

## **FREE ONLINE BOOK SITES: 2011 updates**

### **FREE BOOKS, SCHOLARLY BOOKS, AUDIO BOOKS and TEXTBOOKS: AND FREE BOOKS TO DOWNLOAD TO eREADERS**

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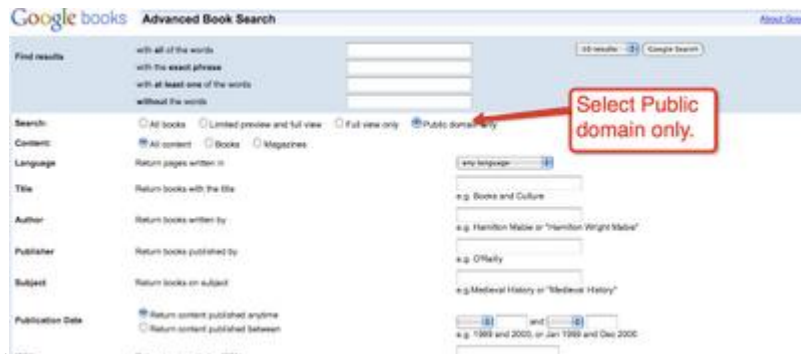
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**UNDERSTANDING THE LIMITATIONS -AND MAXIMIZING THE VALUE OF E-BOOKS** <http://www.llrx.com/feature/ebooks.htm>

**DIGITAL BOOKS AND YOUR RIGHTS: A Checklist for Readers.** Electronic Frontier Foundation, February 2010. There is a summary at

<http://www.eff.org/press/archives/2010/02/16-0> **and:** <https://www.eff.org/wp/digital-books-and-your-rights>

**REJECTION OF THE GOOGLE BOOK SETTLEMENT: DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS:** <http://www.llrx.com/features/googlesettlementrejection.htm>

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