



PATHFINDER: LITERATURE

ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Here are some examples of encyclopedias about literature.

[Benet's Readers Encyclopedia](#) (R/803/B456)

[Cyclopedia of World Authors](#) (R/809/C995)

[Encyclopedia of World Literature in the 20th Century](#) (R/803/E56)

[Encyclopedia of World Writers](#) (R/809.003/E56)

[Encyclopedia of the Chicago Literary Renaissance](#) (R/810.9977311/P655en)

[Greenwood Encyclopedia of Multiethnic American Literature](#) (R/810.9920693/G816)

[McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of World Drama](#) (R/809.2/M147)

[New Princeton Encyclopedia of Poetry and Poetics](#) (R/808.1/P954)

[Oxford Encyclopedia of American Literature](#) (R/810.3/O98)

[Reader's Encyclopedia of Eastern European Literature](#) (R/891.8/R286)

[Reader's Encyclopedia of World Drama](#) (R/809.2/R286)

[World Book Encyclopedia](#) (R/031/W927) UNDER: Names of authors

You may also want to check here for articles about a country's literature. [World Book Encyclopedia](#) includes articles on American literature, French literature, Russian literature, and the literatures of a number of other countries.

REFERENCE BOOKS

Here are some examples of other reference books about literature.

[African American Writers](#) (R/810.9896/A258wr)

[African Authors 1300-1973](#) (R/809.8896/H541a)

[African Literature and Its Times](#) (R/809.846/A258)

[American Women Writers](#) (R/810.99287/A512)

[American Writers](#) (R/810.9/A512wr)

[Ancient Writers Greece and Rome](#) (R/880.09/A541)

[Authors & Artists For Young Adults](#) (R/809.89283/A939)

[Black Literature Criticism](#) (R/809.8896/B627)

[British and Irish Literature and Its Times: Celtic Migration to the Reform Bill \(beginnings-1830s\)](#) (R/820.9/M913ce)

[British and Irish Literature and Its Times: the Victorian Era to the Present \(1837-\)](#) (R/820.9/M913vi)

[British Writers](#) (R/820.9/B862)

[Cambridge History of English Literature](#) (R/820.9/C178)

[Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism](#) (R/809/C614)

[Contemporary Authors \(R/809/C761a\)](#)
[Contemporary Authors New Revision Series \(R/809/C761an\)](#)
[Contemporary Literary Criticism \(R/809/C761\)](#) (You may want to check [Gale Literature Criticism Online](#) for recently published information.)
[Critical Survey of Long Fiction \(R/809.3/C934ro\)](#)
[European Writers \(R/809.894/E89\)](#)
[Great Literature of the Eastern World \(R/895/G786\)](#)
[Handbook of Twentieth-Century Literatures of India \(R/891.1/H236\)](#)
[Latin American Literature and its Times \(R/860.998/M913la\)](#)
[Latino and Latina Writers \(R/810.9868/L357\)](#)
[Library of Literary Criticism: Modern Slavic Literatures \(R/891.7/M689\)](#)
[Literary Movements for Students \(R/809.91/L776\)](#)
[Literature and Its Times \(R/809.93358/L776\)](#)
[Literature Criticism From 1400 to 1800 \(R/809/L776\)](#)
[Literature of Developing Nations for Students \(R/809.891724/L776\)](#)
[Major Authors Edition of the New Moulton's Pre-Twentieth Century Criticism of British and American Literature To 1904 \(R/820.9/M234\)](#)
[Middle Eastern Literatures and Their Times \(R/892/M627\)](#)
[Native American Literatures \(R/810.9897/W623na\)](#)
[New Oxford Companion to Literature In French \(R/840.3/N532\)](#)
[Nineteenth-Century Literature Criticism \(R/809.034/N714\)](#) (You may want to check [Gale Literature Criticism Online](#) for recently published information.)
[100 Most Popular Young Adult Authors: Biographical Sketches and Bibliographies \(R/810.99283/D776on\)](#)
[Oxford Companion to African-American Literature \(R/810.80896/098\)](#)
[Oxford Companion to American Literature \(R/810.9/H325ox\)](#)
[Oxford Companion to English Literature \(R/820.9/098\)](#)
[Oxford Companion to Twentieth-Century Literature in English \(R/820.3/O98 and 820.3/O98\)](#)
[Oxford Guide to British Women Writers \(R/820.99287/S533ox\)](#)
[Schomburg Center Guide to Black Literature \(R/809.8896/S369\)](#)
[Spanish and Portuguese Literatures and Their Times \(R/860.09/M913sp\)](#)
[Thematic Guide to American Poetry \(R/811.009/B967th\)](#)
[Timetables of World Literature \(R/809.00202/K96ti\)](#)
[Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism \(R/809.04/T971\)](#) (You may want to check [Gale Literature Criticism Online](#) for recently published information.)
[Writers For Young Adults \(R/Readers Advisory/810.99283/W956\)](#)

Note: Some of these reference books have cumulative indexes. In certain cases, these indexes are in with volumes that also include articles. In other cases, there are separate indexes. When there are indexes, it is important to check these to help you find all the information in the reference books about your topic.

Drama

Critical Survey of Drama (R/809.2/C934)

Drama For Students (R/809.2/D763st) (You may also want to check Gale Virtual Reference Library.)

Long Fiction

Critical Survey of Long Fiction (R/809.3/C934ro)

Novels For Students (R/809.3/N939) (You may want to check Gale Virtual Reference Library for recently published information.)

Mystery and Detective Fiction

Critical Survey of Mystery and Detective Fiction (R/809.3872/C934)

Poetry

Critical Survey of Poetry (R/809.1/C934ja)

Notable Poets (R/809.1003/N899)

Poetry Criticism (R/809.1/P745) (You may want to check Gale Literature Criticism Online for recently published information.)

Poetry For Students (R/809.1/P745st) (You may want to check Gale Virtual Reference Library for recently published information.)

World Poets (R/809.1003/W927)

See also: Pathfinder--Poetry Criticism

Shakespeare

Shakespearean Criticism (R/822.33/D/S527)

Shakespeare For Students (R/822.33/D/S527st)

See also: Pathfinder--Shakespeare

Short Fiction

Critical Survey of Short Fiction (R/809.3103/C934)

Short Stories For Students (R/809.31/S559st) (You may also want to check Gale Virtual Reference Library.)

Short Story Criticism (R/809.31/S559) (You may want to check Gale Literature Criticism Online for recently published information.)

FULL TEXT

Often, these sources have useful information.

Gale Literature Criticism Online

Gale Virtual Reference Library

MasterFILE Premier (some full text)

WilsonSelectPlus

INTERNET RESOURCES

<http://www.andromeda.rutgers.edu/~jlynch/Lit>

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

BOOKS

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Special Note: Sometimes, even if you do not find literary criticism that is just about the work you are interested in when you search in the online catalog, books about the author (especially books located in the 800 section) may have pages and/or chapters of literary criticism about the author's work. So, it is important to look in books about the author that are located in the 800 section as well as books that are just about the work, itself. In addition, check books that include the work. Some of these books may also include literary criticism or other useful information at the beginning or the end of the book.

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