Finding Book Reviews using Academic Search Premier

1. From the myPlymouth Welcome page, click on Library near the top of the screen, on the right.
2. From the Library website, Click on the green Library Databases link, right below the search box for the catalog.
3. Click on Academic Search Premier.
4. In the search box, type in the title of your book within quotation marks, like this “out of my mind” (this is a great book by Sharon M. Draper). Use the pull-down menu on the box to the right to change it to a Ti Title Search.
5. Scroll down to search options section and look for Source Type. Select book review and then go up and click on search.
6. Your results will be displayed. Keep in mind that the full text of the review is available when you see a PDF or HTML link. Sometimes you will see that Lamson has copies of this journal, which means that we also hold an issue in paper. Unless there is a full text link beside that link, the only way to read the review is to come to the library and pull that issue off the shelves.
7. To find book review on all books an author has written, do another search by Select a Field (or keyword) instead of Title. Put quotations around the author’s name (i.e. “sharon draper”). Limit your results to book reviews as you did with the title search in Step 5.
8. Pay close attention to the edition of the book being reviewed; often there will be a separate review of an audiobook version, for example and that’s not really what you are looking for.

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