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SCAN TO VIEW

The infrastructure that powers AI agents in the real world.

Vinkius connects AI to the world's software through secure, enterprise-grade infrastructure — enabling real-world execution at scale, built on the Model Context Protocol (MCP).

Your AI Connections Run Through Vinkius Cloud

The world's largest managed MCP catalog

Vinkius is the cloud infrastructure where AI agents connect to the software your business already runs. We handle the hosting, the security, the credentials, the uptime — you get agents that actually do things.

We operate the world's largest managed MCP catalog. Major SaaS platforms, CRMs, databases, and cloud providers — running, monitored, production-ready. This MCP server is hosted and maintained by the Vinkius Cloud for AI Agents.

> *The agent doesn't manage credentials, doesn't manage uptime, doesn't manage security. Vinkius does.*
>
> — Architecture principle

Four Pillars of the Vinkius Runtime

01 — Security by design

Credentials stay encrypted at rest via AES-256. The AI agent never touches raw keys — they're injected into a sandboxed V8 isolate at runtime. Actions are logged, and connections have an emergency kill switch.

02 — Built on MCP Fusion

This MCP server was built with **MCP Fusion**, the open-source framework (Apache 2.0) that powers the entire Vinkius catalog. Schema-as-firewall strips undeclared fields, compiled PII redaction runs at zero overhead, and cryptographic lockfiles produce git-diffable audit trails.

03 — Deterministic observability

Eight immutable metrics per endpoint: request volume, p95 latency, error rate, active connections, cost attribution. A live payload feed logs every tool call with mutation detection.

04 — Autonomous operations

Servers are deployed, monitored, and patched autonomously. New capabilities and security patches ship weekly. Zero-downtime deployments ensure continuous availability across all managed MCP servers.

AES-256	Ed25519	24h TTL	V8 Isolate
Encryption at rest	PKI vault signatures	Ephemeral session keys	Sandboxed execution

One Token. Instant Access.

Every MCP server on Vinkius is accessed through a **Connection Token**. Tokens are generated in the cloud dashboard and produce a unique MCP endpoint URL. Paste this URL into any MCP-compatible client — no SDK required.

A single token can serve **multiple AI clients simultaneously**, or you can issue separate tokens per client for granular access control. Each token tracks its own request count, last activity timestamp, and can be individually enabled or revoked.

MCP ENDPOINT

```
https://edge.vinkius.com/{token}/mcp
```

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Security Is the Architecture

Security in Vinkius is not a feature — it's the foundation of the runtime. The gateway enforces multiple independent protection layers between AI agents and third-party APIs.

01 — Ed25519 PKI Vault

Every workspace has an Ed25519 Master Key. Session keys are generated ephemerally (24h TTL) and signed by the Master Key. Credentials never leave the vault boundary.

02 — V8 Isolate Sandboxing

Tool code runs inside isolated-vm V8 isolates with 64 MB memory caps and per-request timeouts. No filesystem access, no network access except through the SSRF-guarded fetch bridge.

03 — SSRF Guard

All outbound HTTP requests are DNS-resolved and validated before execution. Private IP ranges (10.x, 172.16-31.x, 192.168.x, AWS metadata 169.254.x) are blocked at the network layer.

04 — DLP & PII Redaction

A ResponseGuard pipeline intercepts every tool response. Configurable redaction patterns strip sensitive fields (emails, SSNs, card numbers) before data reaches the AI agent.

05 — Cryptographic Audit Trail

Every request is signed into a SHA-256 hash chain with Ed25519 signatures. Events form a tamper-proof, SIEM-exportable forensic record.

06 — Honeytoken Trap System

Phantom credentials are injected into isolated environments. If a honeytoken is used outside Vinkius infrastructure, the server is quarantined instantly.

Emergency Kill Switch

EU AI Act Art. 14(1) Compliant

The kill switch is an **emergency halt** mechanism — not a simple toggle. When triggered, it executes three actions atomically:

01 — Server deactivated

The MCP server is immediately taken offline across the entire cluster.

02 — All tokens revoked

Every connection token is invalidated. Total lockout — reconnection blocked until new tokens are issued.

03 — WebSocket connections killed

Active connections terminated via Redis pubsub broadcast. Propagates to every runtime node in the cluster.

Full Visibility. Zero Guesswork.

The Vinkius cloud dashboard includes a full MCP Governance suite — real-time analytics and security controls for production AI operations.

Control Plane

KPI dashboard with request volume, latency, success rate, token consumption, and AI-generated operational briefings.

Agent Activity

Which AI clients are connecting, how often, and what they're doing — real-time session tracking.

FinOps

Cost tracking per tool, payload compression savings, budget optimization signals, and consumption trends.

Tool Health

Slowest and most error-prone tools, with actionable root-cause insights and performance baselines.

Firewall & DLP

PII redaction activity, sensitive data protection counters, and security event timeline.

Incident Log

Error trends, failure rates, status-code breakdowns, and forensic audit trail access.

> Get started at **cloud.vinkius.com** — connect your AI agent in under 60 seconds.

