

# Bibliometrics in Online Book Discussions Lessons for Supporting Complex Search Tasks

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# Any book as good as 'David Copperfield'?

## What the Dickens...?

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**1** [Urquhart](#) First Message

Apr 4, 2007, 8:23pm 

Can someone recommend a book that has all the joy, charm, numerous characters, pathos, adventure, love of language, etc. that the novel [David Copperfield](#) has?

Its characters, such as Uriah Heep, etc., are now a part of our language and culture.

I am 65 and have spent a lifetime looking and have never found a book that matches this one. Please Advise.

Country Boy

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**2** [almigwin](#)

Apr 4, 2007, 8:40pm 

# Overview

- Part 1: Social Book Search & Complex Tasks
- Part 2: Citations in User-Generated Content
- Part 3: Bibliometrics for Social Book IR
- Conclusions and Research Challenges

# Part 1: Social Book Search & Complex Tasks

# Social Book Search Lab

- Campaign for building test collections and running Interactive IR experiments
  - Part of CLEF 2016 (you can still join!)
- Investigate book search in social media
  - impact on information needs and relevance
- Context: LibraryThing discussion forums





## Politics of Multiculturalism Recommendations?

### Political Philosophy

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1 [steve.clason](#)

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# Complex Requests

- Many relevance aspects
- Examples of known books and authors
- Context of use



# Reading Experience

- Many information needs based on previous reading experience
- 36% of requests explicitly reference previous reading experience, often with examples
- 15% mention authors:
  - looking for similar authors or order in oeuvre


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## Books about paintings

### Can you recommend.....

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1 [burgett7](#)

Jul 16, 2007, 12:39pm ↕

I have started reading [Portrait of Dr. Gachet](#), a book about the Van Gogh painting. I recently purchased [Strapless](#), the story of Sargent's painting Madame X. I also read [The Lost Painting](#) about the rediscovery of a missing Caravaggio painting.

I am looking for more titles with this "Books about (specific) paintings" theme.

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2 [thorold](#)

Jul 16, 2007, 4:57pm ↕

Wasn't [Girl with a pearl earring](#) by [Tracy Chevalier](#) the book that started the latest round of this particular craze? I haven't read it.

[A History of the World In 10 1/2 Chapters](#) by [Julian Barnes](#) isn't entirely about one painting, but a big chunk of it is about Géricault's "Raft of the Medusa"

[The Birth of Venus](#) by [Sarah Dunant](#) is only rather obliquely about the painting.

[A la recherche du temps perdu](#) is - inter alia - about a small patch of yellow in Vermeer's "View of Delft", but it probably isn't what you're looking for!



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# Reading Order

- Readers often want advice on where to start reading:
  - a prolific author's oeuvre
  - a set of books on a topic
- Also common issue in scholarly domain



# Adrienne von Speyr

## Catholic Tradition

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1 [josephx23](#)

Feb 13, 2009, 11:32am ↕

Is anyone here familiar with the mystic (and friend of Fr. Hans urs von Balthasar) Adrienne von Speyr? Anyone have any recommendations about where to start with her writings?

[More](#)

2 [liamfoley](#)

Feb 21, 2009, 2:46pm ↕

she wrote a commentary on [The Holy Mass](#) but it is heavy on references to the old liturgy. She has a book on Mary in Redemption, hard, in my opinion to read in isolation from von B.

[More](#)

3 [josephx23](#)

Feb 23, 2009, 8:45pm ↕

That's good to know - I was thinking of starting with her book on the Mass. What HUVB book ought one to read along with Mary in Redemption? Mary, the Church At its Source? The Threefold Garland?

[More](#)

## HELP regarding Derek Walcott's poetry

### Poetry Fool

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1 [alceinwdld](#)

Sep 22, 2008, 6:14pm ⬇

I heard a poem by Derek Walcott with the line "drink it in." Is anyone familiar with it?

Also, if you are familiar with his poetry, what would you recommend as a good place to start reading some of his work?

