

Literary Criticism Sources

A. ONLINE CATALOG (WILO):

To find books about an author, do Subject search, entering the author's last name followed by a comma and then the first name (ex.: Angelou, Maya).

In the subject list results, look for critical works about the author under sub-headings such as Criticism and Interpretation or Bibliography and Biography.

To find books on specific themes or genres as well as authors of a particular nationality or gender, try subject headings such as: African American Women Authors, Women Authors - Great Britain and Literature and Folklore. To look for other subject headings, see the [Library of Congress Subject Headings](#) located near the Reference Desk.

B. INDEXES:

Book Review Digest 1925-2000.

(shelved opposite general encyclopedias)
Provides citations to and excerpts of reviews of current juvenile and adult fiction and nonfiction. Arranged alphabetically by author's last name.

Essay and General Literature Index 1900-2008.

(shelved on index table)
Provides access to chapters in books and essays in primarily social sciences and humanities collections. Look under "about" and "about individual works" under author name.

C. GENERAL INFORMATION:

Twentieth Century Literary Movements Dictionary

Ref. 809.91 T918

Entries of more than 500 major and minor literary movement and schools associated with twentieth century world literature.

Contemporary Literary Criticism

REF 809 C76

Excerpts from criticism on living authors and those who died after 1960.

Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism

REF 809 T91

Excerpts from criticism on authors who died between 1900-1960.

The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Multiethnic American Literature

REF 810.992 G856

Encyclopedia of authors, works and related literary terminology.

Black Literature Criticism

REF 809 B56

Excerpts from criticism of the most significant works of Black authors over the past 200 years.

Hispanic Literature Criticism

REF 860.9 H625

Covers over 70 writers from the U.S. and Latin America in the 20th century.

African American Writers

REF 810.9 Af8a-2

Encyclopedia of World Literature in the 20th Century

REF 803 En1

Includes biographical and critical entries covering important writers from around the world.

Modern American Literature

REF 810.9 M72a-5

Excerpts of critical material in popular and scholarly journals and in books on American authors who wrote or became prominent after 1900.

The Oxford Companion To African American Literature

REF 810.8 OX2af

Biographical information on the lives and careers of more than 400 writers. Also includes synopses of novels and literary characters.

Native North American Literature

REF 810.9 N213

Biographical and critical information on Native writers or orators from the U.S. and Canada from historical times to the present.

Critical Survey of Long Fiction

REF 809.3 M27c

Biographical, bibliographical and analytical information on over 300 short story authors. Arranged alphabetically by authors.

Critical Survey of Poetry

REF 821.009 C86

Biographical, bibliographical and analytical information on English language poets from Beowulf to the present. Arranged alphabetically by author.

D. ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Biography Reference Bank

Covers people from antiquity to the present. Includes analysis of career and works of writers.

JSTOR

Accesses back issues of core, scholarly journals in the humanities and other fields.

Literature Resource Center (Gale)

Articles include biographies, critical analyses, and plot summaries from various Gale literary criticism series. Search by author, title or literary era.

LitFinder

Use to find poems, short stories, and essays.

MagillOnLiterature (EBSCO)

Full text coverage of critical analyses from various reference works including Masterplots, Masterplots II, Cyclopedia of World Authors, Cyclopedia of Literary Characters, and Magill Book Reviews.

MLA International Bibliography

Contains citations and subject indexing for journal articles and books about literature, language and linguistics, and related subjects.

ProQuest Research Library

Full text coverage of the *New York Times Book Review* from 1997 to present.