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# User Guide

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## Inside this User Guide

This guide is designed to cover the basics of searching, downloading, and reading eBooks on the EBSCOhost platform.

# Searching for eBooks

The default search screen for eBooks on EBSCOhost is basic search. The eBook Collection landing page displayed below is available by clicking the **eBooks** link in the top toolbar.

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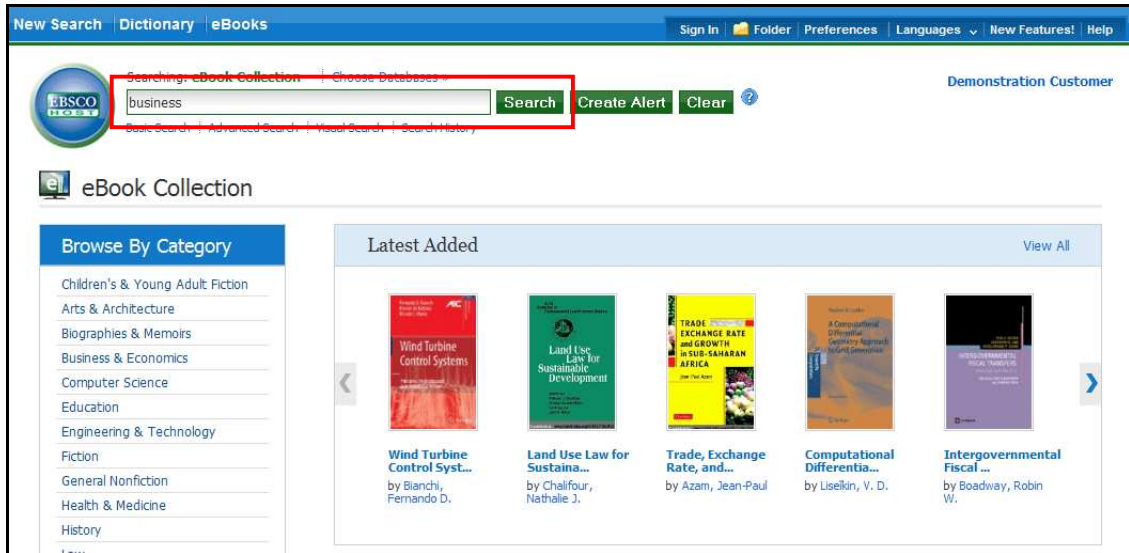
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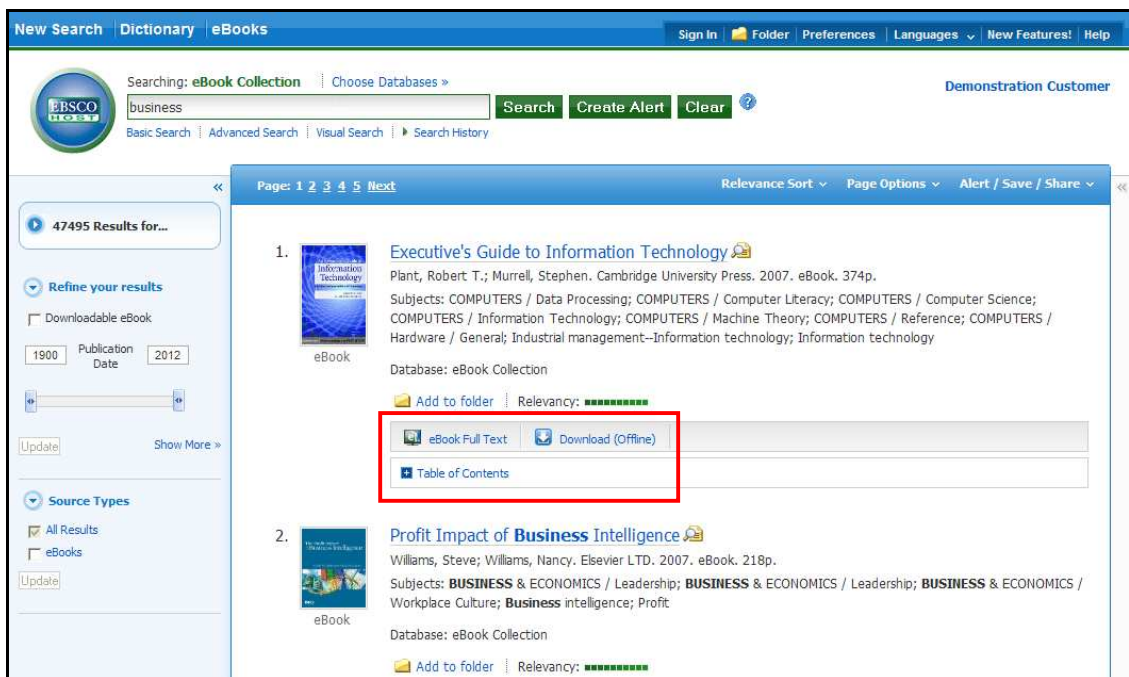
