

Query Explanations

1. Give the First and Last name of the authors of books that are part of a series

```
select distinct a.first_name, a.last_name
from author a, book b, book_author ba
where b.series_id > 1 and b.isbn = ba.isbn and ba.author_id = a.author_id;
```

Answer is 3 rows:

First_name	Last_name
Joanne	Rowling
Suzanne	Collins
William	Shakespeare

Explanation:

First, we compare all books with a series id greater than 1 to find all books attached with a series since the series_id of 1 indicates no series. Then we match the book isbn to the book_author isbn and from the book_author id to the author id since there is a many-to-many relationship between books and authors. Finally we select the first and last name distinctly since multiple books from an author may be a part of a series.

2. List the ISBN and Title of books that are not part of a series

```
select b.title, b.isbn
from book b
where b.series_id = 1;
```

Answer is 3 rows:

ISBN	Title
9780451526342	Animal Farm
9780135957059	The Pragmatic Programmer: Your Journey To Mastery
9780553214208	From the Earth to the Moon

Explanation:

We take the ISBN and Titles from the book table and compare them for the ones that are not part of a series.

3. List the title and publishing date of books sorted by publishing dates from earliest to latest

```
select b.title, b.publish_date
from book b
order by b.publish_date asc;
```

Answer is 7 rows:

Title	Publishing date
From the Earth to the Moon	1993
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone	1997
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire	2000
Animal Farm	2004
Romeo and Juliet	2004
The Hunger Games	2008
The Pragmatic Programmer: Your Journey To Mastery	2019

Explanation:

First we take the Title and publishing date from the book table and then order them by the publishing date by earliest to latest by ascending order.

4. List the Title of Books published after 1990 in the Technology genre

```
select b.title
from book b, book_genre bg
where b.publish_date > '1990-01-01' and bg.isbn = b.isbn and bg.genre_id = 2;
```

Answer is 1 row:

Title
The Pragmatic Programmer: Your Journey To Mastery

Explanation:

First, we find all titles from Book table and genres from the book_genre table and then, we matched the isbn of the book_genre table and the book table. Next, we checked to find a book title that was published

after 1990 and matched the books with the Technology genre.

5. List the Name of Publishers of Books which are in the Technology genre

```
select distinct p.name
from publisher p, book b, book_genre bg, genre g
where p.publisher_id = b.publisher_id and b.isbn = bg.isbn and bg.genre_id =
g.genre_id and g.name = 'Technology';
```

Answer is 1 row:

Name
Addison-Wesley Professional

Explanation:

First we find all books where the publisher ID matches the book publisher ID. Then we match the book ISBN with the ISBN of a book in the Book_Genre table to match our book with the specific genre. Then we match the genre id with the genre table, where we find the ID that matches the Technology genre.

6. List the First Name and Last Name of Authors of Political Satire Books

```
select distinct a.first_name, a.last_name
from author a, book_author ba, book_genre bg, genre g
where a.author_id = ba.author_id and ba.isbn = bg.isbn and bg.genre_id =
g.genre_id and g.name = 'Political Satire';
```

Answer is 1 row:

First Name	Last Name
George	Orwell

Explanation:

Similarly to the first query, we match author id with the book isbn through the book_author table which represents a many-to-many relationship. Next, we match the book_genre isbn with the book isbn since book_genre represents a many-to-many relationship between books and genres. Finally, we filter based on the desired genre, Political Satire.

7. List the Title of Books with more than 200 Pages that are in the Fantasy genre

```
select distinct b.title
from book b, book_genre bg, genre g
where b.isbn = bg.isbn and bg.genre_id = g.genre_id and b.num_of_pages > 200
and g.name = 'Fantasy';
```

Answer is 2 rows:

Title
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Explanation:

First we search for books that match the ISBN in the Book_Genre table. Then we find books which have the total number of pages exceeding 200, then match with books that are in the Fantasy genre.

8. List the Genres from the number of books from most to least

```
select g.name
from genre g
inner join book_genre bg on g.genre_id = bg.genre_id
group by g.genre_id
order by count(name) DESC;
```

Answer is 5 rows:

Name
Science Fiction
Fantasy
Political Satire
Technology
Romance

Explanation:

First, we inner join genre with book_genre to map the book with the genre. Then, we group by genre_id which gives the count of books per genre. Finally, the count is ordered in descending order.

9. List the Title of all Books From New York-based Publishers

```
select b.title
from book b
inner join publisher p on p.publisher_id = b.publisher_id
where location = 'New York';
```

Answer is 4 rows:

Title
From the Earth to the Moon
The Hunger Games
Animal Farm
Romeo and Juliet

Explanation:

First we match the book's publisher ID with the publisher's in the publisher table. Then, we match for publisher's who are located in New York.

10. List the ISBN and title of books with more than 1 author

```
select distinct b.isbn, b.title
from book b
inner join book_author ba on b.isbn = ba.isbn
where author_id >= 5;
```

Answer is 1 row:

ISBN	Title
9780135957059	The Pragmatic Programmer: Your Journey To Mastery

Explanation:

First we matched the book_author isbn with the book table's. Then, we checked where author_id is greater or equal to 5.