Thanks!

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2 [EncompassedRunner](#)

Edited: Sep 24, 2008, 3:44am ⬇

Though I only possess the few Derek Walcott poems that are in my copy of [The Norton Anthology of Poetry: Fourth Edition](#), they are phenomenal, and one of his poems ("A Far Cry from Africa") moved me so much that I ended up tagging pleas re: the genocide in southern Sudan with the last 2 lines from the poem:

"...

*How can I face such slaughter and be cool?*

*How can I turn from Africa and live?"*

Though the "drink it in" phrase doesn't bring a particular poem to mind, I can suggest someone who might well recognize it: [L. L. Barkat](#), who can be found on her blog [SeedlingsInStone](#)



# The Northanger "horrid" novels

## Gothic Literature

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1 [Kell\\_Smurthwaite](#)

Aug 16, 2007, 5:30am

Having read [Northanger Abbey](#) by [Jane Austen](#) earlier in the year, I thought it might be fun to tackle the "horrod" novels listed throughout the book (Catherine Morland is obsessed with reading Gothic novels). The books mentioned run as follows:

1. The Necromancer: or, The Tale of the Black Forest (1794) by '[Ludwig Flammenberg](#)' (pseudonym for [Carl Friedrich Kahlert](#); translated by Peter Teuthold)
2. [Horrid Mysteries](#) (1796) by the [Marquis de Grosse](#) (translated by P. Will)
3. [Castle of Wolfenbach](#) (1793) by [Eliza Parsons](#)
4. [The Mysterious Warning, a German Tale](#) (1796) by [Eliza Parsons](#)
5. [Clermont, a Tale](#) (1798) by [Regina Maria Roche](#)
6. [Orphan of the Rhine](#) (1798) by [Eleanor Sleath](#)
7. [The Midnight Bell](#) (1798) by [Francis Lathom](#)
8. [The Mysteries of Udolpho](#) (1794) by [Ann Radcliffe](#)
9. [The Italian](#) 1797) by [Ann Radcliffe](#)

Has anyone here read any of them? What did you think of them and which would you recommend to start with?

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## Sayers recommendations??

### Inklings

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**1** [mom5mills](#) First Message

Apr 1, 2007, 4:05pm [↕](#)

The only Sayers I've ever read is her "Lost tools of Learning essay." Can anyone give me recommendations? Whats a good one of hers to start with??

-Amanda

[More](#)

**2** [waiting4morning](#)

Apr 1, 2007, 7:02pm [↕](#)

Her Lord Peter Wimsey mystery series is what's she's best known for in fiction. Lord Peter is the detective, a WWI veteran suffering from post traumatic stress disorder with a penchant for the finer things in life: a well-tuned piano, rare books, and a glass of old brandy.

I really enjoy this series and re-read them every year or so. Lord Peter is a fabulous character and I just love the language of the writing.

The first in the series is [Whose Body?](#) followed by:

[Clouds of Witness](#)

[Unnatural Death](#)

[The Unpleasantness at the Bellona Club](#)

## Where to start with Georgette Heyer?

### Historical Fiction

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**1** [kdcDavis](#)

Feb 8, 2011, 1:35am [↑](#)

It has become clear to me that I should read Georgette Heyer's novels, but I'm a bit daunted. Where to begin? Any recommendations?

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**2** [nhlsecord](#)

Feb 9, 2011, 9:48am [↑](#)

I think [Powder and Patch](#) was her first one, it's a little different in tone from most of the others (I'm writing of her Regency Romances, I haven't read her mysteries). Try [The Toll Gate](#) and [Cousin Kate](#), that will give you an idea of the romances, although they are much more than romances.

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**3** [DevourerOfBooks](#)

Feb 9, 2011, 10:21am [↑](#)

It depends on what you are most interested in. nhlsecord mentioned the romances. I've read one of them and can see why people like them, but I'm personally a big fan of her mysteries. She also wrote some actual historical fiction, but I have yet to sample any of that. My favorite of her mysteries that I have read so far is probably [Death in the Stocks](#).



