# A Selected Guide to Sources for Literature, Poetry, Short Stories, Novels, and Specific Writers’ Works

## Essays on Author’s Life and Work

- American Writers (Ref/PS/129/.A55)
- British Writers (Ref/PR/85/.B688)
- Dictionary of Literary Biography. Lane Library does not own all volumes in this series & volumes in this series are not shelved together. **To locate a profile** of a particular author in the Dictionary of Literary Biography series, use the online **Literary Index**, located at the Gale website (http://www.galenet.com/servlet/LitIndex). **Ask for help in locating** a volume containing your author or in converting a volume number from the online Literary Index to a GIL search statement.

## Excerpts of Significant Literary Criticism

- Contemporary Literary Criticism (Ref/PN/771/.C59) Use this if your author is living now or was alive after 1960.
- Twentieth Century Literature Criticism (ReF/PN/771/.G27) Use this series if your author died after 1900 but before 1960.
- Nineteenth Century Literature Criticism (Ref/PN/761/.N5)
- Poetry Criticism (Ref/PN/1111/.P63)
- Short Story Criticism (Ref/PN/3373.56)

**To find excerpts of criticism in the above volumes on specific works (a specific poem, short story, novel, etc.), use the Literary Index at the Gale website (http://www.galenet.com/servlet/LitIndex) to find volume and page numbers or the print index available on the shelf with the series.**

## Specialized Bibliographies

- Twentieth Century Short Story Explication 1900-1975 (Ref/PN/3373/.W33/1977) and its many supplements covering criticism through 1996.

“poetry explication is a relatively short analysis which describes the possible meanings and relationships of the words, images, and other small units that make up a poem” --http://www.unc.edu/depts/wcweb/handouts/poetry-explication.html

- Magill’s Bibliography of Literary Criticism (Ref/PN/523/M25) lists articles in journals, books, and specific pages in books for criticism of literary works. Lists criticism through the mid-1970’s; especially good for criticism prior to the 1963 publication of the MLA Bibliography.
GIL (Lists books and media available in Lane Library)

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  Then look for the subheadings attached to your author's name, such as:
  --Characters
  --Criticism and interpretation
  --Title of a specific work

- In the catalog you will be able to select these subjects to get to more specific resources

- After you have found pertinent listings
  ✓ **Write down** the brief title and the call number for books that may have information on the work you're interested in
  ✓ **Go to the shelves** where books by your author and about your author are shelved
  ✓ **Check the index** of each promising title that you decide to look at for information on your poem, short story, novel, essay, etc.

Electronic Indexes for Locating Articles in Journals About Literary Topics

- MLA Bibliography (an EBSCOhost database available through GALILEO)—Indexes books, book chapters, journal articles, and dissertations on folklore, linguistics, literature, films, and language.

- Humanities Full Text (a Wilson database accessible from the **Additional Databases** link on the library website) – Provides *some* full text access to journal articles on literature, history, art, drama, biography, music, philosophy, and other areas of the humanities.


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