RefWorks has made it easy to import data from a web page by using RefGrab-It -- a downloadable tool that works with your browser. If an ISBN number, PubMed ID or DOI (Digital Object Identifier) exist on the web page, RefGrab-It will automatically search various web resources to get supplemental information that may be of interest to you. RefGrab-It may also locate RSS feeds related to that web page.

Note: RefGrab-It reads web pages -- it cannot read .pdf files displayed from web pages.
RefGrab-It installs in your browser's Links or Favorites/Bookmarks area. Some browsers will allow you to drag and drop the RefGrab-It link to the Links area of the toolbar...others will require you to right-mouse click on the link and add it to your Favorites or Bookmarks area. Note: IE 7 users definitely cannot use the drag and drop feature to install RefGrab-It.

You may receive a security challenge -- this is fine to say "Yes". Here it is -- in our toolbar. Alternatively, as we mentioned already, if you don't want to have the Links visible in your toolbar, just add RefGrab-It to your Favorites.
To install it in your Favorites, right-mouse click on the link and select Add to Favorites. When you want to use RefGrab-It, simply locate RefGrab-It in your Favorites list.

Firefox users right-mouse click and select Bookmark This Link.
Let's take a look at how RefGrab-It works...

We've done a search on Penguins in Google Books. Let's take a look at the first book...
Let's grab the information on this book... Click on the RefGrab-It link.

RefGrab-It displays the results on a new page -- this page is not in your RefWorks account -- it is a temporary page used just to display the results but you can import this into your RefWorks account by clicking on the Import button. RefGrab-It displays the name of the web page and the URL of that page here... In the first tab (Web Page Info), RefGrab-It displays what it gathered from the web page. Remember, RefGrab-It looks for basic bibliographic information only. Sometimes RefGrab-It may only grab the name of the page and the URL, but if RefGrab-It finds an ISBN number, PubMed ID or DOI, it will search behind the scenes for additional information to give you a more complete reference. In this example, RefGrab-It did find other information -- that's why the Other Info tab is displayed and also why there's a link that says a more complete version is available.
This has more information than what the web page contained. We can choose to import this by clicking on the Import button. Clicking on the Other Info tab will show us what else RefGrab-It found.

The Books link appears. Clicking on it will take us to the Books tab that is already open (it’s open from clicking on the more complete reference link in the Web Page Info area).

The same information we saw before is displayed. That means RefGrab-It could not find any other supplemental information. Let's import this into our account...
We can add the electronic information...

Here's our reference.
Let's look at another example of how RefGrab-It works...
In Google Scholar, we did a search on Galapagos turtles...

We'll look at the first result.

Looks good -- let's grab it.
Here are the results...let's see what else RefGrab-It has found.

We'll look at the Articles first...
This is really good! Let's see what else was found...
This is good too, but not as good as the Article, so that's what we'd import.
We've just seen two good examples of RefGrab-It at work. In some cases, the results may not be this detailed -- we may get nothing more than the URL, name of the web page and a retrieved date and ref type.

However, even just importing that basic information gives us a jump on our reference -- we'd only have to copy and paste or manually enter supplemental information.