

Finding Reviews

1. Quick & easy: Book store websites

These often provide reviews, or at least snippets from reviews, and may provide both editorial (professional) and customer reviews. (Remember, they hope to sell you the book!)

Powells www.powells.com
Amazon www.amazon.com

Barnes & Noble www.barnesandnoble.com

2. Serious reviews and literary criticism from magazines, journals, and newspapers.

Search EBSCO's *Academic Search Premier* article index for book reviews. Try:

- including *review** in your search: *kite runner and review** OR
- choose Indexes tab >> select Reviews & Products >> Browse for your title

(You may wish to use the Refine Search tab to select articles available in full-text)

The *New York Times* often has in-depth book reviews.

Academic Search Premier indexes the NYT, but does **not** have the full-text of its articles. To get the full-text (1851-2004), choose *New York Times* from the “Go” menu.

Finding book reviews in this product (ProQuest) can be surprisingly difficult; it may be best to first identify the New York Times review in *Academic Search Premier* and then search ProQuest by the title of the review article (choose advanced search >> search **title of review** in quotes; specify date if necessary)

3. Literary Criticism Encyclopedias

We own several vast collections of literary criticism and author biography published by Gale.

The **index** to these is available free online at www.galenet.com/servlet/LitIndex
(or Google “gale literary index”)

Search by title or author to find out which sets and volumes have criticism on your item.

These are the ones we own and their locations in the Reference collection:

<i>Contemporary Authors</i>	PN 771 .C6	<i>Classical & Medieval Literary Criticism</i>	PN 681.5 .C57
<i>Contemp. Auth. New Rev</i>	PN 771 .C670	<i>Literature Criticism from 1400-1800</i>	PN 86 .L53
<i>Dict. of Literary Biography</i>	PS 128 .D5	<i>Shakespearean Criticism</i>	PR 2965 .S43
<i>Literature and Its Times</i>	PN 50 .L574 1997	<i>19th Century Literary Criticism</i>	PN 761 .N56
<i>World Lit. and Its Times</i>	PN 50 .N625 1999	<i>20th Century Literary Criticism</i>	PN 771. T94
		<i>Contemporary Literary Criticism</i>	PN 771 .C59