

Further reading

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In the past quarter of a century, over half a million research papers have been published in psychology, as well as countless numbers of books. Any guide to further reading must therefore be highly selective. The books cited will, it is hoped, help you to gain access to this voluminous literature, in part by giving you a single title which will then allow you to find similar volumes on nearby shelves. The best way of finding information on a particular detailed topic is to use the *Psychological Abstracts* or *Index Medicus* (both published as annual volumes and available for on-line computer access). For succinct up to date research reviews, consult the major reviewing journals, of which such series as the *American Annual Review of Psychology* and the British Psychological Society's *Psychology Survey* (published biennially) are good, or look in the index of journals such as *Psychological Review* and *Psychological Bulletin*. For direct entry to the research literature, the journals published by the British Psychological Society will provide a useful guide to current interests, with the *British Journal of Psychology* covering cognitive psychology and areas of general interest, the *British Journal of Clinical Psychology* and the *British Journal of Medical Psychology* covering topics relevant to medicine, and the *British Journal of Social Psychology* and *British Journal of Developmental Psychology* covering social and developmental topics. For clinical and particularly psychiatric aspects of psychology, look at *Psychological Medicine* and the *Journal of Psychosomatic Research*, and for the newly emergent area of health psychology look at *Psychology and Health*. Any university with a department of psychology will almost certainly have most of the above in its library. There are hundreds of other journals in addition that often cover relatively obscure areas of the subject.

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