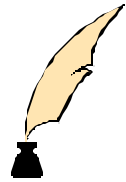




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About a Short Story:

- **Short Story Criticism** (Ref. PN 3451.S5): Use the most recent available volume as a master index to find critical works about a particular writer or short story.
- **The Facts on File Companion to the American Short Story** (Ref PS 374 .S5 F33): This source gives brief information about short story authors, themes, terminology, important characters, historical events, and award winners.
- **Masterplots II: Short Story Series** (Ref. PN 3326.M27): This source gives a good overview of a particular story, with plot synopsis, basic themes, and a brief discussion on style. *This series is housed at the Main Library on the Roane County Campus. See librarian if you are in Oak Ridge and want to use it.*

About Poetry:

- **Poetry Criticism** (Ref. PN 1010.P499): Use the most recent available volume as a master index to find critical works about a particular poet or poem.
- **Contemporary Poets** (Ref. PR 603.C6): This source gives a good overview of a poet's life, work and achievements.
- **Masterplots II: Poetry Series** (Ref. PN 1110.5.M37): This source gives a good overview of a particular poem with a synopsis, basic themes, and a brief discussion on poetic devices. *This series is housed at the Main Library on the Roane County Campus. See librarian if you are in Oak Ridge and want to use it.*

About a Novel:

- **Contemporary Novelists** (Ref. PR 883 .C64 1996) This is the novelist version of the Contemporary Poets resource.
- **Masterplots: Literature** (Ref. PN 846.M37): This source gives a good overview of a particular novel or play, with plot synopsis, characters, basic themes, and a brief discussion on style.

About Drama:

- **Critical Survey of Drama** (Ref. PR623.C75): This source gives a good overview of a playwright's life, work and achievements. *This series is housed at the Main Library on the Roane County Campus. See librarian if you are in Oak Ridge and want to use it.*
- **Shakespearean Criticism** (Ref. PR 2945.S43): Use the most recent available volume as a master index to find critical works about a particular Shakespearean work or theme.
- **Shakespeare's Characters for Students** (Ref. PR 2989 .S53 1997)
The primary focus of this source is a discussion of the characters in Shakespeare's plays, but plot summaries of each play are also included. Search by play or use the index to search by character.

Online Databases:

Access through library research web page at www.rscclibrary.com/library/reference.htm. You may need the username: tel_a_rsccl and the password. *(Contact a library staff member for the password.)*

- **Literature Resource Center (LRC)**: You can search by author, title, genre, literary movement or literary theme. From the Research web page, choose the Literature Resource Center link to get into the database.
- **Expanded Academic ASAP**: This database covers literature broadly, in addition to many other topics. If keyword searching for a particular author gives too many citations, try a combined search for **author and title** or **author/title and keyword**. From the Research page, look for the link to the Expanded Academic ASAP database.
- **Contemporary Literary Criticism**: (online database) This database covers only authors who are currently alive and kicking. You will find fewer articles than in Expanded Academic ASAP or Literature Resource Center, but CLC offers essays from books of literary criticism, sources that may be hard to find otherwise. The link for this database is on the same web page as the other two above.

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