



# BestMARC™ How-To: Search Tools

**Overview:** BestMARC™ contains many powerful search features, including:

- **Related Search Terms Cloud** which refines criteria
- **z39.50 search capability with Smart Filter**, which finds the top quality records meeting your criteria
- **"Match"** and **"Quality"** scores for each record.
- **Search More Servers** option which looks beyond BestMARC's database for rare records.

## 1. Related Search Terms Cloud

Use the Related Search Terms cloud to fill in additional criteria for your search.

Put your cursor on the word or phrase in the cloud and the appropriate field is highlighted. Click on the word and the field files in.

The criteria you searched for will be listed at the top of your search results.

Matching criteria will also be in BOLD within each record.

Displaying Book records with Author "Mercer Mayer", Publisher "Golden Book"					
Info	Match	Quality	Detail	Reading Programs	
	8	93	<b>Little Critter's read-it-yourself storybook : six funny easy-to-read stories /</b> Mayer, Mercer, Western Pub. Co., c1993.	0307168409 Golden books 192 p. :	<a href="#">Edit and Save</a>
	8	92	<b>Mi abuela y yo /</b> Mayer, Mercer, Golden Press, c1994.	030771893X A Little critter book (24 p.) :	<a href="#">Edit and Save</a>
	8	92	<b>Little monster's scratch and sniff mystery /</b> Mayer, Mercer, Golden Press ; c1980.	0307135462 A Golden scratch & sniff book [28 p.] :	<a href="#">Edit and Save</a>

## 2. Match & Quality Scores

Use the Match and Quality scores to see how close a MARC record comes to your criteria.

**Match** indicates how many search criteria match fields in the record. The lower the number of criteria, the lower the match number.

**Quality** indicates how good the MARC record is - the more fields and information in the record, the higher the number.

## 3. z39.50 Smart Search

Displaying Book records with ISBN "0307039366", Author "Mercer Mayer"					
Info	Match	Quality	Detail	Reading Programs	
Book - Non-fiction BestMARC	24	85	<b>Little monster's bedtime book /</b> Mayer, Mercer, Merrigold Press, c1978.	0307039366 Golden look-book book [24] p. :	<a href="#">Edit and Save</a>
Book - Fiction Other Database	24	79	<b>Little monster's bedtime book /</b> Mayer, Mercer, Merrigold Press, 1991,c1978.	0307039366 : [24] p. :	<a href="#">Edit and Save</a>
Book - Non-fiction Other Database	24	72	<b>Little monster's bedtime book /</b> Mayer, Mercer, Merrigold Press, 1991,c1978.	0307039366 : [24] p. :	<a href="#">Edit and Save</a>
Book - Fiction BestMARC	8	92	<b>Yo solito /</b> Mayer, Mercer, Western Publishing, c1994.	0307719383 A Little critter book 1 v. (unpaged) :	<a href="#">Edit and Save</a>
Book - Fiction BestMARC	8	92	<b>Just camping out /</b> Mayer, Mercer, Golden Book ; c1989.	0307117146 A Golden little look-book [24] p. :	<a href="#">Edit and Save</a>
Book - Non-fiction	8	92	<b>Little Critter's joke book /</b> Mayer, Mercer, Western Pub., c1993.	0307127907 Golden look-book books [24] p. :	<a href="#">Edit and Save</a>

With the **z39.50 Smart Filter** capability, records found in other databases are identified with **Other Database** below the category name in the Info column.

In this example, the top three records match both the **ISBN** and the **Author** criteria, with the top record being the best quality record with a score of 85.

The records listed below the top three only match a single criteria, **Author**.



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## 4. Search More Servers Button

If you don't see your record in the list below, click the [Search More Servers](#) button to do a longer, more comprehensive search for your record on the internet.

Search More Servers

Displaying Book records with ISBN "0307039366", Author "Mercer Mayer"

Info	Match	Quality	Detail	Reading Programs
Book - Non-fiction BestMARC	24	85	<a href="#">Little monster's bedtime book /</a> Mayer, Mercer, Merrigold Press, c1978. Golden look-look book [24] p. :	<a href="#">Edit and Save</a>
Book - Fiction Other Database	24	79	<a href="#">Little monster's bedtime book /</a> Mayer, Mercer, Merrigold Press, 1991,c1978. [24] p. :	<a href="#">Edit and Save</a>
Book - Non-fiction Other Database	24	72	<a href="#">Little monster's bedtime book /</a> Mayer, Mercer, Merrigold Press, 1991,c1978. [24] p. :	<a href="#">Edit and Save</a>

If you still can't find what you want, use the [Search More Servers](#) button.

Results from the [Search More Servers](#) button are indicated with the Z-server label in the Info category.

Displaying Book records with Author "Garth Nix", Title "Shade's children"

Info	Match	Quality	Detail	Reading Programs
Book - Non-fiction BestMARC	18	84	<a href="#">Shade's children /</a> Nix, Garth. HarperCollins, c1997. 0060273240 1st ed. 310 p. :	<a href="#">Edit and Save</a>
Book - Fiction Z-server	18	83	<a href="#">Shade's children /</a> Nix, Garth. Harper, 2012. 9780062075987 (pbk.) 1st Harper pbk. ed. 345, 14 p. :	<a href="#">Edit and Save</a>

To find out more about other BestMARC™ features:

1. Use the built-in Help buttons identified by a ?
2. Check out our other How-To slideshows on the BestMARC™ Support page.
3. Or contact our Technical Support Department at 800-824-6272 Option #3.

*Thank you!*