MCP SERVER | NO CODE | CLOUD HOSTED

Penguin Random House MCP

Search millions of titles and authors instantly.

Penguin Random House MCP gives your AI client direct access to the global book catalog. Search millions of titles, authors, works, and literary categories using natural conversation. Need to check an ISBN or find a specific author's tour dates? This tool lets you pull detailed metadata instantly from one of the world's largest publishing databases.

A+ Quality Score 98.33/100

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SCAN TO VIEW

The connectivity layer between AI and the world's software.

Vinkius sits between AI and every application. All communication passes through Vinkius Cloud via the Model Context Protocol (MCP) — with governance, observability, and security at every layer.

Your AI Connections Run Through Vinkius Cloud

The world's largest managed MCP catalog

Vinkius is the connectivity layer where AI connects 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.

Penguin Random House MCP

13 tools available
Cloud-hosted on Vinkius

You can connect this MCP to your AI agent to explore the full Penguin Random House catalog, which contains details on millions of books. Instead of navigating complex publisher websites or manually cross-referencing data points, you just talk to your agent. It handles everything from deep dives into genre classification to finding specific authors and their related works.

For instance, if you're building a database, you can get complete metadata for titles using ISBNs; if you need to track contributors, you can list authors and filter them by initial or tour status. If your agent needs to know all formats of a single book—like hardcover, ebook, and audio versions—it accesses 'Works,' which groups these formats under one ID. All this functionality is managed through Vinkius, giving you access to the entire catalog without needing dozens of specific API calls. It’s about transforming complex research into simple conversation.

Core Capabilities

01 — Retrieve Author Details

Fetch biographies and contributor data for a specific author using their name.

02 — Search Titles by ISBN

Get comprehensive metadata, including format and award status, for any book identified by its ISBN.

03 — Group Related Works

Access a single identifier that groups all known formats (hardcover, ebook, audio) of the same literary work.

04 — Explore Publishing Genres

View the full classification tree, allowing you to browse and categorize books by genre hierarchy.

05 — Track Author Events

List upcoming author events or tours so you know where a contributor is speaking next.

One Click on Vinkius — From Prompt to Execution

Available at **vinkius.com/mcp/penguin-random-house** — connect your AI agent in three steps.

01 Subscribe to this MCP and enter your Penguin Random House API Key within Vinkius.

02 Connect your preferred AI client (like Claude or Cursor) to the catalog via your agent's workflow.

03 Ask your agent a natural language question, and it uses the necessary tools to pull specific data from the massive book catalog.

The bottom line is: you ask for the book detail, and your AI client gets the answer by querying the database on your behalf.

Built For

Content creators who need to verify facts about books or authors before writing a piece. Developers building knowledge databases that require accurate literary metadata. Librarians managing collections and classifying rare titles.

Technical Writer / Content Creator

Uses the MCP to quickly confirm publication dates, author bios, or award status for a book they are writing about, avoiding manual web searches.

Library System Developer

Integrates professional-grade metadata—like ISBN and category hierarchy—into internal collection management tools to enhance data accuracy.

Market Researcher / Publisher

Checks market interest by listing categories or finding authors who are currently on tour, guiding future acquisition strategy.

What Changes When You Connect

01 Instead of manually searching multiple websites, you can use list_authors to find contributors and filter them by initial or tour status in one chat session. This saves hours of cross-referencing time.

02 You don't have to worry about whether a book is hardback or ebook; using list_works groups all available formats under a single ID, giving you a complete view of the title's reach.

03 Getting full metadata for an edition is simple: use get_title with an ISBN. You immediately know if it’s awarded or what its sale date is, without opening a single browser tab.

04 Need to understand market scope? Using list_categories allows you to explore the complex genre tree, letting you classify content or find related niches efficiently.

05 When tracking authors, list_events tells you exactly when an author has talks or signings scheduled. This is critical for event planning and promotion.

Real-World Applications

Verifying a historical book detail

A researcher needs to confirm the full metadata (including format, award status) for an old book edition using its ISBN. They ask their agent to 'get details for 9780525559474.' The MCP uses get_title and returns all required facts instantly.

Building a bibliography of related works

A developer needs to list all available formats (hardcover, ebook, audio) for a single book. They use list_works to identify the unique 'Work' ID, then pull detailed data using get_work.

Planning an academic conference panel

A curator wants to find speakers who are currently active in the publishing world. They ask their agent to 'list authors filtered by tour status.' The MCP runs list_authors and provides a roster of available speakers.

Discovering new content niches

A marketing team needs inspiration for a themed collection. They use the MCP to 'get category hierarchy' to explore obscure or related genres they never knew existed.

Patterns to Avoid

Searching by vague keywords

✗ AVOID

Asking your agent, 'Tell me about a good book.' This provides zero structured data and requires too many follow-up questions to narrow down the results.

