As a Core Collections user...

1. I want to look up a particular title in the Core Collections database and see if it is a recommended title.

From the basic search page, enter the title of the book into the search field and click “Search”:

If the book you are searching for is a part of Core Collections, it will appear in the search results. From the search results, you can see the title’s recommendation level (Most Highly Recommended, Core Collection, Supplementary, or Archival), the author, the publisher, and the subject headings.

For more specific information about the title, click on it to go into the full record.

The detailed records for Core Collections books contain bibliographic information as well as the Recommendation Level, the Reading Level (Grade), an Abstract, and the Price.
Clicking on the “Similar Books” app (formerly known as a widget) at the bottom of the record will give you books with similar subject headings. Clicking on “Other Books by the Author” will give you other titles the author has written.

2. From a Core Collections book record, I want to see what reviews have been written about that particular title.

From the detailed record, you can see what reviews have been written about this book by clicking on “Reviews of this Title.”
The search results show what reviews have been written about that title. In the search results, you can see the name of the review journal, the publication date. Clicking on a particular review will lead to you to the review record.

To return to the book record, click on the “Book Being Reviewed” widget at the bottom of the screen. The title of the book being reviewed, some bibliographic data, and the abstract will appear. Click on “Find this title” to return to the book record.
3. I want to see only Most Highly Recommended titles for senior high students.

From the Senior High Core Collection database, enter the Advanced Search page. Select "Most Highly Recommended (Narrowest)" from the Recommendation Level search limiter, and then click "Search" at the bottom.

The search results will contain only those books at the Most Highly Recommended level. You can see the recommendation level in the search results. From the search results, you can further narrow your search criteria by using the Publication Date slider in the left sidebar, or return to the Advanced Search page to apply more limiters.
4. I need to find a list of current (2009-2012) recommended math materials for senior high students.

From the Advanced Search page, select Most Highly Recommended and Core Collection from the Recommendation Level search limiter. Then, enter the date limits in the Published Date text fields – in this case, 2009 to 2012. Next enter the appropriate Dewey range for math in the Dewey Range text field at the bottom right of the page.

The results will contain only those books at the Most Highly Recommended and Core Collections levels that have been publishing from 2009-2012 and have a Dewey number of 510-519. You can see the Recommendation Level in the search results, as well as the author, publisher, and subject headings.
5. I want to search for reviews associated with a certain book.

From the Advanced Search Page, type in the name of the book you would like to see review citations for into the search field and select Title from the drop down menu. Then, select Review under the Publication Type limiter.

The search results will give you all the reviews available on Core Collections associated with that title. In the search results, you can see the author of the review, the review publication, and the publication date. Click on a particular review record for more information.

In the detailed review record, you can see the publication data as well as read an abstract of the review. For more information about the book being reviewed, click the “Book Being Reviewed” app (formerly known as a widget) at the
bottom of the page. From there, you can see the bibliographic information for that title as well as a book summary. To see even more detailed information about the book, click "Find this Title." This will lead you to the detailed book record.

6. I want to see if a particular author’s work has been included in Core Collections.

From the Advanced Search page, enter the author’s name you would like to find in the search field (Last Name, First Name). Then, select “Author, Personal” from the drop-down menu. To see only books that author has written, select “Books” under the Publication Type search limiter. If you want to see only reviews written by that author, select “Review.” To see both books and reviews written by the author, leave the default selection to “All.”

If that author’s work is a part of Core Collections, the titles will appear in the search results.

If you selected Publication Type “All,” you can limit what you see in the search results. For example, searching “Oates, Joyce Carol” as a Personal Author in the Fiction Core Collection brings up both books and reviews. Note that the Source Type limiter on the left has the “All Results” box checked.
To see only books written by this author, check the “Books” box under Source Types and click Update. To see only reviews, check the “Reviews” and click update. The search results will then be limited by the publication type.

From here, note that you can also limit the search results by the Publication and the Subject.

7. I want to find a nonfiction book about penguins for my 2nd and 3rd grade classes.

From the Advanced Search page of Children’s Core Collection, enter “Penguins” in the search field and select Subject from the drop down menu. Next, select “Book” under Publication type, then “2” and “3” under Grade Level. Finally, select the Nonfiction box under Category.
The search results will contain nonfiction books about penguins appropriate for 2nd and 3rd grade students. From the search results, you can refine your results by publication year and additional subjects. You can also remove any of your previous filters by clicking on the orange box next to the limiters on the right.

See also:

H. W. Wilson Core Collections - FAQs