

## Finding Literary Criticism

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### Using the Online Catalog (CamelCat)

The CamelCat can find books containing literary criticism. To find these criticisms do a browse search of subject headings containing the author's name, last name first comma first name (i.e. Tolkien, J. R. R.). The results will show subject headings containing this name. Look for a heading containing the subheading criticism and interpretation. Books with this subheading will contain criticism on that author. (i.e. Tolkien, J. R. R. (John Ronald Reuel), 1892-1973—Criticism and interpretation).

Remember, books that have a call number starting with REF are in the reference room and cannot be checked out.

### Gale Resources

All of these resources are indexed by Author and Title in **Literary Index**

#### **REF PS 129.A55**

##### American Writers (AMW)

"Provides information about the lives, careers and works of American writers."  
(Introduction)

#### **REF PS 153.N5 B556 1992**

##### Black Literature Criticism (BLC)

Criticisms of the works of 125 black authors; authors' works from many nations and from 200 years past

#### **REF PR 85.B688**

##### British Writers (BRW)

Literary biographies of British authors of all periods.

#### **REF PN 681.5.C57**

##### Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism (CMLC)

Contains criticism and commentary on works through the fourteenth century.

**REF PN 771.C6**Contemporary Authors (CA, CANR)

Includes brief biographies and bibliographies of each author and his works. The Contemporary Authors: New Revision Series includes biographies which have required significant changes since first publication in Contemporary Authors.

**REF PN 771.C59**Contemporary Literary Criticism (CLC)

Contains scholarly and popular criticism of over 2,000 authors.

**REF PN 451.A54**Dictionary of Literary Biography (DLB)

Entries of several pages each on the life and works of authors, including many illustrations.

**REF PN 501.E9 1992**European Writers (EW)

"68 unabridged essays chosen ... from Scribner's fourteen volume European Writers ... with a view toward including those authors and themes most often studied ..."  
(Publisher's Note, Vol. 1, p. v)

**REF PN 86.L53 1984**Literature Criticism from 1400 to 1800 (LC)

Criticism of world authors from the 15th through 18th centuries.

**REF PN 761.N5**Nineteenth Century Literary Criticism (NCLC)

Contains excerpts of criticism for over 17,000 works of the nineteenth century.

**REF PN 1010.P499**Poetry Criticism (PC)

Contains excerpts of criticism of frequently studied writers, and poems.

**REF PR 2965.G27**Shakespearean Criticism (SC)

Provides information about Shakespeare's dramas and poetry as well as excerpts of significant criticism.

**REF PN 3373.S386**Short Story Criticism (SSC)

Contains excerpts of criticism on the world's greatest short story writers.

**REF PN 771.G27**Twentieth Century Literary Criticism (TCLC)

Serves as an introduction to authors who died between 1900-1999 along with excerpts of significant criticism.

**Reference Books****REF PR 821.P26 1973**English Novel Explication

"Listing of criticisms which have appeared in books and periodicals in English and foreign languages." (Introduction)

**REF PN 523.W44 1984**Literary Criticism Index

Index of criticisms of the individual works of authors, arranged alphabetically.

**REF Z 6511.M3**Magill's Bibliography of Literary Criticism

A listing of studies of works of fiction, drama, and poetry published in books and periodicals.

**REF Z 2014.W65**The Undergraduate's Companion to Women Writers and Their Web Sites

A listing of Web Sites, Biographies, Criticism, and Bibliographies on 180 female authors.

**REF PN 3451.C65 1983**Critical Survey of Long Fiction

"Critical assessments of 272 authors whose major works are in the field of the novel ..."  
(Preface)

**Databases****Academic Search Premier** via EBSCOhost

Provides full text for more than 3,430 scholarly publications covering academic areas of study including social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, engineering, language and linguistics, arts & literature, medical sciences, and ethnic studies. This database is updated on a daily basis.

**Project MUSE** via John Hopkins University Press

Project MUSE provides online, worldwide, institutional subscription access to the full text of over 100 scholarly journals in the arts and humanities, social sciences and mathematics.

**JSTOR**

A collection of full text scholarly journals in the following subject areas: African American Studies, Anthropology, Asian Studies, Ecology, Economics, Education, Finance, History, Literature, Mathematics, Philosophy, Political Science, Population Studies, Sociology, and Statistics.

**Literature Online** via ProQuest

A database of more than 300,000 works of English and American poetry, drama and prose, plus biographies, bibliographies and key secondary sources.

**Literary Index** via Gale Group

An index to Gale's literature series. A free service provided by the Gale Group.

**MLA International Bibliography** via EBSCOhost

MLA International Bibliography is a bibliography of journal articles, books and dissertations. Produced by the Modern Language Association, the electronic version of the Bibliography dates back to 1963 and contains over 1.5 million citations from more than 4,400 journals and series and 1,000 book publishers.

**Internet Sources****Literary Criticism**

<http://www.ipl.org/div/litcrit/>

The IPL Literary Criticism Collection contains critical and biographical web sites about authors and their works that can be browsed by author, by title, or by nationality and literary period.

**Literary Resources on the Net**

<http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/%7Ejlynch/Lit/>

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