Early English Books Online (EEBO)

Overview

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- The Short-Title Catalogue I (Pollard & Redgrave, 1475 - 1640)
- The Short-Title Catalogue II (Wing, 1641 - 1700)
- The Thomason Tracts, a compendium of broadsides on the English Civil War printed between 1640 and 1661
- The Early English Books Tract Supplements

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Access

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