

Books in Early Europe

One-Sentence Summary: Our dataset allows people who are interested in early European literature and publication to identify historical and regional patterns across Europe through European texts published in the 1500's.

Dataset: Our dataset has information about books printed between 1440 and the end of the XVII century in Europe. It includes metadata such as the author, country, and year of publication.

1. **How did we find it:** We found this dataset using the Gould Library catalyst, in content, we selected Books & eBooks.
2. **Where did we find it (URL):**
<https://www.proquest.com/eeb/advanced/fromDatabasesLayer?accountid=9892> (URL for the data set). <https://www.proquest.com/eeb/databases/advanced?accountid=9892>(URL to download dataset)
3. **When did we download the data:** We downloaded this data on 01/17/2023
4. **What is the name of this data set:** The name of the data set is Early European Books, Complete Collection.
5. **Who owns this data:** The data is owned by Owned by ProQuest
6. **What time and geography is covered in the data:** The data covers (roughly) from 1440 (beginning of printing in Europe) through the end of the XVII century. Only covers print in Europe.
7. **What format is the data available in:** The data is only available as an Excel Document

User Roles & Goals:

1. A **historian** would use this data set to study book history in Europe through the XVII century. Particularly, they could study important authors and publishers through time.
2. A **linguist** would be interested in which languages are most published at different times and places. Alternatively, a linguist may want to know the prevalence of one language across Europe at a specific time.

3. A **digital humanist** could study the structure of the project to study how the material was digitized.
4. An **anthropologist** would use this data set to study early European cultures through texts that document the practices of the time whether their focus is on religion, medicine, weddings, etc.
5. A **literary scholar** would use this data to compare the writing styles of Europe in the 1500's. Alternatively, a literary scholar may want to compare the different writing styles in that time period between different regions in Europe.

Here are some questions the dataset could be used to answer ("X" here refers to a title of choice)

1. What languages were most published in X European country?
2. Was there a shift in popular topics over time?
3. Who were some of the most common authors of the X genre?
4. What representation of countries does library X offer? Are any over/under represented?
5. What are the differences between X practices between different European countries at the time? (religious, medical, funeral, etc.)