How to find a book from a bad reference?

- Throughout your studies your lecturers will undoubtedly recommend books to you in the classroom or studio that you should read or refer to.
- 9/10 times your lecturer probably will not remember the full reference!
- Maybe you will get just a partial title, or just an author or possibly the publisher.
- So you go to the library catalogue and you type in what information you have and your results are unsuccessful!
- So you GIVE UP!

Don’t give up!

- The Internet is here to help you!
- Start with Amazon and put in everything you have, e.g. the author’s surname and subject:

  ![Amazon Screenshot](image)

- You will surprised how good Amazon is at figuring out what you are looking for:
• Then **copy** the text of the **title** and **paste** it into LibrarySearch:

![LibrarySearch](image)

• If the library does not have a copy of the book, remember you can request a library purchase with Books on Time or request the book via Inter-library loan.

Order you should tackle your bad reference:

1. Try the library catalogue.
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   if no results...
2. Try Amazon.
   ...
   if no results...
3. Try Google.
   ...
   if no results...
4. Go back to your lecturer and beg for more information!