

# Public Domain Books

## Resource List

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⇒ **Internet Archive**

\* <https://archive.org/>

⇒ **Hathitrust Digital Library**

\* <https://www.hathitrust.org/>

⇒ **Google Books**

\* <https://books.google.com/>

⇒ **Alabama Department of Archives & History - Digital Collection**

\* <http://digital.archives.alabama.gov/>

⇒ **South Carolina Department of Archives & History - Online Research**

\* <https://scdah.sc.gov/research-and-genealogy/online-research>

⇒ **State Archives of North Carolina - Digital Collections**

\* <http://digital.ncdcr.gov/>

⇒ **Ancestry.com - Stories, Memories, & Histories**

\* The collection is accessible for free from the Library and found below “Quick Links” on the site’s home page.

⇒ **Other states’ digital archives**

\* Use a keyword search such as “Florida digital archives” on Google.com.