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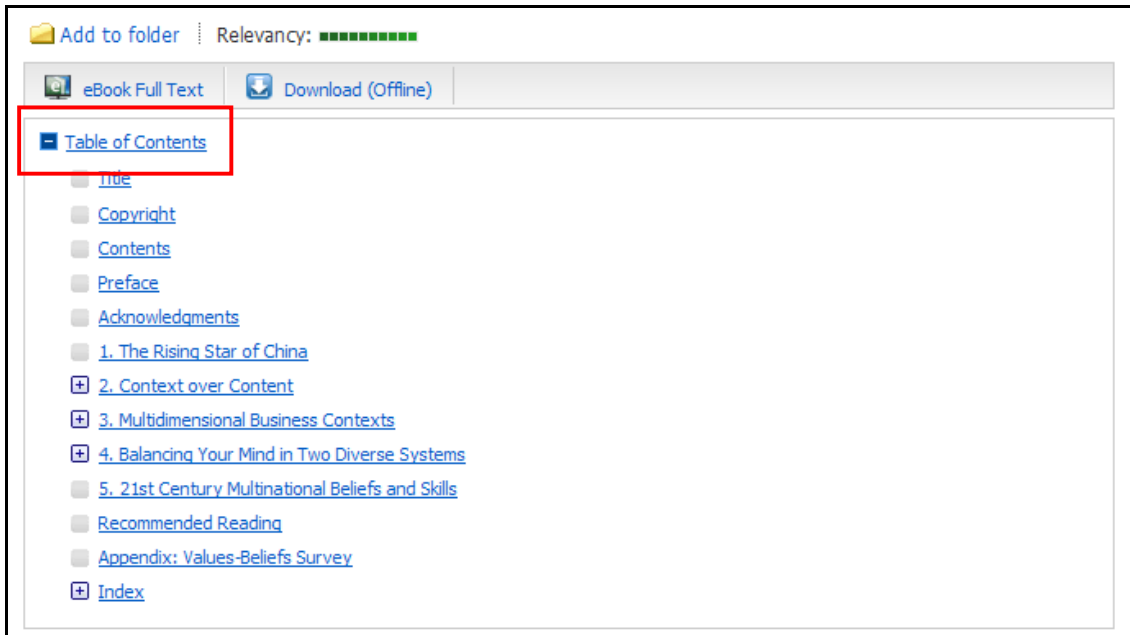
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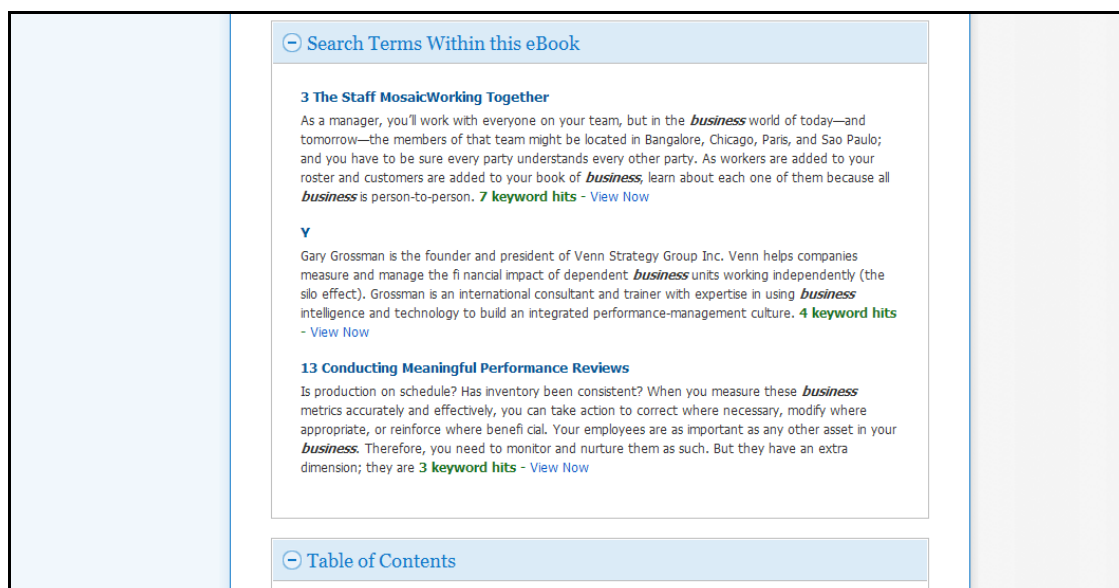
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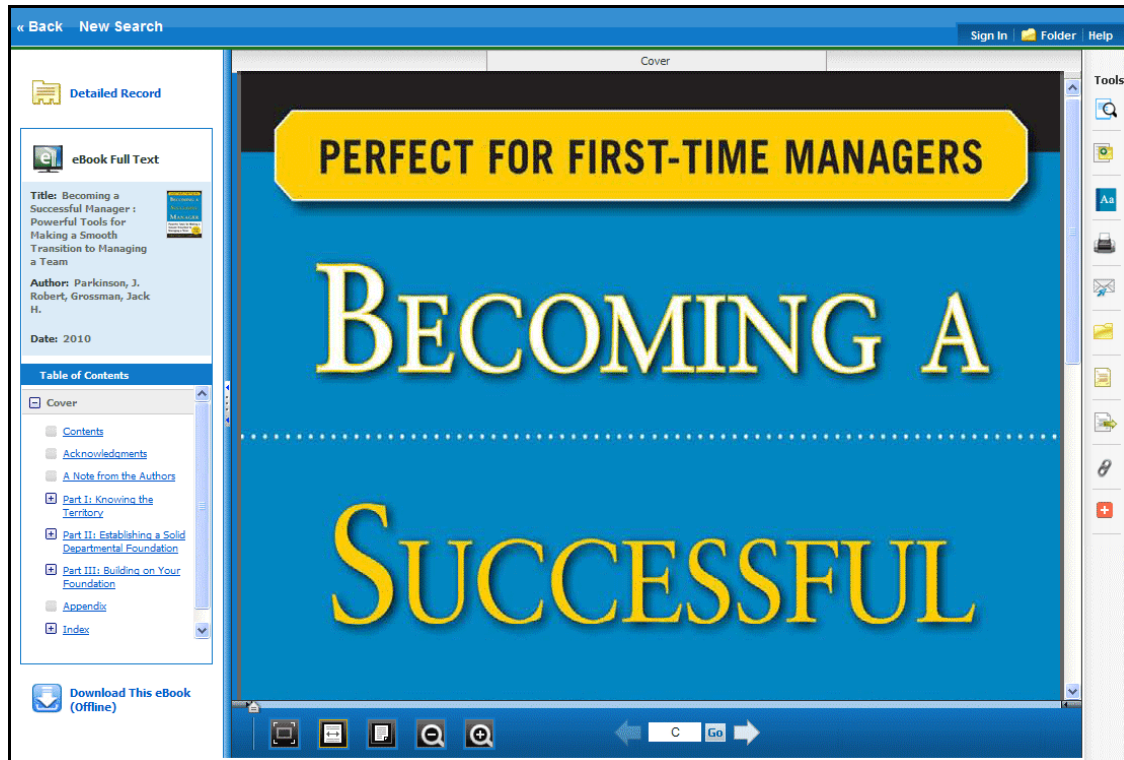
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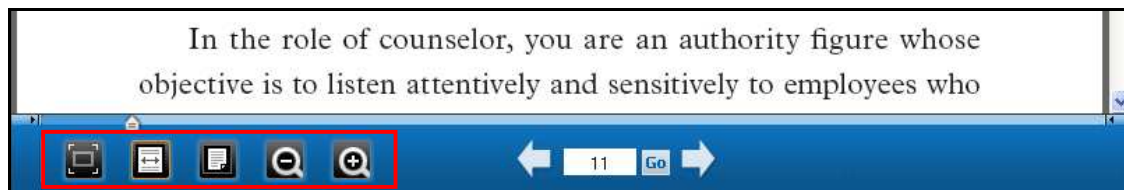
