Exploring Books by Culture

Author characteristics

Author limiters make it easy to find authors from a particular country or culture. 

*Author Nationality* identifies the country where the author lives or has spent a significant amount of time. *Cultural Identity* is the cultural or ethnic group the author associates with, regardless of where they were born or live.

TRY IT

Click the Advanced Search link

Select an option from the Author Nationality or Author Cultural Identity limiters

Click Search

Awards lists by country

Browse our award lists for winners from Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

TRY IT

From the top toolbar, hover over Browse By

Click Award Winners

From Awards by Genre, select Australia and New Zealand or Canadian

Setting and location

Want to find books set in your favorite city? We add location info as subject headings. Here’s how to search by location.

TRY IT

Enter SU New York City in the search box

Click Search

At the Result List, use the limiters the left to narrow the list by genre or appeal

Limit by location

No matter what search you start with (genre, subject, appeal, etc.), you can then limit your results by locations.

TRY IT

Enter GN Historical Fiction in the search box

Click Search

At the Result List, expand the Location limiter menu on the left

Select one of the Location options to limit your list of books

When to use:

Librarians: Creating a book display on authors of a particular nationality?

Readers: Want to find books set in your favorite city?

Parents: Looking for children’s books from authors from a certain cultural background?