

Literary Criticism Library Resources

Finding Books on Literary Criticism

Suggested [Catalog](#) Search Tips:

To find Criticism about an author or work use General keyword search

Example: *Criticism Toni Morrison*
Criticism Bluest Eye

To find works by an author use Author search

Example: *O'Brien, Tim*

To find a specific title use Title search

Example: *Yellow Wallpaper*

Browse the shelves:

Call numbers for Literary Criticism

- PA** Greek and Latin Languages and Literature
- PG** Russian Literature
- PJ** Oriental Languages and Literature
- PK** Indo-Iranian Languages and Literature
- PL** Languages and Literatures of Eastern Asia, Africa and Oceania
- PN** Literature (General)
- PQ** French, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese Literature
- PR** English Literature
- PS** American Literature
- PT** German, Dutch and Scandinavian Literature

Reference Books:

Contemporary literary criticism Covers authors who are currently active or who died after December 31, 1959.

Location – Central Library | Call Num – REF PN771 C59

Twentieth-century literary criticism Presents substantial excerpts from the best criticism on the major literary figures and nonfiction writers, including novelists, poets, playwrights and literary theorists, of 1900 to 1999

Location – Central Library | Call Num – REF PN 771 T45

Drama criticism Profiles 4-8 dramatists by providing full-text or excerpted criticism taken from books, magazines, literary reviews, newspapers and scholarly journals.

Location – Central Library | Call Num – REF PN 1601 .D59

Poetry criticism : excerpts from criticism of the works of the most significant and widely studied poets of world literature Provides substantial critical essays and biographical information on four to eight major poets from all eras.

Location – Central Library | Call Num – REF PN 1010 P499 1991

Nineteenth-century literature criticism : excerpts from criticism of the works of novelists, poets, playwrights, short story writers and other creative writers who lived between 1800 and 1900, from the first published critical appraisals of current evaluations / Laurie Lanzen Harris, editor Profiles four to eight literary figures who died between 1800 and 1899 by providing full-text or excerpted criticism taken from books, magazines, literary reviews, newspapers and scholarly journals.

Location – Central Library | Call Num – REF PN 761 N5

Library Databases:

[Research Databases](#) > Browse databases by name with the **A – Z List**

[Literature Resource Center](#): Gale's Literature Resource Center covers more than 90,000 novelists, poets, essayists, journalists and other writers, with in-depth coverage of 2,000 of the most-studied authors. Search by Author Name, Title, Genre, Literary Movement or Literary Themes, or combine criteria to create a highly-targeted custom search path.

Use this [quick tutorial](#) for help using the Literature Resource Center.

[Literary Reference Center](#): Contains thousands of plot summaries, literary criticism, author biographies, book reviews, classic and contemporary poems, classic and contemporary short stories, author interviews, classic texts and much more.

[EXPLORING Poetry](#): Provides information on over 275 frequently studied poems in literature. Units covered include images, themes, critics, etc.

[EXPLORING Shakespeare](#): Contains information on most frequently studied plays of William Shakespeare. Contains complete text of plays, essays on the characters and themes in plays, biography of playwright, essays of Globe Theatre, Elizabethan Theatre, contemporary society.

General Library Resources:

Help-

[Ask a CPCC Librarian](#) – call or email questions to a CPCC Librarian

[NCKnows](#) - 24/7 "online chat" research help from NC Librarians

Research Tools –

[Library Tutorials](#) - self-paced learning on doing library research

[How to write and cite in MLA and APA](#)

[Dr. Cite Right](#) – short and fun tutorial with plagiarism help