## Eudora Welty Recommendation?

### Deep South

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1 MrsFridayNext

Feb 29, 2008, 3:17pm ↕

Hi y'all-

I am a Yankee looking to get my feet wet in Southern fiction. I have been meaning to read some Eudora Welty since forever, but, as with many classic authors, I am daunted by the sheer magnitude of her work, and at a loss for where to start. Can someone here suggest a good starting place? Is there any one Welty book or collection that you consider to be a must-read? I'm particularly interested in her because I've heard that she and Jane Austen share some similarities in their style of writing- do you find that to be more true of one work than another?

Any advice would be appreciated!

- margaret

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2 leahmarjorie

Mar 8, 2008, 10:51am ↕

[The Optimist's Daughter](#) is a wonderful read! It's very southern, gracefully written, has good symbolism, and she handles her themes so masterfully and insightfully. Basically, it is the story of a daughter coming to terms with her father's death. It details his last days in the hospital and the events surrounding the funeral and subsequent sorting out of the inheritance and



# Forum Requests

- Users often want to know how relevant books are related to each other
  - to books they already know
  - within a set of potential next books
- What order to read them in, which to read next
  - requires more than one-step retrieval

# Search Stages

- Information search process models
  - e.g., pre-focus, focus formulation, and post-focus (Vakkari, 2001)
- Decision stages in book selection
  - e.g., browse category, selecting, judging, sampling, and sustained reading

# Process Models

- Kuhlthau's information search process model:
  - 6 stage process of information seeking.
  - model of longitudinal search process
  - difficult to try to match all six stages
- Vakkari's three stage model (a summarization of Kuhlthau's model).
  - pre-focus, focus, post-focus
  - Browse, search, Book-bag (refine search)

# Multistage interface – *Browse* view

**Your Task** ?

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Browse


Search


Book-bag (0)


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Travel	14783
Health, Mind & Body	117823
Historical	53686
History	213660
History & Criticism	83687
Home & Garden	63054
Literature & Fiction	340744
Mystery & Thrillers	68852
New & Used Textbooks	128860
Nonfiction	351701
Professional & Technical	189348
Reference	190497


**Europe**


 [The British Labour Party and Defense \(The Washington Papers\)](#)


 [The Material Culture of Sex, Procreation, and Marriage in Premodern Europe](#)


 [The Princes of Ireland: The Dublin Saga \(Rutherford, Edward \(Large Print\)\)](#) ★★★★★


 [The Lost Painting: The Quest for a Caravaggio Masterpiece](#) ★★★★★


 [History of the Methodist Church in Great Britain, Vol 2](#)


 [The Theory and Practice of Revolt in Medieval England](#)


 [Why Europe? The Rise of the West in World History 1500-1850](#)


 [Napoleon as Military Commander \(Classic Military History\)](#) ★★★★★


 [Hitler's Sky Warriors: German Paratroopers in Action, 1939-1945](#) ★★★★★


 [Carl and Karin Larsson Creators of the Swedish Style](#) ★★★★★


 [Edge of Time: Traveling in Armenia and Karabagh](#) ★★★★★


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 [The Houses of Hanover and Saxe-Coburg-Gotha](#) ★★★★★


 [The Somme: Heroism and Horror in the First World War](#) ★★★★★


 [Thucydides: History IV-V.24 \(Classical Texts\) \(Bk. 4\)](#)


 [The Irish: A Treasury of Art and Literature](#)

 [Seeing Europe With Famous Authors: Great Britain and Ireland Book 1](#)

 [Fifty Dead Men Walking: The Heroic True Story of a British Secret Agent Inside the IRA](#) ★★★★★

 [London in the Sixties](#)

 [The Pope's Daughter: The Extraordinary Life of Felice della Rovere](#) ★★★★★

 [The Reluctant Emperor: A Biography of John Cantacuzene, Byzantine Emperor and Monk, c. 1295-1383](#) ★★★★★



