



Reference Materials for Literary Criticism and Author Biography

1. Gale Literature Encyclopedias (in the Reference Collection):

Extensive compilations of biography, criticism & reviews. Access the **index** (no full text) to these online:

CougarCat: keyword search for *Gale Literary Index*

Web search: Google “gale literary index” or go to www.galenet.com/servlet/LitIndex

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

2. Twayne's Authors (American, English, World) on CD-ROMs - at the stand-alone workstations

Extensive (book-length) information on individual authors, written by noted scholars.

Check the **citation** or **preface** for the date of original publication.

Printing: **highlight** a selection; press **control-C** to copy it to the **clipboard**; additional selections are added to the bottom of the clipboard. When ready, print the clipboard. **Please close the clipboard when finished.**

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...items by an author	Author (last name first)	wharton, edith
...all items by or about an author	Keyword (last name first)	twain, mark
...a story/play in a collection	Keyword	bartleby
...books on a topic	Keyword	literature and politic*

(Note: when you find the call number for an author's works, biography & criticism will be in the same area)

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(In a rush? Check local public & academic library systems: **Research Gateway >> Search Other Libraries**)

Need a recommendation?

Browse award lists: **Research Gateway >> Recommended Reading**

(For reader favorites, try the “ALA Notables” or Powell’s “Puddly” Awards.)

Books: *Reader's Adviser*

REF Z 1035 .B7 (v.1 for fiction)

Good Reading: a guide for serious readers REF Z 1035 .G 63 1985

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LC Call Numbers for Literature (P):

(Arranged by **nationality & time period**. Works by and **about** an author are together.)

PE	English Language	PR	English Literature
	PE 1112 Grammar		PR 1175 Poetry Collections
	PE 1580 Word histories		PR 1245 Play Collections
	PE 1625 Dictionaries		PR 2800+ Shakespeare
PN	Literary History and Collections		PR 3291-3785 17 th & 18 th Centuries
	PN 75-99 Literary Criticism		PR 3991-5990 19 th Century
	PN 1010-1525 Poetry		PR 6000-6049 1900-1960
	PN 1530-3299 Drama		PR 6050-6076 1961-
	PN 3311-3503 Fiction	PS	American Literature
	PN 6014 General Lit. Collections		PS 580 Poetry Collections
	PN 6081 Quotations		PS 625 Play Collections
	PN 6110 Poetry Collections		PS 647 Story Collections
	PN 6111 Play Collections		PS 991-3390 19 th Century
			PS 3500-3549 1900-1960
			PS 3550-3576 1960-



Article Indexes (Research Gateway >> Find Articles)

Academic Search Premier (EBSCO)

For reviews and criticism try this:

choose *Indexes* >> *Reviews & Products* >> *browse* for title, mark and search.
or, include **criticism** or **review*** in a **keyword** search: *ibsen and criticism*

For articles on an author try this:

choose *Indexes* >> *People* >> *browse* for name(s), mark and search.

Or use **keyword** and enter name both ways: *dickinson emily or emily dickinson*

Newspaper Indexes – try these for full-text book reviews:

New York Times, 1851-2002 (ProQuest): title in quotes; in *more search options*, set *document type* to “review”

New York Times, 2000-present (NewsBank): search author name or title; include *review* in the search

Access World News (NewsBank): try **advanced search**; include *review* on one line (has little before 1990)

Additional indexes via Multnomah County Library website, for users with a Multnomah County Library card

MLA Bibliography – comprehensive index (citations only) for the serious researcher in language and literature.

Literature Resource Center – online edition, full-text, of Gale literature encyclopedias (selected articles).



Web Directories:

Academy of American Poets
 Art and Culture
 Curtain Up!
 Everypoet
 Internet Public Library Literary Criticism
 MIT Literature site guide

A Few Good Websites:

Google: More >> Directory >> Arts >> Literature
 LII (www.lii.org) Arts & Humanities >> Literature

www.poets.org
 www.artandculture.com
 www.curtainup.com
 www.everypoet.com
 www.ipl.org/ref/RR/static/hum60.00.00.html
 libraries.mit.edu/humanities/Literature/index1.html

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