

Evaluating books as a source of information

a) Topic - Do the contents indicate that the book contains the information you need? (Read the title, sub-title, contents, blurb)

b) Authority - Has the book been written by a well-known and respected author? Does the author rely on primary (original) sources?

c) Currency – What is the publication date? Is the book up-to-date, out-of-date or timeless? What are the dates of the books listed in the bibliography? Who published the book?

d) Objectivity - Why was it written? Is the work relatively unbiased, balanced, objective?