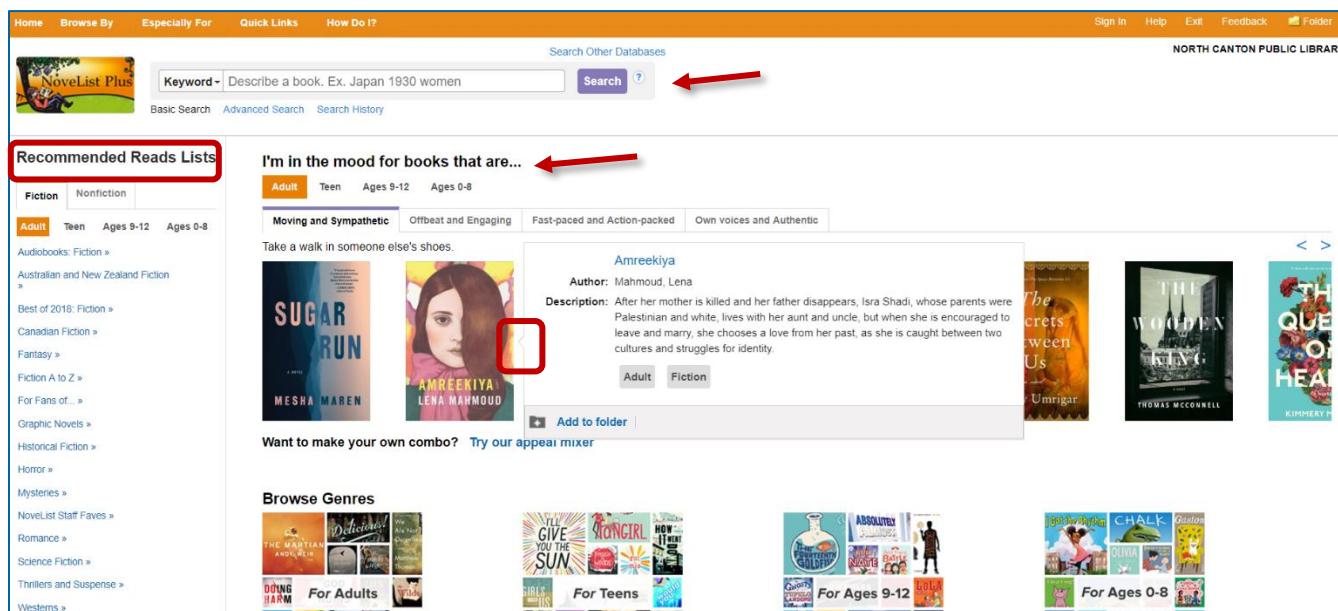
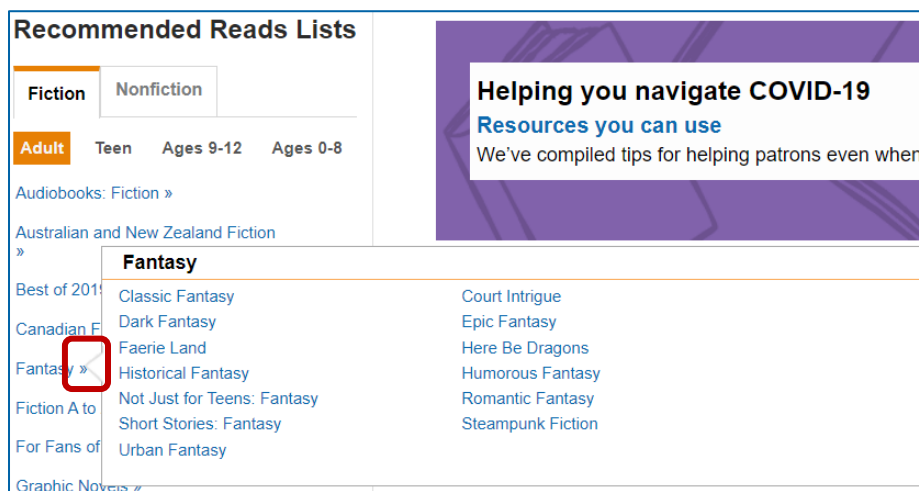


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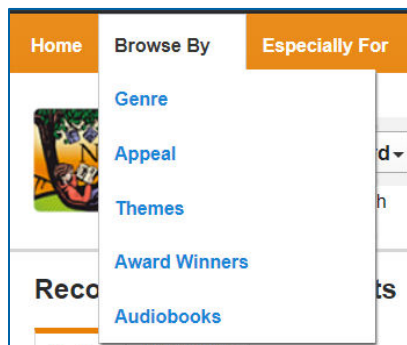