Google Books MCP

8 tools available
Cloud-hosted on Vinkius

Instead of juggling tabs or using complex web forms, this MCP lets you talk to the world's largest searchable book collection. You can ask for books by title, author, publisher, or even subject, getting instant results that include page counts, publication dates, and ratings. Need to check a specific edition? Just give it an ISBN, and the agent finds the details immediately. It also lets you look at public reading lists created by others, or pull up your own personal library data if you've authenticated. This means dedicated literary research becomes a simple conversation. When you connect this MCP through Vinkius, your AI acts less like a search engine wrapper and more like a specialized librarian sitting right next to you.

Core Capabilities

01 — Search for specific books

You can perform advanced searches across millions of titles using powerful operators for authors, subjects, or exact phrases.

02 — Lookup book details by ISBN

The agent pulls comprehensive data on a single volume, including its full title, author list, and page count, just from an ISBN number.

03 — Access personal reading lists

With OAuth authentication, you can pull up your own saved collections of books and track their details.

04 — Browse public book collections

You can view curated public bookshelves to find recommendations or explore specific topics suggested by other users.

One Click on Vinkius — From Prompt to Execution

Available at **vinkius.com/mcp/google-books** — connect your AI agent in three steps.

01 First, you subscribe to this MCP and provide your Google Books API key.

02 Next, you tell your AI agent what you need—for example, 'Find all sci-fi books published before 1950.'

03 The agent executes the appropriate tool call, retrieving a structured list of details that it presents back to you in plain text.

The bottom line is: your AI handles the complex querying and data formatting so you get usable answers instantly, without visiting any external website.

Built For

This MCP is essential for academic researchers, book club organizers, or students who routinely need to verify bibliographic details across large datasets. It cuts out the manual work of cross-referencing ISBNs and checking multiple search filters.

Academic Researcher

Needs to quickly compare publication dates, authors, and subjects for dozens of potential source materials using precise query operators.

Book Club Organizer

Requires browsing public bookshelves to find curated recommendations or gathering detailed metadata on a book list for discussion preparation.

Student/Writer

Needs to verify page counts, check if an ebook is free, or look up textbooks by ISBN before recommending materials for a project.

What Changes When You Connect

01 You find book details without complex searching. Use the `get_volume_by_isbn` tool to instantly pull comprehensive info (pages, author) just by providing a number.

02 Checking reading lists is simple. The agent can run `list_bookshelves` to show you what curated collections exist or use `list_bookshelf_volumes` to see the contents of one.

03 Researching academic material gets precise. The `search_books` tool supports specialized operators like `inauthor:` and `subject:`, letting you narrow down results instantly.

04 Your personal library is accessible. Use `get_my_bookshelves` followed by `get_my_bookshelf_volumes` to manage your saved reads directly through chat.

05 You don't need multiple API calls. The system combines searches and detail lookups, so you only talk to the agent once to get all the data you need.

Real-World Applications

Verifying source material for a paper

A student needs to check if three different editions of a textbook were published by the same publisher and contain similar chapter counts. Instead of searching Google separately, they ask their agent to `search_books` using subject operators, followed by running `get_volume_by_isbn` for each specific ISBN found.

Building a curated book recommendation list

A writer wants to compile a reading guide for a genre. They ask their agent to first use `list_bookshelves` to find relevant public collections, then run `list_bookshelf_volumes` on the best one to populate their draft.

Quickly assessing an unknown book

You stumble across a title and need to know if it's worth reading. You immediately provide the ISBN, and the agent uses `get_volume_by_isbn` to give you page count, publication date, and author details right away.

Reviewing old project research

You need data on books saved from years ago. You use your authenticated session to call `get_my_bookshelves`, then select a shelf name to run `get_my_bookshelf_volumes` and see the titles you previously flagged.

Patterns to Avoid

Treating it like a general search engine

✗ AVOID

Asking the agent, 'What are some good books?' without specifying genre or topic. The results will be too broad and unmanageable.

✓ INSTEAD

Be specific in your query. Use `search_books` and include filters or operators, such as: 'Search for historical fiction books published after 1800 using the subject: operator.'

Manually listing every ISBN

✗ AVOID

Needing details on ten different editions of a classic book. You might try to paste all ten ISBNs into one prompt, which will fail or be too slow.

✓ INSTEAD

Use the `get_volume_by_isbn` tool once for each specific volume ID you need detailed info on, grouping them logically in your request.

Ignoring public collections

✗ AVOID

Thinking all reading lists must be private. You only search your own library and miss out on expert recommendations.

✓ INSTEAD

First, run `list_bookshelves` to see what curated public collections exist. Then use `get_bookshelf` or `list_bookshelf_volumes` on the one that fits your topic.

The Right Fit

Use this MCP if your job requires deep bibliographic data retrieval, comparing editions, or navigating large, structured catalogs of published works. It's perfect for anyone whose workflow involves ISBN lookups or cross-referencing academic sources.