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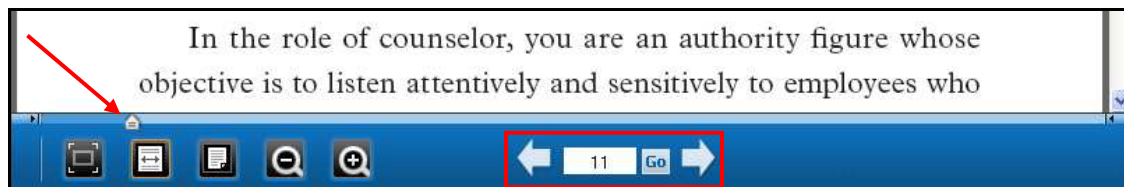
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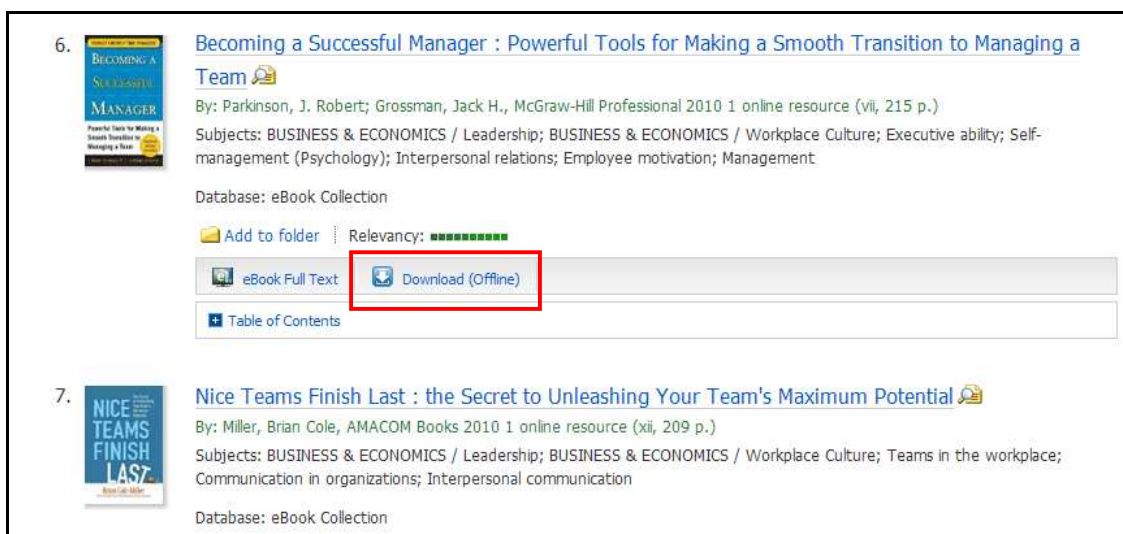
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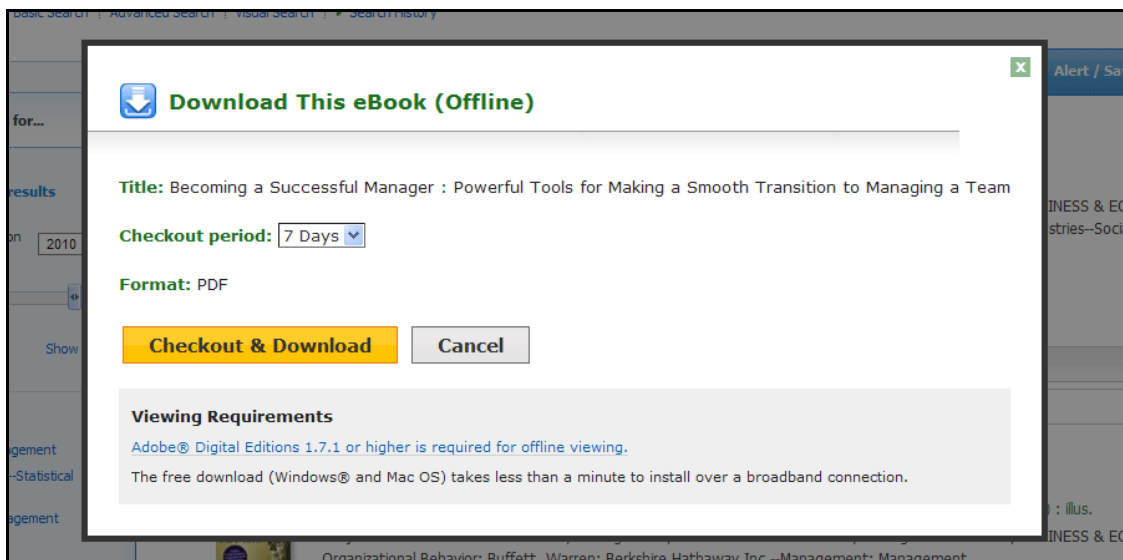
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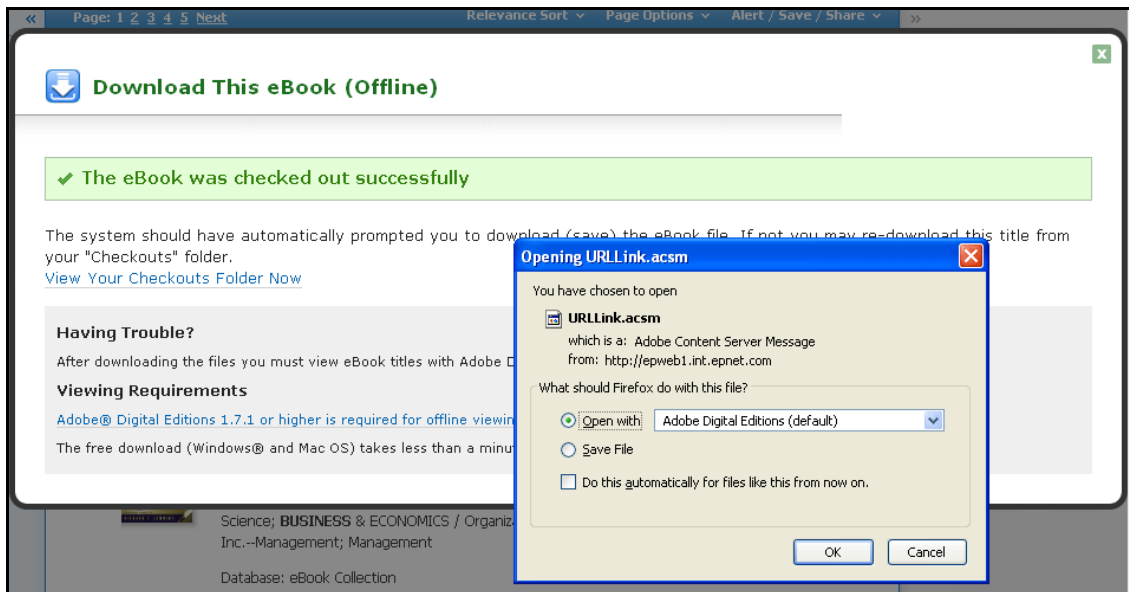
