

Assignment 5: Social Cataloging and Tagging

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Links to Catalog

Regular Link:

<https://www.librarything.com/catalog/peterkrausslibrarian>

Permanent Link:

<https://www.librarything.com/catalog.php?view=peterkrausslibrarian&collection=6&shelf=list&sort=tags&collection=6>

Screenshot of Catalog

Figure 1: Screenshot

20 YEARS LibraryThing Home Your books Add books Groups Talk Local More Zeitgeist						peterkrausslibrarian English Help Sign out	
Favorites	List	Covers	Tags	Style A B C D E	Settings	Search your library Search [1]	
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Title	Author	Date	Tags	Rating	Entry date		
 The Great Gatsby: The Only Authorized Edition	F. Scott Fitzgerald	2003	Fiction, Classic, Classics	★★★★★	2025-06-22		
 East of Eden (Oprah Book Club Series)	John Steinbeck	2002	Fiction, Classic, Classics, American Literature, Historical Fiction	★★★★★	2025-06-22		
 The Count of Monte Cristo (Penguin Classics)	Alexandre Dumas père	2003	Fiction, Classic, Classics, Historical fiction, French Literature	★★★★★	2025-06-22		
 Watchmen	Alan Moore	1995	Fiction, Comics, Superhero, Dark	★★★★★	2025-06-22		
 The Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkien	2002	Fiction, Fantasy, Adventure, Classic, Classics	★★★★★	2025-06-22		
 The Hunger Games	Suzanne Collins	2008	Fiction, Young Adult, Dystopian	★★★★★	2025-06-22		
 HBR's 10 Must Reads on Managing Yourself (with bonus article "How Will You Measure Your Life?" by Clayton M. Christensen)	Harvard Business Review	2011	Nonfiction, Business, Management, Self-Improvement	★★★★★	2025-06-22		
 The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing	Marie Kondo	2014	Nonfiction, Decluttering, Organizing	★★★★★	2025-06-22		
 Japanese Death Poems: Written by Zen Monks and Haiku Poets on the Verge of Death	Yoel Hoffmann	1998	Poetry, Haiku	★★★★★	2025-06-22		
 Clarity & Connection (The Inward Trilogy)	yung pueblo	2021	Poetry, Mental Health	★★★★★	2025-06-22		

How the Catalog was Created

For my mini online Catalog, I chose to do a catalog of my top ten favorite books on LibraryThing. Before I began, I set up an account on LibraryThing and learned how to navigate the website. Then I created a new collection folder and titled it “Favorites.” Once that was done, I used the search bar to search for my favorite books one by one. LibraryThing automatically had the metadata attached and a cover image, so all I had to do was add each individual book to the newly created folder.

Once my books were in my “Favorites” folder, I decided on which tags I would add. I started off with Fiction, Nonfiction, and poetry, and wrote down some custom tags that I thought were appropriate like “Dark” for *Watchmen*. Additionally, I selected a few tags from existing popular tags like “Fantasy,” “dystopian,” and “superhero.” Lastly, I rated each book as 5-star. I found it difficult to narrow them down any further than 10, but if I had had an order of favorite to least favorite I would’ve tagged them as #1, #2, … , #10.

LibraryThing as a Social Cataloging Website

LibraryThing is a social cataloging website because it combines data from individual users and makes cataloging a collaborative activity. The most social aspect I used for this project is the tags created by users, which is an unstructured and democratic way for resource discovery. That isn’t the only reason it’s a social cataloging website though. Catalogers can rate and review resources, and they can share their collections and see other users’ catalogs too. With this and the shared/imported metadata aspects, it makes creating your own catalog a lot easier, because others have done a lot of the heavy lifting for you. There are other social aspects to the website too like groups and forums, which make it easier to connect with other readers and find new books.