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How to Find Literary Criticism

Reference Department

Selected resources for finding criticism. This list includes sections for General resources, Novels, Short Stories, Drama, and Poems.

General

[ABELL: Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature](#) Alexandria, Va.: Chadwyck-Healey, 1997.

Bibliographic records comprising scholarship on the English language, literature, bibliography, and traditional culture of the English-speaking world.

[Arts and Humanities Citation Index](#) (Web of Science) Philadelphia, Pa.: Institute for Scientific Information, 1997.

Arts & Humanities Citation Index is a multidisciplinary index covering the journal literature of the arts and humanities.

Corse, Larry B., and Sandra Corse. [Articles on American and British Literature : An Index to Selected Periodicals, 1950-1977](#). Chicago: Swallow Press, 1981.

MAIN Large Books 016.8209 C826a

[Humanities Abstracts](#) Bronx, NY: H.W. Wilson Co., 1997.

Bibliographic citations from more than 450 periodicals in topics such as archaeology, art, classics, film, folklore, journalism, linguistics, music, the performing arts, philosophy, religion, world history, and world literature.

[Humanities International Index](#). Ipswich, MA: EBSCO Pub., 2005.

Humanities International Index is a comprehensive database covering journals, books and other important reference sources in the humanities.

Leary, Lewis Gaston, and John Auchard. [Articles on American Literature, 1968-1975](#). Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 1979.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 016.81 L438ar 1968/75

[Literature Resource Center](#) Detroit, MI: Gale Research.

Biographies, bibliographies and analysis of over 115,000 authors. In-depth coverage of 2000 of the most studied authors. This resource includes content from *Contemporary Authors*, *Contemporary Literary Criticism*, and *Dictionary of Literary Biography*.

Ljungquist, Kent, Judith Baughman, and Facts on File Inc. [Facts on File Bibliography of American Fiction through 1865](#). New York: Facts on File, 1994.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 016.813 F143

SCHAFFNER Reference (Non-circulating) 016.813 F143

Magill, Frank N., Stephen L. Hanson, and Patricia King Hanson. [Magill's Bibliography of Literary Criticism : Selected Sources for the Study of More Than 2,500 Outstanding Works of Western Literature](#). Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Salem Press, 1979.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 016.8 M194m

[MLA International Bibliography](#) New York: Modern Language Association of America.

Citations and abstracts of journal articles, books and dissertations in literature, language and linguistics, folklore, literary theory & criticism, and dramatic arts.

Pendergast, Sara, and Tom Pendergast. Reference Guide to World Literature. 3rd ed. 2 vols. Detroit: St. James Press, 2003.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 809 R332

Pownall, David E. Articles on Twentieth Century Literature: An Annotated Bibliography, 1954 to 1970. New York,: Kraus-Thomson Organization, 1973.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 016.80904 P889a

Scott-Kilvert, Ian, and British Council. British Writers. 8 vols. New York: Scribner, 1979.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 820.9 B862

MAIN Core (Large) 820.9 B862

Seymour-Smith, Martin, and Andrew C. Kimmens. World Authors, 1900-1950 / Editors, Martin Seymour-Smith, Andrew Kimmens. New York: H.W. Wilson, 1996.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 809 K96t 1996

Weiner, Alan R., and Spencer Means. Literary Criticism Index. 2nd ed. Metuchen, N.J.: Scarecrow Press, 1994.

MAIN Reference (Desk) (Non-circulating) 016.809 W423I 1994

SCHAFFNER Reference (Non-circulating) 016.809 W423I 1994

Novels

Adelman, Irving, and Rita Dworkin. The Contemporary Novel; a Checklist of Critical Literature on the British and American Novel since 1945. Metuchen, N.J.,: Scarecrow Press, 1972.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 016.823 A229c

Alexander, Harriet Semmes. English Language Criticism on the Foreign Novel. Athens: Swallow Press/Ohio University Press, 1989.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 016.8093 A375e

Bell, Inglis Freeman, and Donald Baird. The English Novel, 1578-1956; a Checklist of Twentieth-Century Criticisms. Denver,: A. Swallow, 1958.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 016.823 B433e

SCHAFFNER Reference (Non-circulating) 016.823 B433e

Cassis, A. F. The Twentieth-Century English Novel : An Annotated Bibliography of General Criticism. New York: Garland Pub., 1977.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 016.82391 C345t

Gerstenberger, Donna Lorine, and George Hendrick. The American Novel; a Checklist of Twentieth-Century Criticism. Denver,: A. Swallow, 1961.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 016.813 G383a

Glitsch, Catherine. American Novel Explication, 1969-1980. North Haven, Conn.: Archon Books, 2000.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 016.813 G561a 1969/1980

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MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 016.813 G561a 1991/1995