# Multistage interface – *Search* view

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Browse

Search

Book-bag (0)

Everything



Search

## Filter by Topics

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Literature & Fiction	340744
Children's Books	228534
History	213660
Reference	190497
Professional & Technical	189348
Children's Fiction or Nonfiction (feature_four_browse-bin)	182532
Religion & Spirituality	172018
Social Sciences	170581
United States	164751

## Filter by User tags

Fiction	312990
Non-fiction	311246
Read	225682
Unread	218978
Own	176849
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Tbr	143190
Novel	126069
Paperback	119809
Reference	92616



Save to book bag

## Dialogues

by Claire Parnet



Description Publication 1 Review 16 Tags

### Product Description

In the most accessible and personal of his works, Deleuze examines -through a series of discussions with Claire Parnet -such revealing topics as his own philosophical background and development, the central themes of his work, and some of his relationships, in particular his long association with the philosopher Félix Guattari.



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## The Steepwood Scandals Volume 7 (Mr Rushford's Honour AND An Unlikely Suitor)

Unrated

by Meg Alexander; Nicola Cornick

Description Publication No reviews 3 Tags

Type	Paperback	Published by	Harlequin Mills & Boon
Pages	501	ISBN	0263855015

# Multistage interface – *Book-bag* view

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Search

**Book-bag (2)**

**Your Books** ?



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No Regrets ★★★★★

The Duke's Downfall ★★★★★

Under The Wishing Star ★★★★★

The Captain's Mermaid (Zebra Regency ... ★★★★★

An Honorable Match (Zebra Regency Ro... ★★★★★

Fourth Season ★★★★★

Charming Imposter (Regency Romance) ★★★★★

A Lasting Attachment (Romantic Interludes) ★★★★★

A Highly Respectable Widow (Signet) ★★★★★

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# Supporting Stages

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  - Bibliometrics!

# Part 2: Citations In User-Generated Content

# Citation Types

- Cataloguing, reviewing, discussing
- Each with its own characteristics
- Each with its own advantages and disadvantages
- General issue: crowd citations tend to be highly skewed, heavy users dominate, Harry Potter effect

# SBS Collections

- Amazon/LibraryThing collection: curated metadata + user tags and reviews for 2.8M books
- 45M catalogue entries by 170k users
- 11M Amazon reviews by 1.8M users
- 1.6M forum mentions by 16k users in 132k threads



# Forum Discussions

- Advantages: contributions from multiple readers, e.g. 'wisdom of the crowd'
- Disadvantages: topic drift, game-like threads
- Complexity: when are 2 mentions co-citations?
  - Levels: post, thread, user, discussion group, or a combination of these
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**40** [TheEnigma](#)


Edited: Mar 29, 2007, 12:53pm 

The Age of Misrule Omnibus is the obvious choice, its cheap (ish) and [Mark Chadbourn](#) weaves a very striking tale, i've only read the first two but they provided very good reading, i'm waiting to savour the ending book soon.

I also believe [Guy Gavriel Kays Fionavar Tapestry](#) trilogy contains some Arthutian elements, the modern context being a group of Canadian students ripped into another world.

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**41** [bluetyson](#)

Mar 30, 2007, 9:46pm 

Yes, and in fact both of those are already mentioned. :)

The second Chadbourn trilogy is ok, not as good as the first. Haven't read the new one in this third group though.

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**42** [bluetyson](#)

