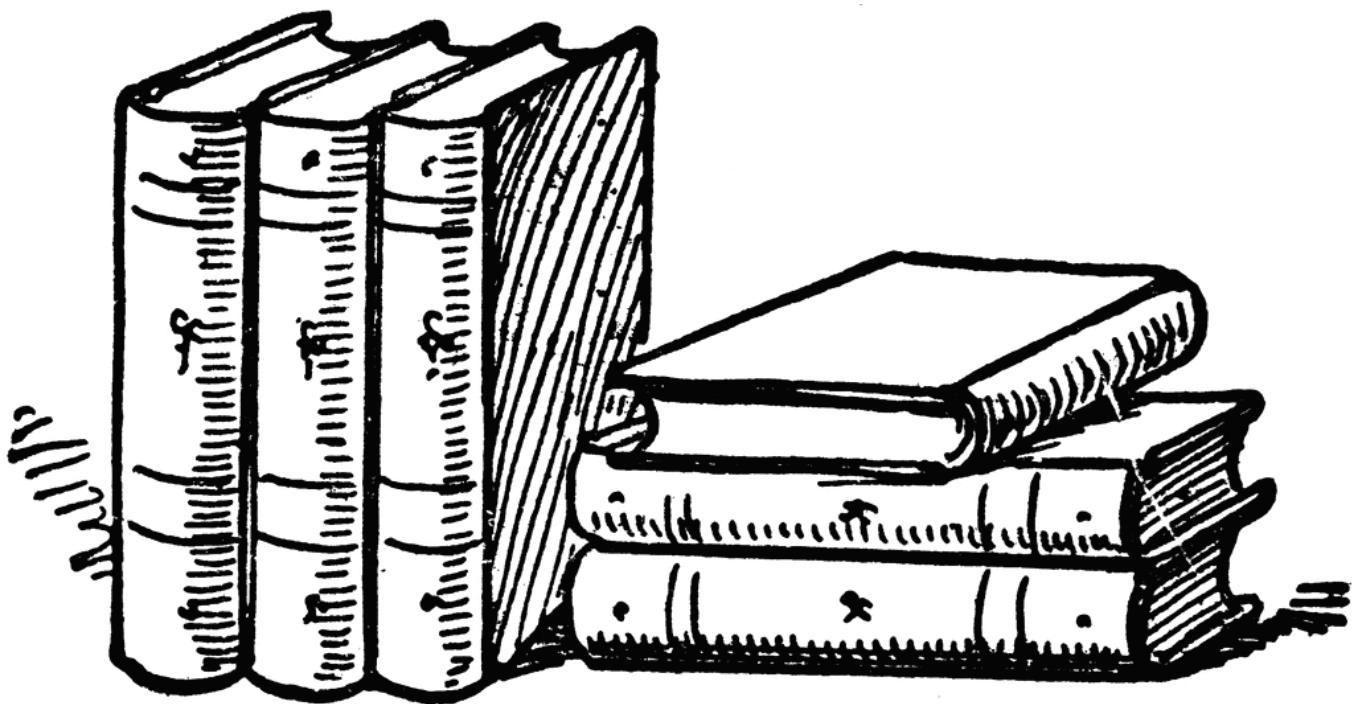


BUYING BOOKS IN CAMBRIDGE



Sometimes you will need a book that can't be found in the Library, so here's a handy guide of the best places to buy books in Cambridge.

Academic bookshops

Cambridge University Press Bookshop (Open Mon-Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 11am-5pm)

Found on the *corner of Trinity Street and St. Mary's Street*, this bookshop holds over 25,000 C.U.P. titles, many of which will be on your reading list. As a member of the university, you can get a **20% discount in store** by producing your student card. The shop also has a selection of university related gifts and postcards. The publisher's book catalogue is online. For more information, you can visit their website at: www.cambridge.org/about-us/visit-bookshop.



(NB. Books on Education and English Language Teaching can be found in the C.U.P. Bookshop in The Learning Centre, CB2 3NR)

Heffers (Open Mon & Wed-Sat 9am-6pm, Tues 9.30am-6pm, Sun 11am-5pm)

Founded over 130 years ago and located on *Trinity Street*, this is arguably the biggest academic bookshop in Cambridge and covers virtually all the necessary subjects. There is also a medium-sized second-hand section on the bottom floor, which once again covers a variety of subjects. Students receive a **20% discount off certain University Press titles**; more information on this and the shop as a whole can be found at: bookshop.blackwell.co.uk/stores/heffers-academic-general-books. The shop also plays host to several events over the year, including talks and book-signings.



Waterstones (Open Mon-Sat 9am-7pm, Sun 11am-5pm)

Located on *Sidney Street*, this is a reliable bookshop that has an array of academic and literary books. The chain also offers a student card which gives you **10 points for every £1 spent in store**; you can apply for one by going in store with your university card, though it does need to be renewed each academic year. Though the shop itself doesn't have a second-hand section, there is one online at www.waterstonesmarketplace.com, where you can handily search for specific university textbooks.



Second-hand bookshops

Oxfam (Open Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Sat 9.30am-6pm, Sun 11.15am-4.30pm)

Located on *Sidney Street*, this is a self-proclaimed 'Aladdin's cave', a fair enough title as this shop houses a surprisingly varied amount of books for its size; almost every academic subject is covered, with particularly large sections on Art & Architecture and History. There is also a decent sized literature section and CD collection. An up-to-date catalogue of the items for sale can be through here: www.oxfam.org.uk/shop/local-shops/oxfam-bookshop-cambridge.



Plurabelle Books (Open Mon-Fri 9am-4pm)

Found in an old stonemason's workshop on *Coldhams Road* (which may seem far but is only a 10-minute cycle from St. John's), this shop has over 45,000 items, specialising in second-hand academic books. Their website (www.plurabellebooks.com) includes an online catalogue as well the 'Book Kitchen' feature, which allows the user to search for numerous subject areas at once.



RSPCA Bookshop (Open Mon-Sat 10am-5pm)

Located on *Mill Road*, this modestly sized charity bookshop has an ever updated stock, including a variety of books, CDs and DVDs. A link to their online catalogue can be found through here: www.rspcabookshop.co.uk/books.html (though this only covers a small selection of their stock). There is also a coffee machine and a 'Request a Book' scheme.



Books for Amnesty (Open Mon-Sat 10am-5pm)

Also found on *Mill Road*, this charity bookshop has a varied selection of books, particularly literary ones.

Online bookshops

AbeBooks / AwesomeBooks / Alibris

(www.abebooks.co.uk/www.awesomebooks.com/
www.alibris.co.uk)

Arguably the best online resources for second-hand books, these websites function as online marketplaces with sellers and buyers from across the globe. You can often find bargain prices, though do be aware of shipping costs and times if ordering items from abroad.



Amazon (www.amazon.co.uk)

Quickly becoming the one-stop shop for all your purchasing needs, Amazon has a large collection of books and academic materials, which can be bought from new or second-hand. As with above, the website works as an online marketplace, meaning that you can find some very low priced books, **some even for 1p** (though these are generally found in the literary section, so good news for English students!). As before, do be aware of shipping costs and times.



GreenMetropolis (www.greenmetropolis.com)

An 'online charity bookstore', GreenMetropolis ***sells all its books for £3.75*** (not including postage), with either 50p or £1 of each sale going to a particular charity. Whilst it mainly stocks general interest and fiction books, there are some academic textbooks to be found, making for a large discount from the original price.



An up-to-date list of bookshops in Cambridgeshire can be found here: www.inprint.co.uk/thebookguide/shops/location1.php?loc=East%20Anglia&locc=Cambridgeshire