

Literary Criticism

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The Continuum encyclopedia of modern criticism and theory	REF PN94 .C695 2002
Credo Reference Online*	Includes several literature encyclopedias. Access via Databases Sorted Alphabetically or via the Library Catalog .
Encyclopedia of literary critics and criticism, vols. 1-2	REF PN75.E53 E53 1999. International in scope, this guide covers literary theory and criticism from earliest times to present.
A glossary of literary terms	REF PN41 .A184 2009
A handbook to literature	REF PN41 .H355 2009
Key concepts in literary theory	PN44.5 .W65 2006
The Oxford Dictionary of Literary Terms*	Access via library catalog
Routledge dictionary of literary terms	REF PN41 .D4795 2006

Biographical Sources

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American National Biography, v.1-24	REF CT 213 .A68 1999
Biography and Genealogy Master Index*	Access via Databases Sorted Alphabetically
Blackwell Reference Online*	Guides for selected authors. Access via Databases Sorted Alphabetically or the Library Catalog .
Contemporary Authors*	International author biographical information and lists of work. 20th century to present. Access via Databases Sorted Alphabetically
Dictionary of Literary Biography (series)	REF PN451 .D5. Author career biographies. Primarily American writers. Cumulative index in most recent volume. Also indexed in Gale's Literary Index , online.
Oxford dictionary of national biography, v. 1-60	REF DA28 .O95 2004
Oxford dictionary of national biography, 2001-2004	REF DA28 .O95 2009
MagillOnLiterature Plus*	Biographies and author essays; access via Databases Sorted Alphabetically

Literature guides

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Blackwell Reference Online*	Several guides for American literature; access via Databases Sorted Alphabetically
Guide to American poetry explication, v.1-2	REF PS201 .G85 1989
Guide to British poetry explication, v.1-4	REF PR311 .M37 1991

Literature guides (cont.)

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Guide to British prose fiction explication: nineteenth and twentieth century	REF PR861 .B38 1997
The Johns Hopkins guide to literary theory & criticism	REF PN81 .J554 2005
Literary research guide : an annotated listing of reference sources in English literary studies	REF PR83 .H34 2008
New Moulton's library of literary criticism, v. 1-11	REF PR85 .N39 1985
Oxford Reference Online*	Guides for American, Australian, English, Irish, New Zealand literature. Access via Databases Sorted Alphabetically
Twentieth-century American literature, v. 1-8	REF PS221 .T834 1985

Criticism Indexes

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Academic Search Premier*	Many full text, scholarly articles; access via Databases Sorted Alphabetically
Articles on American Literature, 1900-1950 1950-1967 1968-1975	REF PS88 .A75x 1970 REF PS88 .A76x REF PS88 .A77
Bibliography of American Literature, v.1-9	REF PS88 .B54x
Essay and General Literature Index	REF INDEX AI3 .E752 1900 to Present
Gale's Literary Index*	Master index to the major literature products such as Contemporary Literary Criticism, Dictionary of Literary Biography, and Nineteenth-Century Literary Criticism. Access via Databases Sorted Alphabetically
Guide to critical reviews of United States fiction, 1870-1910, v.1-2	REF PS371 .E5x
Index to Criticisms of British and American Poetry	REF PR 89 .C5
Inter-play*	Index to plays in collections, anthologies, and periodicals. 19th century - present. Access via Databases Sorted Alphabetically
JSTOR*	Full text, scholarly articles; access via Databases Sorted Alphabetically
Literary criticism index	REF PN523 .W42 1994
MagillOnLiterature Plus*	Reviewed critical analyses, brief plot summaries, biographies and author essays; access via Databases Sorted Alphabetically
MLA International Bibliography*	Indexes critical materials on modern language, literature, linguistics, and folklore. 1926 - Present. Access via Databases Sorted Alphabetically
Project Muse*	Full text, scholarly journals; access via Databases Sorted Alphabetically

Critical Excerpts and Evaluations	
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Black Literature Criticism, v. 1-3	REF PS153.N5 B556 1992
Contemporary Literary Criticism (CLC)	REF PN771 .C59 Excerpts from criticism of creative writers who are now living or who died after January 2, 1960. Citations allow access to the complete critical work excerpted. Cumulative index in the last volume. 1973-present. Also available via Gale's Literary Index
Critical Survey of Drama, v. 1-8	REF PN 1625 .C68 2003
Critical Survey of Poetry, v. 1-8	REF PN 1021 .C7 2002
Critical Survey of Short Fiction, v. 1-7	REF PN 3321 .C7 2001
The English novel explication...1578-1956 1958-1972 1972-2001	REF PR821 .B43x Criticisms 1578 to 1956 REF PR821 .P265x Criticisms 1958 to 1972 REF PR821 .P26x Suppl. Criticisms 1972 to 2001
Library of Literary Criticism	Various call numbers. Search by Title in the library catalog
Literature criticism from 1400 to 1800, v. 1-16	REF PN86 .L56
Nineteenth Century Literature*	Access via Library Catalog . Online journal that covers American and English Literature.
Twentieth-century short story explication...of short fiction since 1800	REF PN3373 .W3 1977 Index of interpretations written in major Western European languages since 1900 of short stories published since 1800
Twentieth-century short story explication: New Series, v. 1-6	REF PN3373 W353 1993 Index of interpretations that have appeared for short stories between 1989 and 2000.
Twentieth-century literary criticism, v. 1 -	REF PN771 .G27 Excerpts from criticism of creative writers who died between 1900 and 1960. A companion to the CLC above.

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