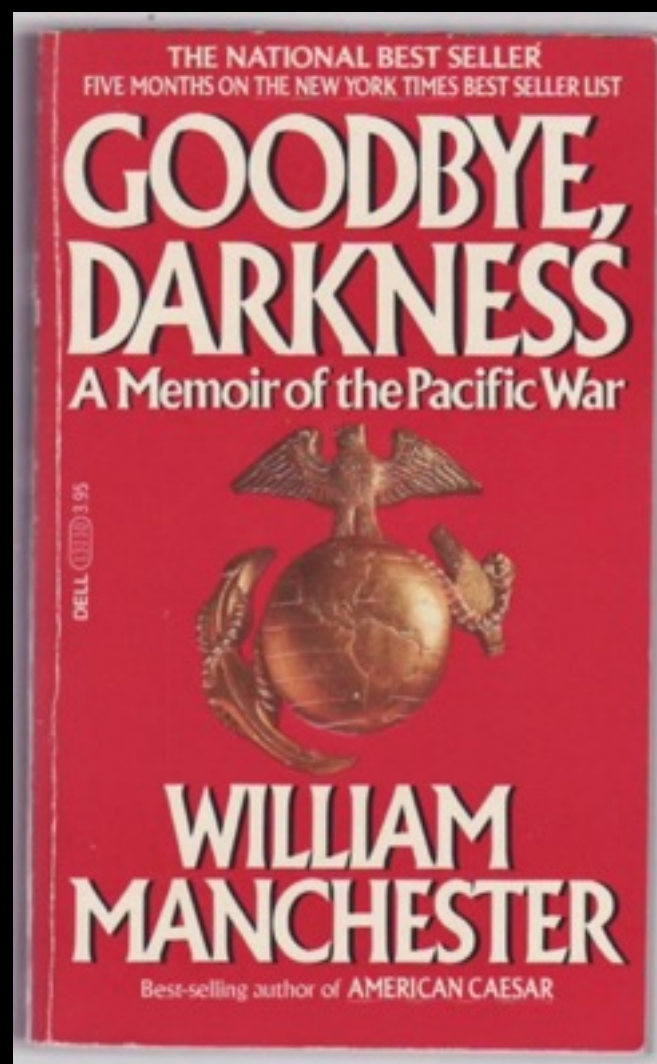
Mar 31, 2007, 11:44am 

Here's a possible whacky one I stumbled across tonight

[Keeper of the King](#) by P. N. Elrod and [Nigel Bennett](#) it seems.

# Book Reviews

- Review as mega-citation (Zuccala & Bod, 2012)
  - formal reviews in journals
  - Amazon reviews informal, written for variety of reasons



183 of 191 people found the following review helpful

★★★★★ **Poetic and Haunting**, July 14, 2003

By **Rodney J. Szasz** "**CESS INTERNATIONAL. Rod Szasz**" (Tokyo, Japan Japan) - [See all my reviews](#)

REAL NAME

**This review is from:** *Goodbye Darkness: A Memoir of the Pacific War* (Mass Market Paperback)

If one could read two accounts of the Pacific War written from the perspective of Americans this book and Sledges "With the Old Breed at Peleliu and Okinawa" would be the best that one can get. There are a lot of very good narrative history books on all aspects of the Pacific War, but the poet-gone-to-war genre is something that really the British usually do much better than the Americans. That is why when I stumbled upon Manchester's memoirs I was immediately sucked into the guts of wartime experience.

Manchester writes with passion borne from desperation and experience of long times in the firing line. He waxes from the lyrical experiences of a fireside chat on the battle-line with a student of philosophy (himself?) regalling the troops with an exposition on the nature of time. One is left with the images of hard worn veterans from small American towns, experiencing the wonder of ideas for the first time on the eve of battle. Their far off, empty stares as the philosopher marine finishes his exposition in sheer silence is something that one can almost feel. That very same night they cut up a large Banzai charge on Guam --- one can cut the atmosphere of the book with a knife.

Manchester can then go on and describe his visceral uncomfortable feelings of being close to the Japanese today. Their inability to admit to former atrocities is something that Manchester admits, planted the seed of dislike deeply inside him. Try as he might he cannot shake it and we are at least amazed with his honesty. This contrasts with the cerebral, fair-minded Manchester we all know from his biographies.

I have read more than 200 narrative histories and memoirs of the Pacific War, British, American, Japanese, Indian and Chinese, Australian, Canadian ... and this is one of the best. Like all good books, it stays with you for a long time....

