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Suggestions for the Armchair Scholar

USING THE HYPERLINKS

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PLAYING WITH SEARCH ENGINES

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http://scholar.google.com/
You can explore a wide range of topics, including almost all of the themes in the book, with this search engine. It will also be the easiest one to use when you want to read the abstracts of any of the journal articles in the bibliography, and if the article is an "open access" one, you can open the full article at home as well. If it asks you to pay to see the entire article,

then you are better off working with a university library or large public library. The instructions below will guide you through that process.

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed
This is a goldmine for the scientifically curious. You can type in any neurological concept and find endless resources to explore. It will take some time to discover all the possibilities of this government-sponsored site, but it is quite satisfying once you get used to it.

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Article Searches

As with book and DVD searches, go to the website for your university or local public library. Next, type the title of the journal in which the article appears into the search bar of your library's catalog system. If your library has a subscription to that particular journal, you should be able to access full-text versions and/or PDFs, provided you are doing your search at the library itself. For article searches conducted outside of the university library (i.e., at home), you will need to have a remote connection (often called VPN or Virtual Private Network) downloaded onto your computer. Should your library not have a subscription to that journal, you can order it through Inter-Library Loan.

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