

## Search Tips

- Use "quotation marks" to search for exact phrases. Phrases entered without quotation marks will be treated as an AND search.
- Use the Code Fragment limiter to locate references to terms within code fragment examples only, rather than regular text of books.
- Some Safari accounts support the ability to search within "All Books" or "My Books", a customized bookshelf that is a subset of the entire Safari collection.
- Use operators and advanced search fields (below) to further focus your query.
- In addition to searching, browsing by category is available from the home page.

## Truncation and Wildcard Characters

Truncation, wildcards and automatic searching of plural or spelling variants is not supported by Safari. Use the OR operator to find word variants.

## Operators

Boolean, proximity and adjacency operators are used to broaden and narrow your search. Capitalization of operators is necessary in Safari.

**AND** Finds all the words within a single book section.  
*Example: certification AND sun*

**OR** Finds book sections containing any of the words.  
*Example: format OR formatting*

**NEAR** Find book sections where one term appears within 30 words of another term.  
*Example: java NEAR bean*

## Search Field Syntax

The following search limits are supported for Safari Books Online. It's recommended that searches using these fields be constructed using the Advanced search form with drop-down menus, but search syntax is also listed for each field which can be typed directly in the quick search field on the home page:

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|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| • Author     | • Code Fragment | • Section Title |
| • Book Title | • ISBN          | • Text Keyword  |
| • Category   | • Publisher     | • Year          |

### Author

Searches the author field for the terms entered.

*Valid Forms:*  
AUTHOR

*Examples:*  
(AUTHOR smith)  
(AUTHOR fred smith)

### Book Title

Finds terms within book titles.

*Valid Forms:*  
BOOKTITLE

*Example:*  
(BOOKTITLE Excel)

## Category

Limits the search to a specified primary book category.

*Valid Forms:*  
XCATID

*Examples:*  
(XCATID = desktop)

## Code Fragment

Finds the term within code fragment text of books only, not other book text.

*Valid Forms:*  
CODE

*Examples:*  
(CODE java bean)

## ISBN

Finds a book based on ISBN.

*Valid Forms:*  
ISBN LIKE

*Examples:*  
(ISBN LIKE1592000797)  
(ISBN LIKE 1-59200-079-7)

## Publisher

Used to limit search to books by a specified publisher.

Use the drop-down menu in advanced search, or use publisher code numbers to identify the publisher.

*Valid Forms:*  
PUBLID

*Examples:*  
(PUBLID = 13)

## Section Title

Finds terms within section titles.

*Valid Forms:*  
TITLE

*Examples:*  
(TITLE Excel)

## Text Keyword

Looks for term anywhere within book text. (When multiple terms are entered, they are required to occur within the same book section.)

*Valid Forms:*

*Examples:*  
java  
java beans

## Year

Limits search based on book publication date.

*Valid Forms:*  
PUBLDATE

*Examples:*  
(PUBLDATE >= 20010101)

## Stop Words

Any word can be searched in Safari, there are no stop words. To search for an operator, such as **and**, **or** or **near**, you must enter the word in lower case letters; to use **AND**, **OR** or **NEAR** as an operator, the term must be typed in upper case letters.

## Example Searches

The examples below illustrate the kinds of search strategies you can employ in Safari Books Online.

Content varies for different Safari subscriptions; therefore, the number of results using examples below may range from numerous results to zero results.

- **java**  
Finds book sections that contain the word **java** anywhere in the text.
- **“java beans”**  
Finds book sections containing the phrase **java beans** anywhere in the text.  
Enclose phrases in quotation marks.
- **java beans**  
Finds book sections mentioning both **java** and **beans**. Both terms must appear within the same section.  
This search is identical to the search **java AND beans**.
- **Java NEAR beans**  
Finds book sections that mention the term **java** within 30 words of the term **bean**. Both terms must appear in the same section.  
**NEAR** must be capitalized.
- **format OR formatted OR formatting**  
Finds book sections mentioning any of the terms.  
Use **OR** to search for word variants. **OR** must be capitalized.
- **CODE “java bean”**  
Finds book sections that mention **java bean** within the context of code fragment examples.  
Code fragment searching can be turned on using a check box below the search field.
- **(BOOKTITLE Excel) AND (PUBLDATE >= 20030101)**  
Finds books with the term **Excel** in the book title published during 2003 or later.  
Use Advanced search to select limits for title, author, date, publisher and other qualifiers.