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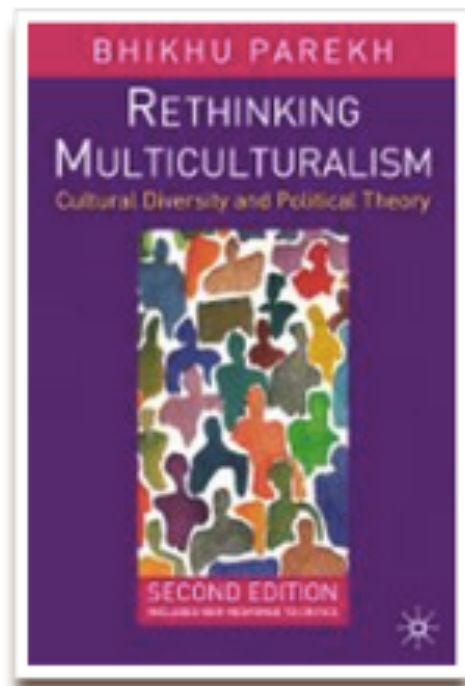
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- Advantage: many users, many transactions
- Disadvantages: noisy, based on variety of interests (also temporally)

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by [Bhikhu Parekh](#)

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# Differences In Patterns

- Often catalogued, rarely discussed:
  - later books in series, management books
  - discussions avoid obvious connections?
- Often mentioned, rarely catalogued/reviewed
  - nominees of Mann Booker & Orange prizes
  - literary praise leads to discussion, less to reading

# Lessons

- Lessons from LibraryThing analysis
- Several complex tasks:
  - finding reading order, recommendation style  
shortlist search
- Many potentially relevant signals:
  - catalogues, reviews, discussions
  - all are ordered sets in some sense

Part 3:  
Bibliometrics for Social  
Book IR

# Supporting IR

- Citation context:
  - user tags, ratings, reviews, discussions
- Co-citation:
  - relationships between shortlist items and collection
- Citation order:
  - related to reading order?

# Citation Context

- Textual context of citations can improve retrieval in scientific literature search (Ritchie et al., 2008)
- Book reviews and user tags also improve many book retrieval tasks (Koolen et al., 2012, Koolen, 2014)
- Reviews can capture many aspects that curated metadata doesn't: style, humour, characterisation, recency, comprehensiveness, engagement, associations with other books



# Shortlists

- Query by document:
  - paradigm using a document content as query
- What about multiple documents representing information need?
- Shortlist reduce cognitive effort of exploration and selection, improve recommendation performance (Schnabel et al. (2015))