Don't use it if you just need general book recommendations ('read something fun'). For simple discovery, a standard search engine is fine. However, if your requirement includes checking publication years, page counts, or filtering by free vs. paid ebooks, this MCP is the right choice because its tools like `search_books` and `get_volume_by_isbn` provide that granularity.

Book research used to involve a lot of clicking through different websites.

Today, checking book details means opening Google Books, searching by title, then maybe finding the ISBN. You might have to click into three different tabs—one for the search results, one for the publisher info, and another just to check if it's an ebook—before you get all the data points you need.

With this MCP, those multiple steps vanish. Your agent takes your single request—like 'Find me all academic books on quantum physics published since 2015'—and returns a unified summary containing titles, authors, and details instantly.

You get deep bibliographic data with Google Books MCP.

The agent handles the complex cross-referencing that used to take minutes. It can correlate a general search query into precise actions, like using `search_books` to find titles and then calling `get_volume_by_isbn` on the most promising result.

What's different now is speed and focus. You stop managing data points across tabs; you just get the final, accurate answer from your agent.

Google Books MCP with 8 Tools

These tools let you perform advanced actions like searching by subject, looking up specific book details via ISBN, or listing your personal library contents.

#	TOOL	DESCRIPTION
01	`get_book`	Retrieves full details—like author and publisher—for one specific book using its volume ID.
02	`get_bookshelf`	Gets the title, description, and count for a single public reading list by its ID.
03	`get_my_bookshelf_volumes`	Lists books in your personal library after you log in using OAuth authentication.
04	`get_my_bookshelves`	Displays all of your private and public reading lists (shelves) that you own, requiring an authenticated login.
05	`get_volume_by_isbn`	Looks up a book's details directly using its ISBN number, giving you title, author, and page count immediately.
06	`list_bookshelf_volumes`	Retrieves the titles and details for all books inside a specified public reading list.
07	`list_bookshelves`	Lists all available public bookshelves so you can browse curated collections by name or ID.
08	`search_books`	Performs a powerful search across the entire index, allowing filtering and searching using specific operators like author or subject.

See It in Action

Real prompts you can use once this MCP is connected to your AI agent through Vinkius Cloud.

U Search for 'The Great Gatsby' by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Found 'The Great Gatsby' by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Published by Scribner, 180 pages. First published in 1925. Average rating: 3.9/5 from 4M+ ratings. Available as preview and purchase. Categories: Fiction, Classics, American Literature.

U Find free ebooks about machine learning published in the last year.

Found 15 free ebooks about machine learning. Top results include 'Introduction to Machine Learning with Python' by Sarah Guido, 'Hands-On Machine Learning' (free chapters), and several open-source textbooks. Results sorted by relevance. Would you like details on any specific title?

U Search for books by ISBN 9780743273565.

Found 'The Great Gatsby' (Scribner edition, ISBN 9780743273565). 180 pages, paperback. Published May 2004. This is the widely-used Scribner trade paperback edition with an introduction by Ruth Prigozy.

Frequently Asked Questions

01 **How do I use Google Books MCP to find books by author?**

You use the `search_books` tool and include the 'inauthor:' operator in your query. For example, asking for 'inauthor:Jane Austen' will return results filtered only by that specific writer.

02 **Does Google Books MCP handle private reading lists?**

Yes, but you must authenticate first. Use the `get_my_bookshelves` tool to list your available shelves, and then use `get_my_bookshelf_volumes` to retrieve the books inside.

03 **What is the best way to search for a specific edition?**

Always use `get_volume_by_isbn`. Providing the ISBN number guarantees that you are looking up one precise version of the book, not just the title generally.

04 **Can Google Books MCP tell me if a book is free?**

Yes. When running `search_books`, you can use the 'filter:free-ebooks' parameter to limit your search results immediately to free digital editions.

05 **What does the list_bookshelves tool do?**

The `list_bookshelves` tool simply provides a directory of public reading lists, showing you their titles and whether they are private or open for browsing.

Go Live in 60 Seconds

Get your connection token from **cloud.vinkius.com**, then paste the endpoint URL into any MCP-compatible client.

YOUR MCP ENDPOINT

```
https://edge.vinkius.com/[TOKEN]/mcp
```

CLIENT	WHERE TO CONFIGURE
Claude AI	Profile → Customize → Connectors → "+" → Add custom connector → Paste endpoint
Cursor	Settings → Features → MCP Servers → "+ Add New MCP Server" → Type: SSE → Paste endpoint
VS Code	Ctrl/Cmd+Shift+P → "MCP: Add Server" → add `"google-books": { "url": "…" }`
Windsurf	MCP Settings → `mcp_settings.json` → Add endpoint URL
ChatGPT	Settings → Tools & plugins → Add MCP server → Paste endpoint
Gemini	Extensions → Add MCP Server → Paste endpoint URL

ASK AN AI ABOUT THIS

Let your preferred AI explain this MCP server

- Ask ChatGPT
- Ask Claude
- Ask Perplexity
- Ask Gemini
- Ask Grok

READY TO CONNECT

Google Books is live on Vinkius Cloud.

Get your connection token, paste it into your AI agent, and start building. No SDK. No deployment. Just results.

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