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The University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign owns many anthologies of literary short works. Finding them in the Library's Online Catalog can be difficult unless you know how the Catalog treats them. Below are some guidelines. Please keep in mind that many older catalog records do not list the titles of individual short pieces but only the title of the collection that contains it.

Searching for Literary Short Works in the Notes Field (Advanced Search)

The most useful way to find literary short works in the Online Catalog is to search for them in the Notes field of the catalog record.

- 1) Go to <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/catalog/>
- 2) Click on *Advanced Search*
- 3) In the *Search for* box, type the title and select *Note Words* in the *Search by* box.

Searching for a Title (Quick Search)

Many famous literary short works are published as stand-alone pieces. In this case the Online Catalog treats them as books and you can search for them as you would a book. If you know the title, then the best way to locate the work is to do a Quick Search by Title.

- 1) Go to <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/catalog/>
- 2) Click on *Quick Search*
- 3) In the *Search for* box, type the title and choose the *Start of Title* option.

Searching by Words in the Title (Advanced Search)

Another way to find the title of stand-alone literary short work, especially if you don't know the full title, is to do an Advanced Search by Title and search by distinctive words in the title.

- 1) Go to <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/catalog/>
- 2) Click on *Advanced Search*
- 3) In each of the *Search for* boxes, type distinctive words from the title and choose the *Title Words* option in the *Search by* drop down menu. The more words you insert, the greater your chances of finding the exact work.

Catalog Assistance

If you have questions about searching for literary short works, please "Ask a Librarian" at reflib@uiuc.edu or <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/askus/> or call 217-333-2290.