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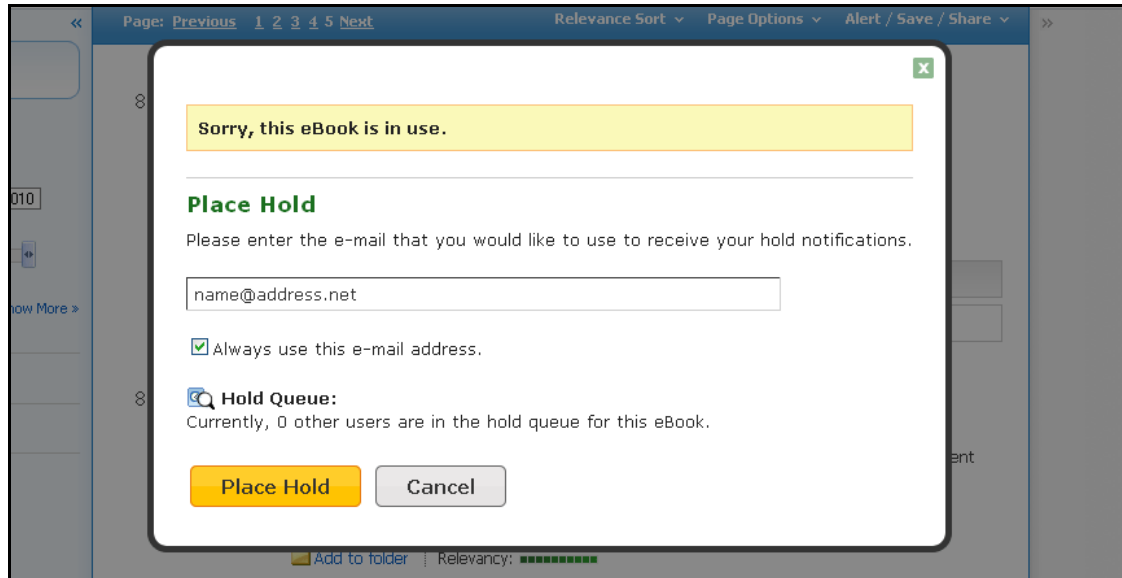
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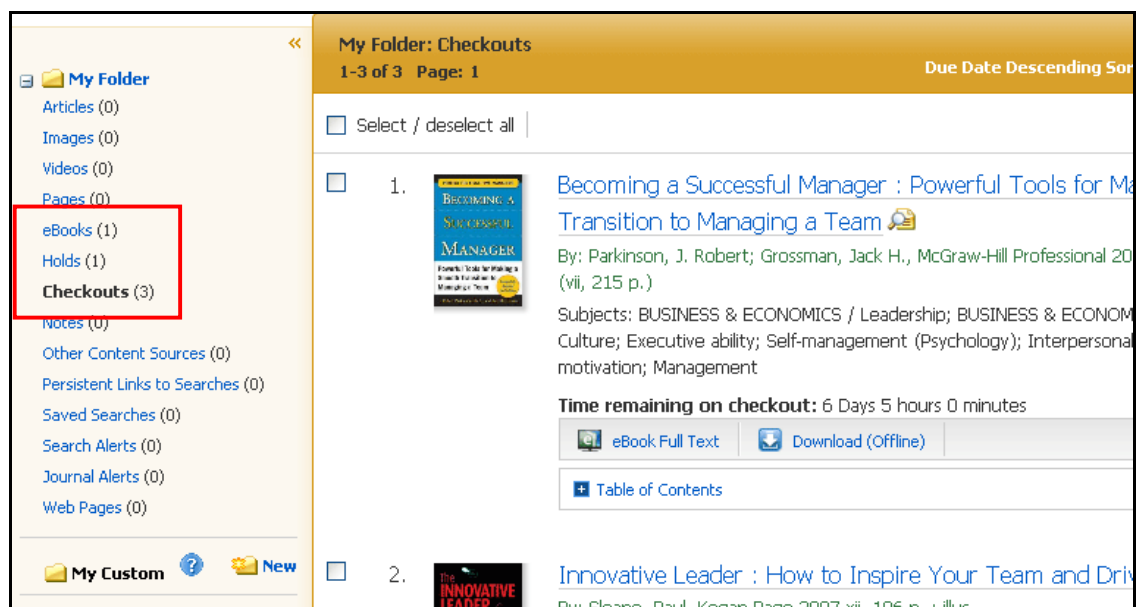
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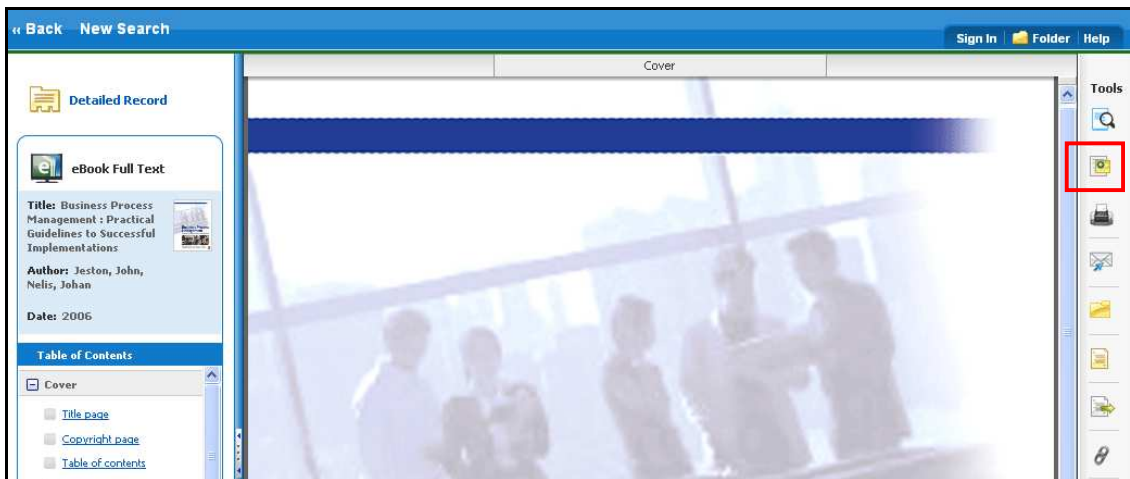
