



## Using PsycCRITIQUES® for Research and Instruction

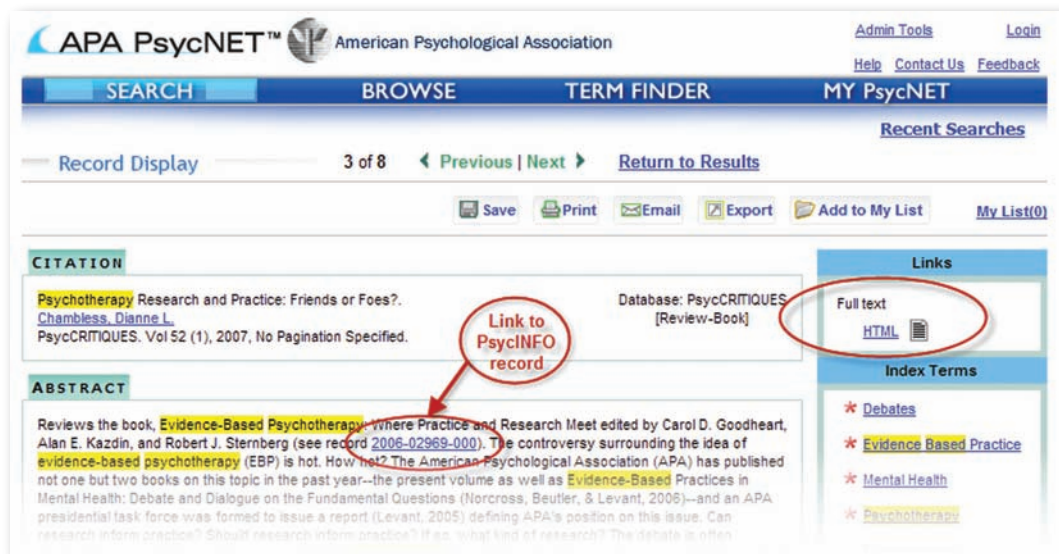
PsycCRITIQUES, the American Psychological Association’s full-text database of reviews of books, films, and other media with content relevant to psychology, is a valuable resource for students looking for research topics and faculty seeking textbooks. It’s also a tool that subject specialists can use to identify topics in the news that can be used for tip sheets and training guides.

### Using PsycCRITIQUES for Evidence-Based Research

A student is seeking an authoritative book about evidence-based psychotherapy research but wants to know how well received the book is by reviewers. The student begins by searching PsycCRITIQUES for the phrase “evidence based” (in Any Field) and “psychotherapy” (in Title of Review).



This retrieves six reviews. When the PsycCRITIQUES record for one of these records is viewed, there are links to both the full-text review and the PsycINFO® record of the book being reviewed.



When the link to the original book record is opened, the student can view the book record and, if the book is also in the PsycBOOKS® database, also link to the full-text PDFs of each of the chapters.

The screenshot shows the APA PsycNET interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for SEARCH, BROWSE, TERM FINDER, and MY PsycNET. Below these are utility links like Admin Tools, Login, Help, Contact Us, and Feedback. The main content area displays a record for 'Evidence-based psychotherapy: Where practice and research meet.' by Goodheart, Carol D. (Ed); Kazdin, Alan E. (Ed); Sternberg, Robert J. (Ed). The record includes a citation, an abstract, and a 'Links' section. A red circle highlights the 'Book TOC: Chapter PDFs' link in the Links section. The abstract text reads: 'This book engages a broad range of clinical researchers, practitioners, educators, and public policy advocates in a comprehensive discussion of key issues and arguments in the current debate on Evidence-Based Practice (EBP). The editors of this volume present a range of viewpoints on the role and nature of EBP from leading figures in clinical practice and research. Their intent is to instigate a dialogue among mental health professionals. To this end, the book offers distinctive perspectives; seeks common ground; and reveals legitimate differences, unanswered questions, and promising avenues for improving psychotherapy. The chapter authors examine the evolution, politics, treatment approaches, and implications of EBP in psychotherapy. In their introduction and notes between the sections, the editors tie together the book's themes, discuss their implications, and lay out a series of cautions regarding EBP in psychotherapy. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2008 APA, all rights reserve'.

## Finding Topical Information for Classroom Use

A faculty member who is teaching a class dealing with suicide can find reviews of videos and popular films by searching PsycCRITIQUES using the search term "Suicide" and limiting to the Document Type Review-Media.


The screenshot shows the search interface. Under the 'LOOK FOR' section, the search term 'suicide' is entered in the first field, and 'Any Field' is selected in the 'In:' dropdown. Below this, there is an 'and' dropdown and another empty search field with 'Any Field' selected. There are buttons for '+ Add a row' and 'Clear form'. Below the search fields are links for 'Journals Lookup' and 'Authors Lookup'. Under the 'ONLY SHOW CONTENT WHERE' section, there is a 'Hide' dropdown. A 'Document Type' dropdown is set to 'is', and a list of document types is shown: Letter, Obituary, Publication Information, Reprint, Review-Book, Review-Media (highlighted with a red arrow), and Review-Software & Other. There are buttons for '+ Add a row' and 'Clear form'.

Results include both reviews of a video about suicidal adolescent boys


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**How to Save a Life**

A review of the video



**Adolescent Boys Who Are Suicidal**  
with David A. Jobes  
Washington, DC: American Psychological Association, 2008. American Psychological Association  
Psychotherapy Video Series IX, Item No. 4310807. \$99.95

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and a popular film about the last days of a rock star, loosely patterned after the suicide of Kurt Cobain, lead singer of the band Nirvana.

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Contemporary Psychology: APA Review of Books American Psychological Association

**Shuffled Off**

A review of the film



**Last Days**  
(2005)  
Gus Van Sant (Writer/Director)

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