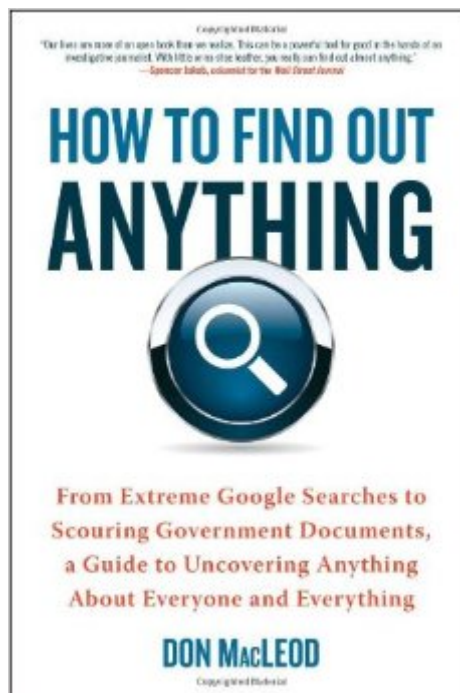


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# How To Find Out Anything: From Extreme Google Searches To Scouring Government Documents, A Guide To Uncover Ring Anything About Everyone And Everything



## Synopsis

In *How to Find Out Anything*, master researcher Don MacLeod explains how to find what you're looking for quickly, efficiently, and accurately—and how to avoid the most common mistakes of the Google Age. Not your average research book, *How to Find Out Anything* shows you how to unveil nearly anything about anyone. From top CEO's salaries to police records, you'll learn little-known tricks for discovering the exact information you're looking for. You'll learn:

- How to really tap the power of Google, and why Google is the best place to start a search, but never the best place to finish it.
- The scoop on vast, yet little-known online resources that search engines cannot scour, such as [refdesk.com](http://refdesk.com), [ipl.org](http://ipl.org), the University of Michigan Documents Center, and Project Gutenberg, among many others.
- How to access free government resources (and put your tax dollars to good use).
- How to find experts and other people with special knowledge.
- How to dig up seemingly confidential information on people and businesses, from public and private companies to non-profits and international companies.

Whether researching for a term paper or digging up dirt on an ex, the advice in this book arms you with the sleuthing skills to tackle any mystery.

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I just finished reading this. I got it from the library but it has so much helpful info in it that I just ordered it for myself. It covers Google and libraries, finding people, public records etc. I highly recommend this for anyone who wants to find things. It discusses syntax tools like using an asterisk and brackets and other info I never heard of before.

This book is for those individuals who are just learning about searching on the Internet; focusing on the Google search engine. The title is subjective and there is nothing "extreme" found within the pages. Chapter 3 "Ins and Outs of Google" provides a simple introduction to search queries syntax but falls short on more advanced search criteria concepts. I did not feel like I got the information I wanted or desired from this book. The rest of the book, in my opinion, reiterates the obvious and provides links (URL's) to sites of interest but nothing that a person could find on their own. Do not get this book if you are intermediate to advanced with computer technology and already have a strong understanding of the World Wide Web. If you are very new to how the "Interwebs" works, this book might be right for you.

Disclosure: I know Don Macleod, and I was part of the team that helped him begin the process of writing this book by curating the class which he first taught on the topic. I'm a journalist now, and everything I know about good Internet research is from the contents of this book. I can easily find out anything about anyone, usually for free, and my searches for information -- be they for a particular study or about an individual, or anything else -- take so much less time because of simple word-choices in my searches. This isn't just about the Internet. It's about learning to think and ask questions in a way that puts you in control of the information you receive. I can't recommend this book, or its author, highly enough.

This is a great reference for investigators of all experience levels. For its size and price it is packed with useful sources. Internet tools and sources change rapidly so any publication, regardless of size is quickly obsolete. I have purchased other resources, and have spent years compiling my own list of useful sites. This book is more than just a list, it includes tips on making the best use of the tools it contains.

I teach information literacy at the library. I use this book as my aid and think it is the best book on the subject of online research because: a) It is written in a friendly and comfortable style b) It is NOT a textbook c) It focuses on connections more than the new fad technology This is a great book and I encourage Don to write more books for information literacy educators to share with their students.

Really not what I was expecting. Most of the contents you can find via Google. I was looking for more info sites not commonly found on Google or other search engines. Gave it to the library for their annual yard sale.

This book does a decent job of giving you directions on where to look - sources for both online and offline, if you are not very clear how to do research. In the way it was structured, it is helpful. I gave it four stars because my focus was on Internet research and so I was quite dismayed to find that the various sources stated in the book for Online Research led to some dead links or to sources that had ceased operations. I did not try out the sources for the offline suggestions so can't comment on that.

This book is excellent. I am a librarian. I took a reference class years ago. This book would have been a great supplement to the course.

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