Kearney, Elizabeth I., and Louise S. Fitzgerald. The Continental Novel; a Checklist of Criticism in English, 1900-1966. Metuchen, N. J.,: Scarecrow Press, 1968.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 016.808 K24c

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Palmer, Helen H., and Anne Jane Dyson. English Novel Explication: Criticisms to 1972. [Hamden, Conn.]: Shoe String Press, 1973.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 016.823 P174e

Schlager, Neil, and Josh Lauer. Contemporary Novelists. 7th ed. Detroit London: St. James, 2001.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 823.03 V788c 2001

Unger, Leonard, and A. Walton Litz. American Writers; a Collection of Literary Biographies. New York,: Scribner, 1974.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 810.9 A5129

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SCHAFFNER Reference (Non-circulating) 810.9 A5129

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May, Charles E., and Frank N. Magill. Critical Survey of Short Fiction. 2nd rev. ed. Pasadena, Calif.: Salem Press, 2001.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 809.31 C934 2001

SCHAFFNER Reference (Non-circulating) 809.31 C934 2001

Thurston, Jarvis. Short Fiction Criticism; a Checklist of Interpretation since 1925 of Stories and Novelettes (American, British, Continental) 1800-1958. Denver,: A. Swallow, 1960.

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Walker, Warren S. Twentieth-Century Short Story Explication : Interpretations ... Of Short Fiction since 1800. Hamden, Conn.,: Shoe String Press, 1961.

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Weixlmann, Joseph. American Short Fiction Criticism and Scholarship, 1959-1977 : A Checklist. Chicago: Swallow Press, 1982.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 016.81301 W436a

Drama

Adelman, Irving, and Rita Dworkin. Modern Drama; a Checklist of Critical Literature on 20th Century Plays. Metuchen, N.J.,: Scarecrow Press, 1967.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 016.8092 A229m

Breed, Paul Francis, and Florence M. Sniderman. Dramatic Criticism Index; a Bibliography of Commentaries on Playwrights from Ibsen to the Avant-Garde. Detroit,: Gale Research Co., 1972.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 016.8092 B832d

SCHAFFNER Reference (Non-circulating) 016.8092 B832d

Carpenter, Charles A. Modern Drama Scholarship and Criticism 1966-1980 : An International Bibliography. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1986.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 016.8092 C295m

Coleman, Arthur, and Gary R. Tyler. Drama Criticism. Denver,: A. Swallow, 1966.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 016.812 C692d

Eddleman, Floyd Eugene, and Helen H. Palmer. American Drama Criticism : Interpretations, 1890-1977. 2d ed. Hamden, Conn.: Shoe String Press, 1979.

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Forman, Robert J. Classical Greek and Roman Drama : An Annotated Bibliography. Pasadena, Calif.: Salem Press, 1989.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 016.88201 F724c

[International Bibliography of Theatre & Dance](#) Brooklyn, N.Y.: American Society for Theatre Research : EBSCO Information Services.

Journal articles, books, book articles and dissertation abstracts on all aspects of theatre and performance in 126 countries.

[IIPA: International Index to the Performing Arts](#) Alexandria, VA: Chadwyck-Healey, Inc., 1998.

Resource for the performing arts that provides indexing and abstracts for more than 210 international journals.

Kolin, Philip C. American Playwrights since 1945 : A Guide to Scholarship, Criticism, and Performance. New York: Greenwood Press, 1989.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 016.81254 A512

SCHAFFNER Reference (Non-circulating) 016.81254 A512

Magill, Frank N. Critical Survey of Drama : Foreign Language Series. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Salem Press, 1986.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 809.2 C934

Palmer, Helen H. European Drama Criticism, 1900-1975. 2d ed. Hamden, Conn.: Shoe String Press, 1977.

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Rollyson, Carl E., and Frank N. Magill. Critical Survey of Drama. 2nd rev. ed. Pasadena, Calif.: Salem Press, 2003.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 822.009 C934 2003

Poetry

Cline, Gloria Stark, and Jeffrey A. Baker. An Index to Criticisms of British and American Poetry. Metuchen, N.J.,: Scarecrow Press, 1973.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 821.009 C641i

Jason, Philip K. Critical Survey of Poetry. 2nd rev. ed. 8 vols. Pasadena, Calif.: Salem Press, 2003.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 809.1003 C934

Leo, John R. Modern and Contemporary. Boston, Mass.: G.K. Hall, 1989.

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Magill, Frank N. Critical Survey of Poetry : Foreign Language Series. 5 vols. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Salem Press, 1984.

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Martinez, Nancy C., Joseph G. R. Martinez, and Erland Anderson. Guide to British Poetry Explication. 4 vols. Boston, Mass.: G.K. Hall, 1991.

MAIN Reference (Non-circulating) 016.821 M385g

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Ruppert, James. Colonial and Nineteenth-Century. Boston, Mass.: G.K. Hall, 1989.

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