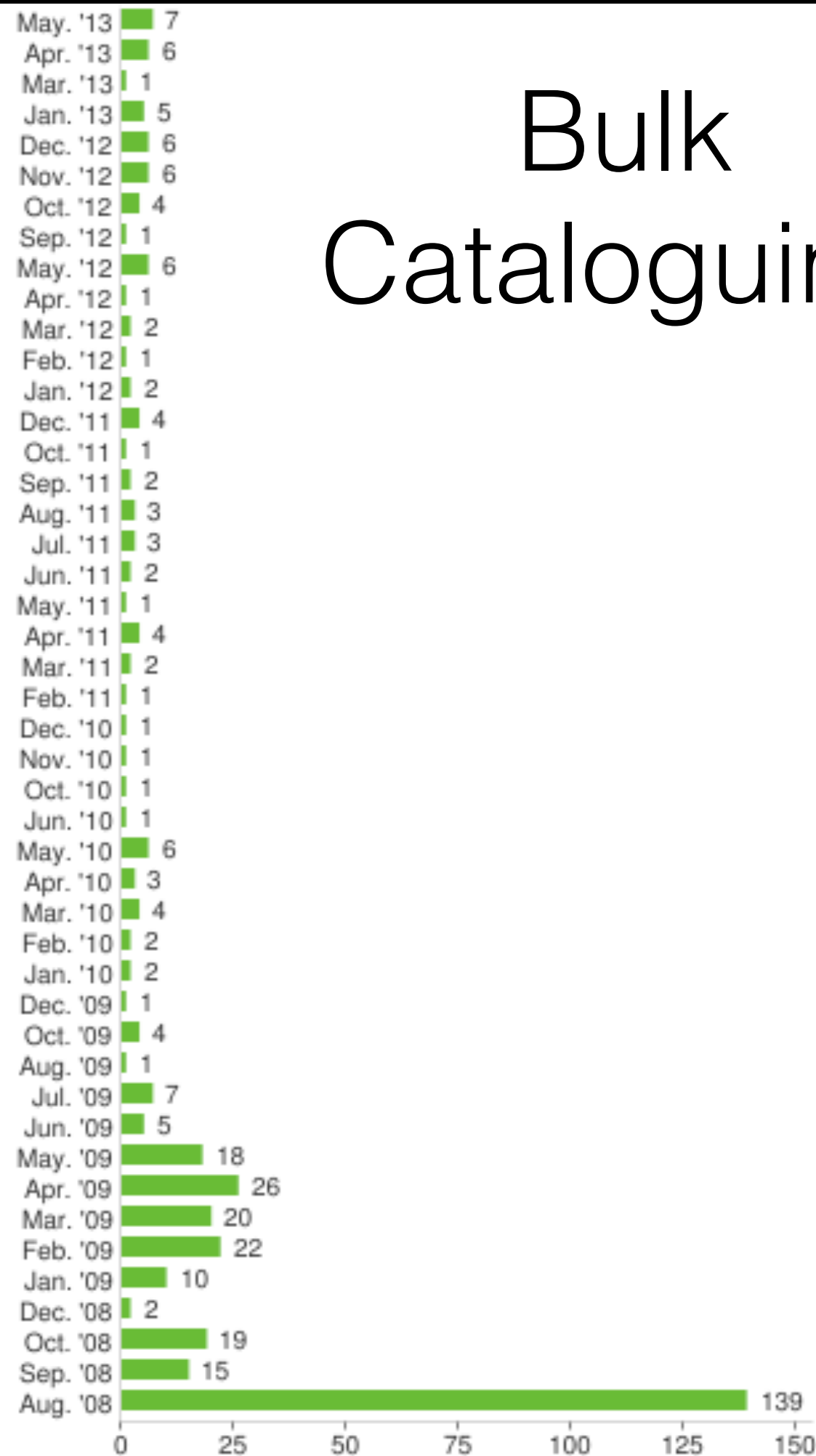
# Search By Shortlist

- Model relevance with multiple examples
  - represent inf. need through overlapping terms/descriptors or citations (Boomerang effect, Larsen (2002))
- Can “more like this” search work?
  - Keep user in control of overlap

