of the information page, next to the [Click to Buy](#) button, you'll see a button marked [« Back »](#). Click this button to return to the 'books in category...' page that you left prior to looking at the book in detail.

If there are more books than will fit on the page, you'll also see a [Next »](#) button. Click this to view the next group of books in the desired category. If it helps, think of this as running your finger along a line of books on a bookshelf. When you get to the end of

one bookshelf, you continue on the next one down. When you click the [Next »](#) button, you are going to the next shelf in our virtual bookstore.

To go back a shelf, just click the [« Back](#) button that also appears at the bottom of the group of books when there are earlier shelves in that category.

That, as they say, is all there is to browsing through our books the 'long' way (the more sedate way). But if you are in a hurry, or just can't find what you are looking for, you can ask our built-in shop assistant, i.e. our BookWeaver Search Engine.

The BookWeaver Search Engine

We have taken great pains to make our search engine fast and as versatile as possible. In some respects this makes it slightly less obvious than some others you may see, but we think our additional facilities will help you to actually *find* the book you are looking for rather than leading you on 'a merry chase'.

You can go to the search engine by simply clicking on Search in the menu at the top or bottom of the BookWeaver pages...

ISBN	TITLE	AUTHOR	ACTION
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<- Search
KEYWORD SEARCH (N.B. Keywords must be four or more characters long)			
<input type="text"/>			<- Search
			RESET

INSTRUCTIONS
To find a book, you can either use the ISBN and/or TITLE and/or AUTHOR fields, or, you can do a KEYWORD SEARCH.

When you get to the search page, you'll probably notice that there are two search buttons!

This is because there are actually two methods of searching our bookstore.

In the top row you'll see ISBN, TITLE, and AUTHOR, and the corresponding search button for these three search fields.

In the second row you'll see the KEYWORD SEARCH field, and it's corresponding search button. Actually, this second method of searching is a natural language search engine, but more of that later. First let's deal with the top row.

You can enter the ISBN number of a book, and/or, a part or all of the title, and/or the author's name. Some examples will probably help to give you a better idea of how to use these.

If you know the ISBN number for a book, just enter it (with or without the dashes) in the ISBN box then click the Search button (or just press enter on your keyboard). If the book with that ISBN is in our bookstore then you'll see it listed in the lower half of the window.

In the following example you can see I entered an ISBN number of **0192836137** and pressed enter. Within about half a second the book appears in the list...

Now all you have to do is click the title to go straight to the book and read about it and purchase it. (Click BACK on your browser to return to the search page without losing the search result).

BookWeaver Search

ISBN	TITLE	AUTHOR	ACTION
<input type="text" value="0192836137"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="<- Search"/>
KEYWORD SEARCH (N.B. Keywords must be four or more characters long)			
<input type="text"/>			<input type="button" value="<- Search"/>
<input type="button" value="RESET"/>			
ORDERED BY DECREASING RELEVANCE (MOST RELEVANT AT THE TOP OF THE LIST)			
ISBN	TITLE - CLICK TITLE TO PREVIEW BOOK	AUTHOR	
0192836137	DHAMMAPADA, THE The Sayings of The Buddha	John Carter	

OK, that was a bit easy. The chances are you won't know the ISBN, so let's say you know the author's surname is Carter and you know the book is about the Buddha but you don't know what the title is, whether it's got Buddhism or Buddha in the title, or how Dhammapada is spelt. Let's put in what you do know. The author...

Well, that produced exactly the same result so there's only one book in the BookWeaver store that was written by this author. Let's do something that'll give us more choices. Let's look for books with Buddha or Buddhism in the title...

BookWeaver Search

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<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="buddh"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="<- Search"/>
KEYWORD SEARCH (N.B. Keywords must be four or more characters long)			
<input type="text"/>			<input type="button" value="<- Search"/>
<input type="button" value="RESET"/>			
ORDERED BY DECREASING RELEVANCE (MOST RELEVANT AT THE TOP OF THE LIST)			
ISBN	TITLE - CLICK TITLE TO PREVIEW BOOK	AUTHOR	
1890772178	JOURNEY TO HEAVENLY MOUNTAIN An American's Pilgrimage to the Heart of Buddhism in Modern China	Jay Martin	
0967469716	BUDDHA IN YOUR MIRROR Practical Buddhism and the Search for Self	Woody Hochswender	
0913004979	BUDDHIST PATH TO ENLIGHTENMENT Tibetan Buddhist Philosophy and Practice	Lama Daboom Tulku	
0967469783	BUDDHA IN YOUR MIRROR Practical Buddhism and the Secret Search for Self	Woody Hochswender, Greg Martin and Ted Morino	
0913004685	BUDDHISM OF H P BLAVATSKY	H J Spierenburg	
8174370862	BUDDHIST PILGRIMAGE	Brij Tankha	
8185604444	GOD AS POLITICAL PHILOSOPHER Buddha's Challenge to Brahminism	Kancha Ilaiah	
0967469708	WAY OF YOUTH Buddhist Common Sense for Handling Life's Questions	Daisaku Ikeda	
9971492709	ENCOUNTERS WITH BUDDHISM	Dammika	
8174360581	TIBETAN MEDICINE The Buddhist Way of Healing	Dolkar Khangkar	
8174360549	BUDDHIST MONASTERY Sacred Sites Series	M N Rajesh	
0967469724	FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE A Buddhist Perspective for the 21st Century	Daisaku Ikeda	
1883991285	BUDDHA SMILES	Mari Gayatri Stein	
0967469710	SOKA EDUCATION	Daisaku Ikeda	

By entering "**Buddh**" in the TITLE field we'll be able to find titles with Buddha, Buddhism, and Buddhist in them. As a general rule, it's *far* better to only enter one word or part of a word of a title, especially if you are not sure of the title is.

