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What is the eBSJ v2?

The eBSJ version 2 is a digital PDF archive of all issues of *The Baker Street Journal* from 1946 through 2011, and is published on a single DVD.

Using the eBSJ

What do I need to view/use the eBSJ?

You need PDF-viewing software such as the free Adobe Reader or Apple Preview in order to use the eBSJ files. Many tablets are also able to display PDF files. The PDF files are on a DVD, so you need a DVD drive to access them.

What version of PDF / Adobe Reader do I need?

The eBSJ should work with most PDF-viewing software. It uses PDF version 1.5, which Adobe Reader 6 or later will display. For best performance, we suggest using current PDF-viewing software like Adobe Reader X or later.

Can I read eBSJ issues on an iPad or other tablet?

You can read the eBSJ on many tablets, but the reading experience will depend on your screen size, your software, and your eyesight. See our Tablet/e-Reader Tips at the end of this document, and try it yourself by downloading our free sample file from the BSJ website at:

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Searching the eBSJ

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Yes, but this depends on your PDF viewing software. Also see the questions below about text accuracy and enhanced searching with Adobe Reader.

What enhanced searching is available using Adobe Reader?

The eBSJ also includes an Acrobat catalog index, which supports faster and more complex searching for advanced users of Adobe Reader and Adobe Acrobat. It works best with Reader/Acrobat X or later. For more details, use Help in Reader/Acrobat and look for "Advanced Search" options.

Why do some text searches not find text I can see (text accuracy)?

What you see on-screen is actually a picture of a printed page. The searchable text for 1946–2009 was produced using Optical Character Recognition (OCR) and is “hidden” behind the scanned page images. Since OCR is not perfect, some of the searchable text has errors that are not visible on the scanned picture of the page. However, almost all of the text for 2010–2011 was generated electronically and exactly matches what is visible.

Copying the eBSJ

Can I copy and paste text from the eBSJ?

Yes, you are able to copy and paste text from the eBSJ for your own personal note-taking. However, the material in the eBSJ is under copyright, so by law you may not post it online, email it to someone, or make copies for other people.

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About the eBSJ

Why doesn't the eBSJ text resize or reflow on my tablet/e-reader?

The eBSJ issues were produced by scanning the original printed version, which is like taking a picture of each page. Your PDF-viewing software can probably enlarge this image, but since the text you see is a picture it will not wrap or reflow.

What BSJ issues are included in the eBSJ v2 set?

All 276 issues from inception in 1946 through 2011, including all the BSJ Christmas Annuals, are part of the eBSJ v2 set. It also comes with PDF versions of Donald Redmond's three indexes to the BSJ 1946–1993, and a special file that enhances searching when using Adobe Reader.

How is the eBSJ v2 on DVD different from the BSJ on CD-ROM?

- The eBSJ v2 adds all 55 issues from 2001-2011
 - o Includes all regular issues and all Christmas Annuals from 2001-2011
 - o Issues 2001-2011 have much sharper photographs & illustrations
- All files are now on a single DVD, making it simpler to use
 - o Replaces 4 CDs, so better access with no swapping disks & faster searches
- Improved OCR text recognition for issues in the 1950s
 - o Better full-text searching for these files
- Easy to find and open a specific issue
 - o Filenames now include issue details like "June 1976"
- File sizes reduced
 - o Uses less disk space when copied to your PC or tablet; faster to use
- Better usability with Adobe Reader and tablets/e-readers
- Additions and Corrections to more than 30 other issues from original CD-ROM

Tablet and e-Reader Tips

Try a free sample eBSJ file

We've posted the first pages of an eBSJ file for you to download to your tablet. This will let you test the reading experience, and try the tips below.

<http://www.bakerstreetjournal.com/pdf/ebsj-sample.pdf>

Consider reading in landscape mode

On smaller screens, the eBSJ might be more readable if your e-reader or tablet is turned sideways (landscape orientation).

Try Adobe Reader software

If it's difficult to read the eBSJ using your standard PDF-viewing software, consider using the free Adobe Reader mobile app. See

<http://www.adobe.com/products/reader-mobile.html>

Try zooming in or out

Some PDF-viewing software will let you change the magnification level to better display the text on screen, and this might allow you to hide the white margins of each page. Remember, the eBSJ pages are actually photos of a printed page, so zooming will change the size of the image but it will not cause the text to wrap or reflow.

Light-colored text on some 2001–2009 pages

Most pages have pure black text. However, text on some pages for 2001–2009 may appear gray, lighter, or with less contrast than on other pages. This was done to provide better-quality illustrations and photographs on those pages. If you find those pages too light, your tablet/e-reader may allow you to adjust the brightness or contrast level.

If you have other tips about reading the eBSJ on an iPad, a Kindle, or other tablet/e-reader, please send us a message at email@bakerstreetjournal.com.