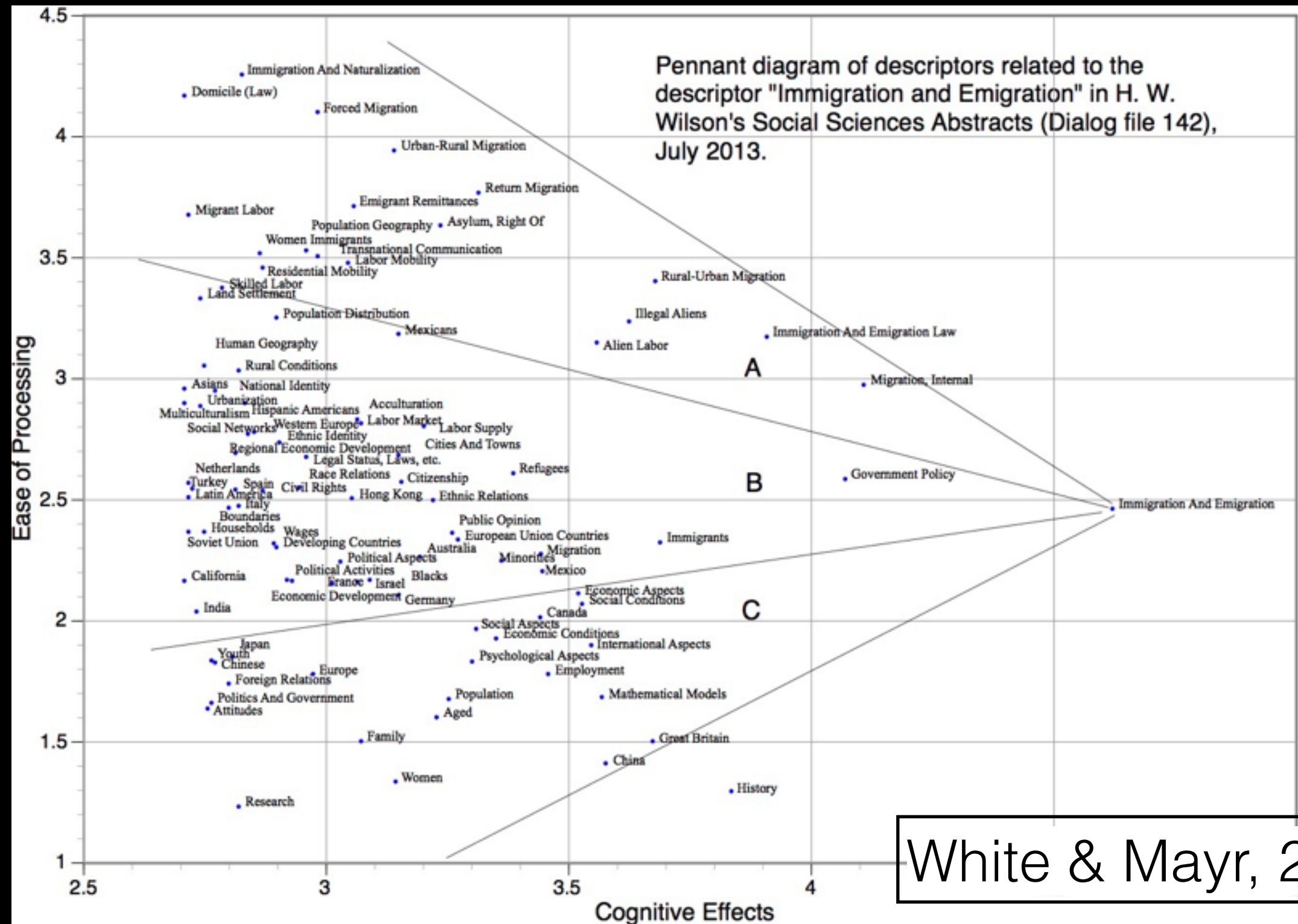
# Revealing Reading Order

- Signals revealing reading order:
  - popularity, order of interaction, co-citation
- In what order do Terry Pratchett fans read Discworld novels?
  - showing cataloguing order

# Bulk Cataloguing



# Pennant Diagrams





# Pennants and Order

- Top left region are descriptors or books with low citation count but relatively high co-citation count
  - tend to be more specific subjects, less obvious connections
- Can pennant regions help determine reading order?
  - can they be used with multiple seeds?
  - how can this be usefully incorporated in interfaces?

# Conclusions

- LT Forums: goldmine for observing book search
  - tasks go well-beyond finding topical relevance
  - require multiple steps to explore relevance space
  - users have shortlists representing types of needs
- Book mentions: reveal various relevance aspects hard to capture in text-based retrieval models
  - Bibliometrics can enhance retrieval by operationalising relationships between books, authors and readers

# Challenges

- Many open questions:
  - What task types can be supported by bibliometric techniques?
  - What is the value of different types of citations for (co-)citation analysis and for various steps in complex search tasks?
  - How can (multistage) interfaces support such complex search tasks?
  - How can information need be effectively represented through shortlist?
  - How can reading orders help user navigation through and selection in book collection?

# Thank You!

- Questions?
- Join Social Book Search Lab at CLEF 2016!