Just one more thing before we describe the Keyword Search facility. If the title you are looking for or the authors name has an accented character in, use an underscore character instead of the accented character, e.g. Look for "**caf_**" instead of "**café**". You will be more likely to find what you are looking for. The underscore character means 'any character'. E.G. If I search for "B_CK" I'll find; Back, Buck, etc.

Also, if you have part of an ISBN and are not sure if a number is a 3 or a 5 perhaps, you can use the underscore character to represent unknown numbers too! You only need to use the underscore character *within* a word/isbn being searched for. Don't use them on the beginning or ends of words.

The underscore character is what is known as a *wildcard*, i.e. it can represent any other character.

THE KEYWORD SEARCH

The Keyword Search is far more versatile. Not only will it find books by the title and subtitle, but also by looking within the description as well! BUT, there are some rules that you should remember when using this second method of searching.

1. You cannot enter parts of words because the search engine is looking for exact matches.
2. You cannot use the underscore wildcard character
3. Words have to be more than three letters long to be used in the search so searching for something like "UFO" will not produce results (try "UFOs" instead).
4. To find variations on a word you must enter each variation, e.g. if you were to enter all three of these words in the Keyword Search field... "freemason freemasons freemasonry"... then you will find all of the books that have a reference to freemasons in the title, subtitle and/or book description.

As I remarked earlier, the Keyword Search is really a natural language search engine, just like the Google and other search engines, so you can in fact enter a phrase like "Buddhist travels and inspiration"...

Let's try that and see what happens...

BookWeaver Search

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<input type="text" value="Buddhist travels and inspiration"/>			<- Search
RESET			
ORDERED BY DECREASING RELEVANCE (MOST RELEVANT AT THE TOP OF THE LIST)			
ISBN	TITLE - CLICK TITLE TO PREVIEW BOOK	AUTHOR	
0913004979	BUDDHIST PATH TO ENLIGHTENMENT Tibetan Buddhist Philosophy and Practice	Lama Doboorn Tulku	
0913004022	GOLDEN PRECEPTS A Guide Book and Invitation to Participate in the Experience of the Spirit	De Purucker	
8174360581	TIBETAN MEDICINE The Buddhist Way of Healing	Dolkar Khangkar	
0967469724	FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE A Buddhist Perspective for the 21st Century	Daisaku Ikeda	
0385492677	ACCIDENTAL BUDDHIST, THE	Dinity W. Moore	
0913004685	BUDDHISM OF H P BLAVATSKY	H J Spierenburg	
0192836137	DHAMMAPADA, THE The Sayings of The Buddha	John Carter	
0967469708	WAY OF YOUTH Buddhist Common Sense for Handling Life's Questions	Daisaku Ikeda	
0967469740	SOKA EDUCATION A Buddhist Vision for Teachers, Students and Parents	Daisaku Ikeda	
0948853050	APHRODITE CYPRIS Goddess of Love	Stass Paraskos	
1560727810	DREAM MESSAGES How to Make the Connection Between Heaven and Earth -- A Unique Kind of Dream Book	Donna Pearce and Jackie Allen	
187194855X	TAMING THE MONKEY MIND	Chodrun	
1890772178	JOURNEY TO HEAVENLY MOUNTAIN An American's Pilgrimage to the Heart of Buddhism in Modern China	Jay Martin	
8174370862	BUDDHIST PILGRIMAGE	Brij Tankha	
0967640636	POETRY OF THE ANGELS II Inspiration for Us All	Eric M Brodsky	
8174360549	BUDDHIST MONASTERY Sacred Sites Series	M N Rajesh	

Well... That certainly produced some results (there were a lot more than I've shown here)!

When searching using the Keyword Search, the books returned are sorted in reverse order of relevance, i.e. the ones that match best will be at the top of the list. Notice that the second book in the example doesn't have Buddhism mentioned in the title at-all. We might have missed this one if we hadn't done a keyword

search, so the moral seems to be to use both methods of searching to find the widest range of available books.

All that remains is clearing the search fields. There's a Reset button specifically to do this so you can click it at any time to begin a new search.

Incidentally, some instructions about how to use the search engine also appear when you click the Reset button so you can refer to them at any time.

That's really all there is to it! The best way to get used to using the search engine is to jump in and see if you can find books on the subjects that you are interested in, so have a go!

TIP

After clicking on a title in the search engine page to view a book, use the back button on your browser to take you back to search engine page rather than clicking the Search menu item. That way you will see the result of your previous search rather than having to enter it in each time.

Well, that is about it as far as navigating around the BookWeaver.co.uk bookstore is concerned. Please let us know if there is something that you think we can improve. We always welcome constructive feedback.

We hope you enjoy using our website and that you'll consider it a site well worth book-marking.

Have fun!

Warm regards from The BookWeaver.co.uk Team