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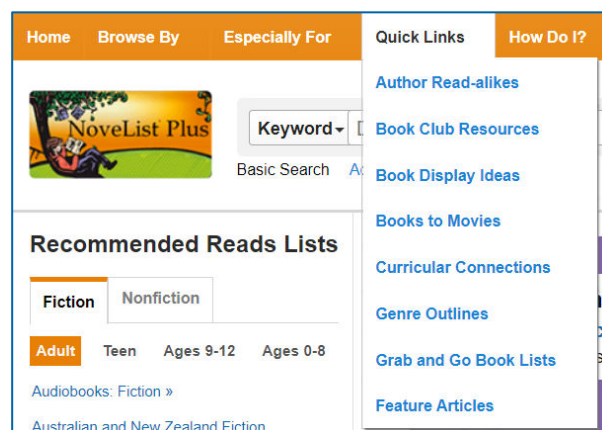
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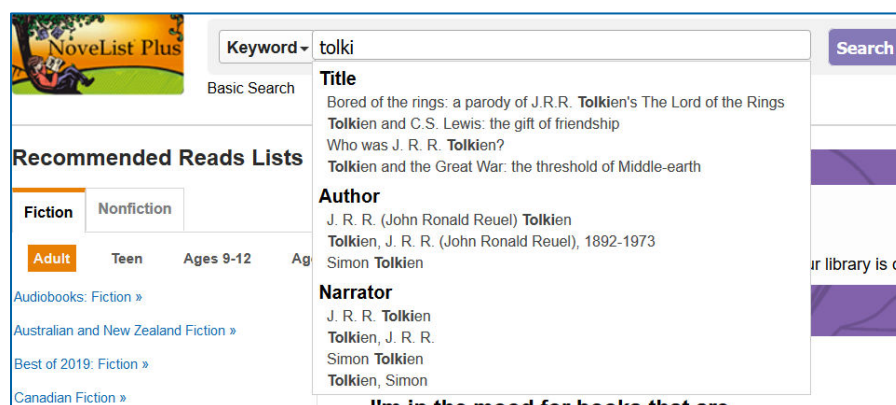
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Author: Tolkien, J. R. R. (John Ronald Reuel), 1892-1973

Adult Fiction

Series: Lord of the rings, 1

Description: Frodo the hobbit and his companions set out to deliver the One Ring of Power to Rivendell and destroy it before its evil influence brings total darkness to Middle-earth.

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Genre: Books to movies; Epic fantasy; Fantasy classics

Themes: Dark lord; Quest for magical items; Zero to hero

Character: Courageous; Flawed

Storyline: Intricately plotted; World-building

Pace: Leisurely paced

Tone: Melancholy; Strong sense of place

Writing Style: Stylistically complex

Accelerated Reader: IL: UG, BL: 6.1, AR Pts: 29

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Author: Hearn, Lian

Description: Takeo, brought up peacefully in a remote Japanese mountain village, learns that his father was a celebrated assassin, and that he, too, possesses extraordinary skills. To resolve split loyalties and his conflicted nature, Takeo embarks on a journey that will lead him to his destiny.

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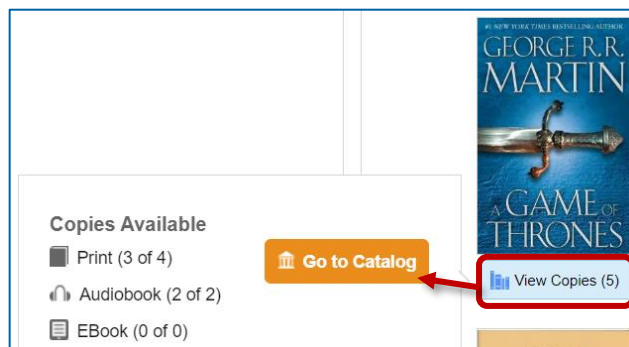
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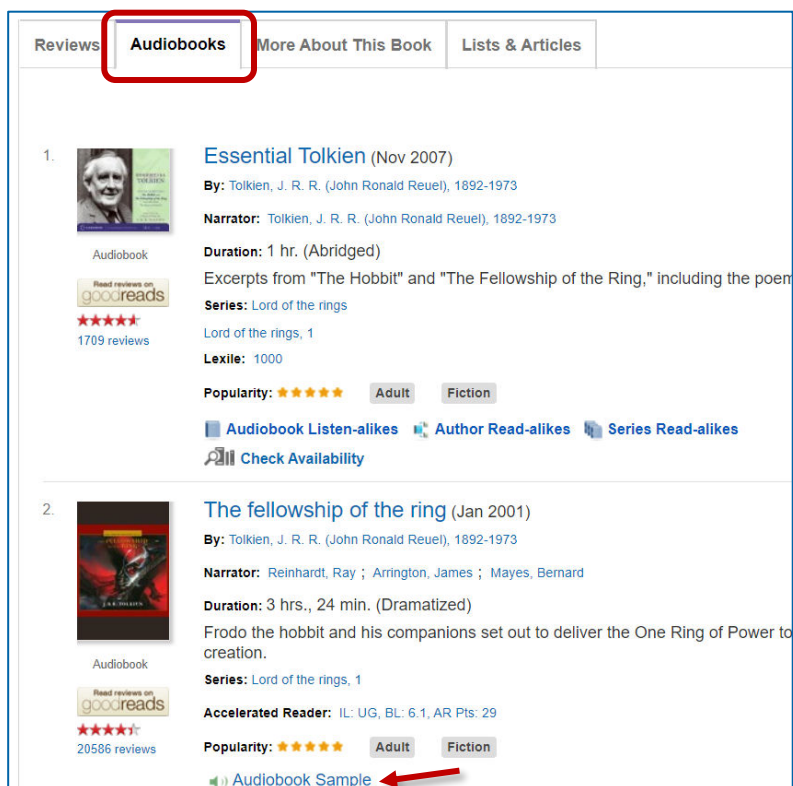


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Author Information:
by J.R.R. Tolkien

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Dewey Number:
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Notes:
Sequel: The two towers.
Originally published: George Allen & Unwin, 1954 ; 2nd ed 1966.
Originally published: Allen & Unwin, 1954. This large print edition first published by Clio Press 1990.

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Originally published: London : Allen & Unwin, 1954.
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