Finding and Reading E-books Online

This handout will walk you through the steps of locating an e-book and reading it online. It is generally easiest to read e-books online, without downloading or checking out the material.

If a required course reading is available as an e-book, it is likely that your professor will have provided the class with a link. If that is the case, you will simply need to click on the link or cut and paste it into your internet browser. You can also find e-books by following the instructions below:
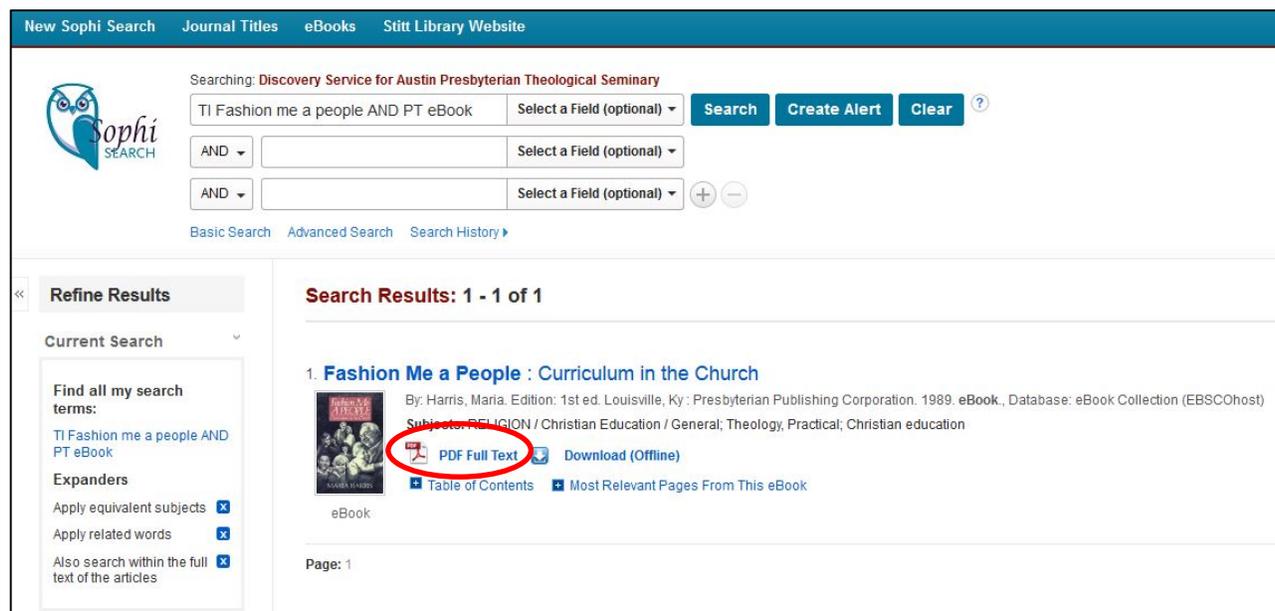
First, log into the Portal. Once you have logged in, you will see the landing page. The right side of the page is devoted to library resources, including the Sophi Search box, which will allow you to search all the library resources at once. Below this is a link entitled: "**Stitt Library Catalog & Research Tools**."

Clicking on "**Stitt Library Catalog and Research Tools**" will take you to the library's Research Tools page. You can also access this page from the Austin Seminary homepage by first selecting the "**Stitt Library**" tab from the top left corner of the dark blue banner, then selecting "**Research Tools: Library Catalog, Databases, Ebooks, and Journals**" from the left-side navigation. By selecting the "**eBooks**" tab on the top of the Sophi Search Box you can search all of the library's e-book holdings by keyword, title, or author.

After typing your keyword, title, or author into the Sophi search box and hitting Search, a results page will open in a new tab in your browser:
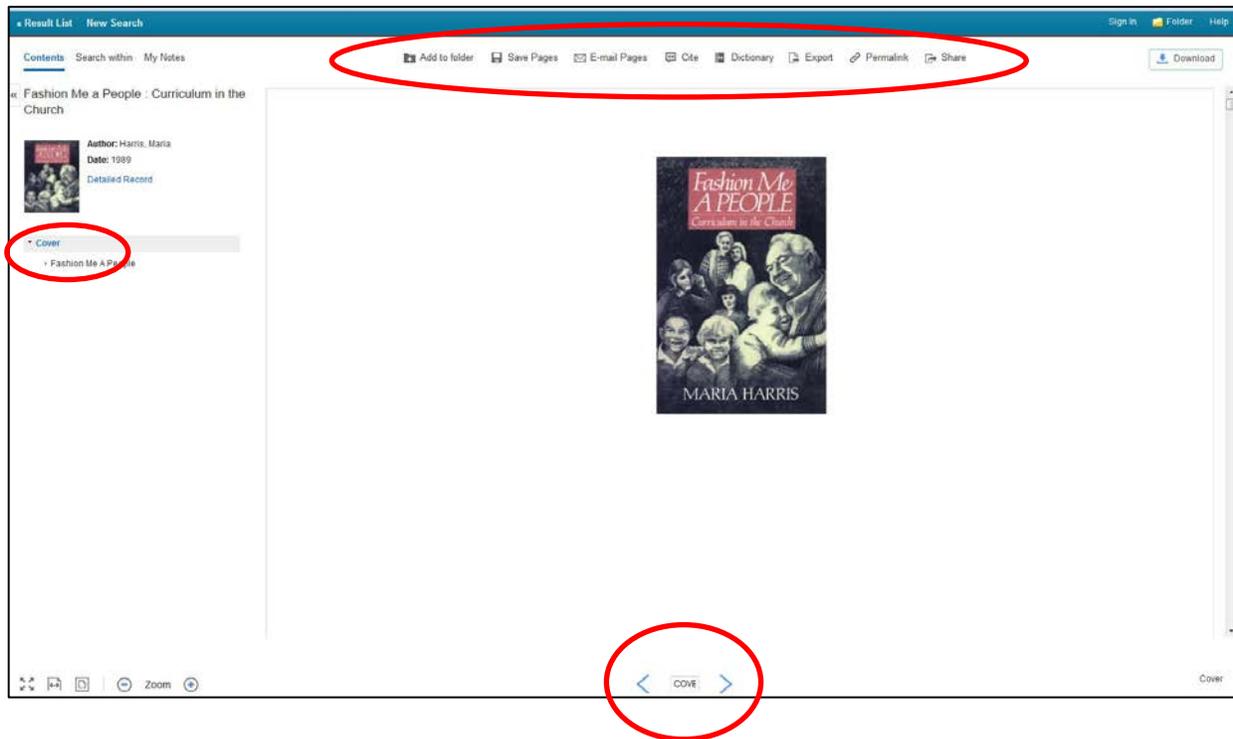

Look through the results to find the book you'd like to read. To access the book online, select the "**PDF Full Text**" or "**EPUB Full Text**" link underneath the title.

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