✓ INSTEAD

Be specific. If you want authors, use list_authors and filter by criteria like initial or tour status. If you need a title, start with get_title using the ISBN.

Assuming all formats are listed

✗ AVOID

Thinking that searching for a title once will show every available format (hardcover, audiobook, ebook). You might miss critical sales data.

✓ INSTEAD

Always use list_works first. This tool groups different formats under one identifier before you pull the details using get_work.

Trying to find an author's bio and their upcoming talks separately

✗ AVOID

Running two separate searches—one for a name, another for 'upcoming events.' This requires manual comparison of results.

✓ INSTEAD

Ask your agent to list authors AND check for events in one prompt. The MCP runs both list_authors and list_events, giving you combined, contextual information.

The Right Fit

Use this MCP if your primary need involves structured data from a major book catalog—think metadata, ISBN lookup, genre classification, or author tracking. You'll use it when the question is 'What details does this specific published work have?'

Don't use it if you only need to know general publisher contact info or if your requirement is for highly niche, non-published content (like fan fiction databases). For simple autocomplete suggestions on a form field, predictive_search works fine. But if you need deep catalog information, this MCP is the right fit.

Finding book details used to be an archaeological dig.

Today, confirming basic facts about a book—like who wrote it or what formats are available—is a tedious process. You jump from Amazon to WorldCat, then Google Scholar, just to verify publication dates and see if the audiobook exists alongside the hardcover. It's copy-pasting ISBNs into half a dozen different search bars.

With this MCP, you simply ask your agent about the book. The system handles the complex querying of multiple databases behind the scenes. You get clean, structured data right in the chat window—all you have to do is read it.

Discovering Authors and Works with list_authors

Before this MCP, finding a contributor's full details meant searching by name and then checking separate databases for their bio or tour schedule. It was slow, fragmented work.

Now, you tell your agent to 'list authors,' giving it specific filters like last initial or tour status. The system instantly pulls the combined data set, showing exactly who is available right now.

Penguin Random House: 13 Tools for Literary Data

These tools let your AI client perform deep searches on the global book catalog. Use them to list authors, look up titles by ISBNs, and explore complex genre hierarchies.

#	TOOL	DESCRIPTION
01	`get_author`	Retrieves specific details about a single author.
02	`get_category_hierarchy`	Provides a complete view of the book categories and genres available in the catalog.
03	`get_series`	Fetches specific information regarding an established book series.
04	`get_title`	Retrieves full metadata for a title when given its ISBN number.
05	`get_work`	Gets details about an organized 'Work,' which represents multiple formats of the same book.
06	`list_authors`	Lists authors, illustrators, narrators, and other contributors, with options to filter by tour status or last initial.
07	`list_categories`	Provides a list of all available book categories.
08	`list_events`	Lists upcoming author events, such as signings or talks.
09	`list_series`	Retrieves a list of existing book series titles.
10	`list_titles`	Lists book editions by ISBN, allowing filtering based on format or sale dates.
11	`list_works`	Lists 'Works,' which are groups containing different formats (e.g., hardcover and ebook) of the same physical book.
12	`predictive_search`	Offers autocomplete suggestions as you type in a search query for better accuracy.
13	`search`	Performs a full-text search across the entire catalog, offering facet filtering options.

See It in Action

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

U List all authors whose last names start with 'S' and show if they are on tour.

I've found several authors. For example, George Saunders (ID: 27103) is currently listed. Would you like to see his full bio or check his upcoming events?

U Get the full details for the book with ISBN 9780525559474.

That ISBN corresponds to 'The Midnight Library' by Matt Haig. It's a Hardcover edition published under the Viking imprint. It has won several awards and has a high print score. Would you like the work summary?

U Search for upcoming author events in the PRH.US domain.

I've retrieved the latest events for the US domain. There are tours scheduled for several bestselling authors this month. Should I list the specific dates and locations for a particular author?

Frequently Asked Questions

01 **How do I find all formats of a single book using Penguin Random House MCP?**

Use list_works first to get the master ID for that title. Then, use get_work with that ID to retrieve metadata about every available format (hardcover, ebook, etc.).

02 **Does Penguin Random House MCP support ISBN lookups?**

Yes, you can fetch complete details for any specific edition using the ISBN by calling get_title. This includes sale dates and award status.

03 **Can I list authors who are on tour with Penguin Random House MCP?**

Absolutely. Use list_authors and specify 'tour status' as a filter to see which contributors are currently active in the literary circuit.

04 **What is the difference between list_titles and get_title using Penguin Random House MCP?**

list_titles gives you a searchable list of editions based on criteria like format. get_title requires a specific ISBN to return all complete metadata for one single edition.

05 **How do I explore genres with this MCP?**

You use the list_categories tool, which provides a full hierarchy view of the book categories, letting you map out niche genre groupings.

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 `"penguin-random-house": { "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

Penguin Random House 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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