**BULGARIA**

**Electronic RNB database (books to 1850 are included):** <http://books.unibit.bg/search>

**Period covered**: 1801-1878

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**Selection criteria**:

1. all books and periodicals written in Bulgarian (regardless of the alphabet) by Bulgarian or foreign authors;
2. publications in Church Slavonic created by Bulgarians;
3. all books and periodicals written by Bulgarians in foreign languages;
4. books written in Bulgarian and other languages (by Bulgarian or foreign authors) concerned with Bulgaria.

Information about Bulgarian publications issued before 1850 is contained in catalogues, most of which is available only in printed form:

* Теодоров-Балан, Александър. (1893). *Български книгопис*. Дял 1. *От времето на първата новобългарска печатна книга до последната Руско-турска война. 1641-1877*. [София]. 176 c.

Teodorov-Balan, Aleksandr. (1893). *B"lgarski knigopis*. Part 1. *Ot vremeto na p"rvata novob"lgarska pechatna kniga do poslednata Rusko-turska vojna. 1641-1877.* [Sofia]. 176 p.

This bibliography covers the time period from 1651, when the first Bulgarian book was printed, to the last Russo-Turkish War, i.e. to 1877. Teodorov-Balan missed the year of publication of the „Abagar” by Filip Stanislavovich, which is considered the first Bulgarian printed book. It should be 1651, not 1641. So the bibliography really covers the period from 1651, not from 1641 like it mentioned in the title.

* Теодоров-Балан, Александър*.* (1909). *Български книгопис за сто години. 1806-1905. Материали.* София*. 1667 с.*

Teodorov-Balan, Aleksandr. (1909). *B"lgarski knigopis za sto godini. 1806-1905. Materiali.* Sofiia. 1667 p.

Bibliography covers a general repertoire of the Bulgarian literature published in 1806-1905. It registers 15,258 books, newspapers, magazines, maps, arranged alphabetically.

**Supplements** to Teodorov-Balan’s bibliography:

* Начов, Никола. *Добавки и оправки към Български книгопис за сто години* [in:] *С б. за нар. умотворения, наука и книжнина*, 26 (28), 1910/1911. Дял 1. Истор.-филол. и фолкл. София, 1912, 1-54.

Nachov, Nikola. *Dobavki i opravki k"m B"lgarski knigopis za sto godini* [in:] *S b. za nar. umotvorenija, nauka i knizhnina*, 26 (28), 1910/1911. Part 1. Istor.-filol. i folkl. Sofija, 1912, 1-54.

* Начов, Никола. *Други добавки и оправки към Български книгопис за сто години* [in:] *С б. на БАН, Клон Истор.-филол. и филос. - обществ*., 2, 1914, 3, 1-50.

Nachov, Nikola. *Drugi dobavki i opravki k"m B"lgarski knigopis za sto godini* [in:] *S b. na BAN, Klon Istor.-filol. i filos. - obshtestv*., 2, 1914, 3, 1-50.

* Начов, Никола. *Трети добавки и оправки към Български книгопис за сто години* [in:] *Сб. на БАН. Клон Истор.-филол. и филос. - обществ*., 11, 1925, 17, 1-70.

Nachov, Nikola. *Treti dobavki i opravki k"m B"lgarski knigopis za sto godini* [in:] *Sb. na BAN. Klon Istor.-filol. i filos. - obshtestv*., 11, 1925, 17, 1-70.

Three editions of Nikola Nachov’s Supplements include descriptions of 611 new titles, enhancement for 277 records and corrections to the descriptions of 3,150 titles.

* Погорелов, Валерий (1923). *Опис на старите печатни български книги. 1802-1877*. София: Нар. библ. 796 с.

Pogorelov, Valerij (1923). *Opis na starite pechatni b"lgarski knigi*. *1802-1877*. Sofija: Nar. Bibl. 796 p.

Bibliography includes 1646 items. The entries are arranged chronologically with indexes for authors and anonymous works. The chronological arrangement is one of the reasons the compiler created this bibliography, as the other important bibliographies for the material from this time period are arranged by main entry. There is also a union listing component showing which libraries hold which title.

* Стоянов, Маньо (1957-1959). *Българска възрожденска книжнина. Аналитичен репертоар на българските книги и периодични издания 1806-1878*. София: Наука и изкуство. Т.1-2

Stoianov, Man’o (1957-1959). *Bulgarska vuzrozhdenska knizhnina. Analitichen repertoar na bulgarskite knigi i periodichni izdaniia 1806-1878*. Sofiia: Nauka i izkustvo. 2 vols.

Two-volume Bibliography describes over 20,000 articles and books published in Bulgaria from 1806-1878. The first volume contains descriptions of books and periodicals, the second volume – of articles. Books and periodicals are arranged alphabetically by author and date of first publication respectively. Articles are arranged by subject. There are many indexes in both volumes such as ones for subjects, names, publishers, printers, places. This bibliography covers publications described in previous bibliographies and catalogues, but it includes a lot of new items and enhancements and also presents a new approach to the arrangement of the material.

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* *Български книгопис*. София: Народна библиотека, 1897- (Национална библография на НР Българія)

*Bulgarski knigopis*. Sofiia: Narodna biblioteka, 1897- . (Natsionalna bibliografiia na NR Bulgariia)

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1) Books, music, graphic publications and maps; 2) Dissertations and official publications; 3) Discography; 4) Periodical publications; 5) Index of articles in journals and collections; 6) Index of articles in newspapers; 7) Bulgarica; 8) Bibliography of bibliographies.

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