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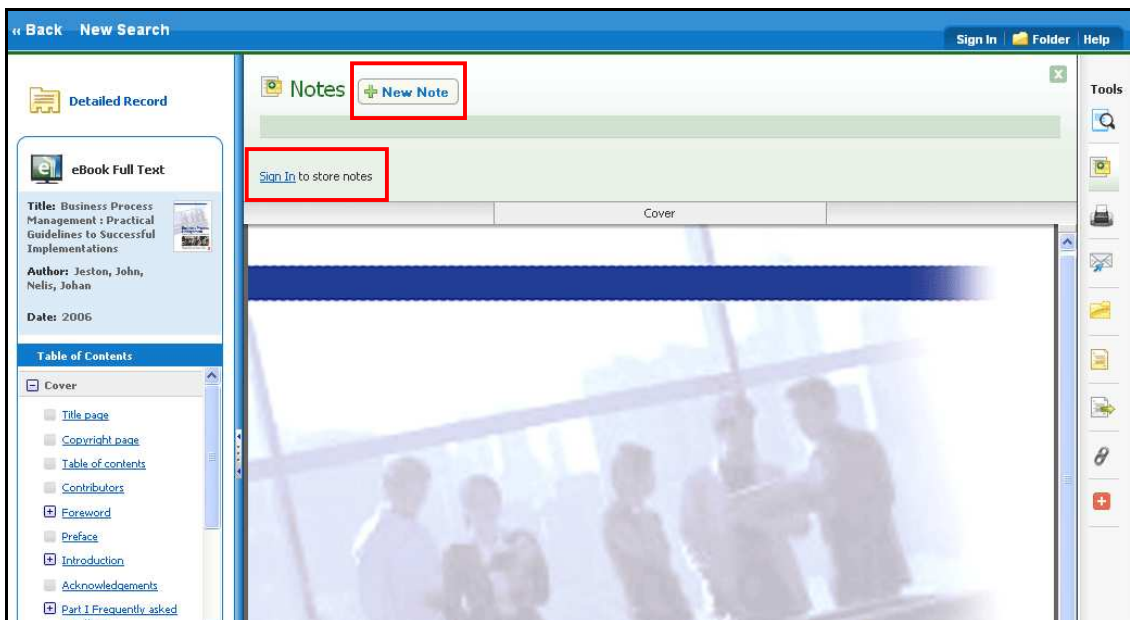
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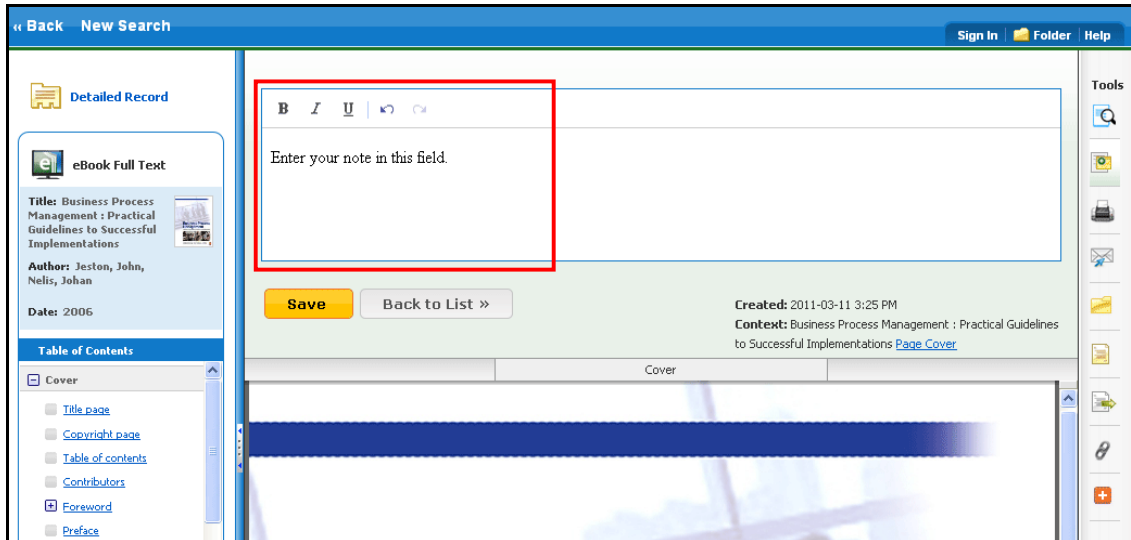
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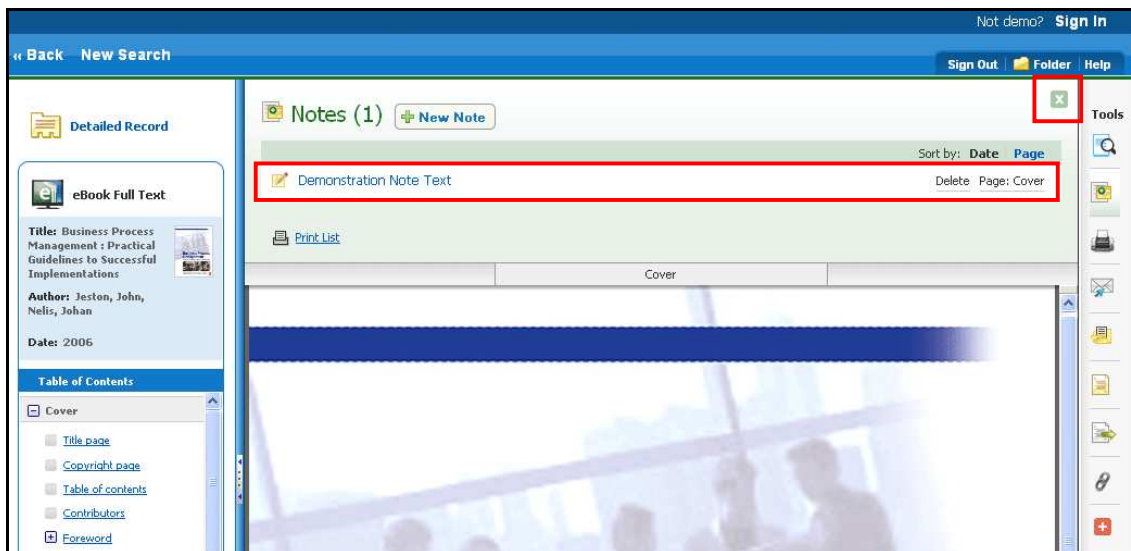
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Details for abdicate

**Main Entry:**  
ab·di·cate /'abdi,kāt/

**Definition(s):**  
intransitive verb:  
(of a monarch) renounce one's throne: in 1918 Kaiser Wilhelm abdicated as German emperor | [trans.] Ferdinand abdicated the throne in favor of the emperor's brother.  
(i) [trans.] fail to fulfill or undertake (a responsibility or duty): the government was accused of abdicating its responsibility | [intrans.] the secretary of state should not abdicate from leadership on educational issues.

**Subentry:**  
– derivatives ab·di·ca'tion /,abdi'kāSHən/ noun

**Word Origin:**  
– origin 16th C.: from L.abdicat-'renounced,' from the v. abdicare, from ab-'away' + dicare'declare.'

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