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Kovacs, Diane. **Genealogical research on the Web.** Neal-Schuman, 2002.
194p indexes ISBN 1-55570-430-1 pbk, \$55.00

Kovacs, a consultant-trainer (formerly a librarian at Kent State Univ.) has designed this book with both librarians and general readers in mind. Its four main sections cover topics ranging from the basic level to specialized Web sites; each provides several activities for readers to perform online to familiarize them with various tools or databases. The second section discusses Kovacs's choice of the ten best genealogical sources on the Web in some detail; many other useful sites are mentioned in the book. Among the other helpful books on the subject (e.g., Matthew L. Helm and April Leigh Helm's *Genealogy Online for Dummies*, 3rd ed., 2001), what distinguishes Kovacs's volume is that it comes with a *person* rather than an interactive CD-ROM: readers are encouraged to use a companion Web site, which permits them to register, use an online tutorial, and query the author for guidance or feedback. Among other features of the book are numerous illustrations (including computer screen prints), genealogical success stories, a bibliography of links, a glossary of 45 terms, and an index. Librarians who have followed this book's tutorial should be more confident dealing with genealogical queries. General and professional readers.—*J. A. Drobnicki, CUNY York College*