

## Finding Critical Reviews of Literature, Movies and Music

A review is a critical evaluation. By reading reviews, you can determine the quality of a literary work, movie or musical recording/performance.

### Literature Reviews

#### **Book Review Digest**, 1905-, Ref Z 1219 .C96

Gives full bibliographic information about the book, a summary of the book, excerpts from some of the reviews, and references to full reviews in magazines, journals, and newspapers.

#### **Book Review Index**, 1965-, Ref Z 1035 .A1 B62

Cites reviews in magazines, journals and newspapers. Does not include summaries or excerpts of reviews. More comprehensive in its coverage than Book Review Digest.

#### **Gale's literary criticism series**

*20<sup>th</sup> Century Literary Criticism*, Ref PN 771 .G27: includes authors who died between 1900 and 1960.

*Contemporary Literary Criticism*, Ref PN 771 .C59: authors living from 1960 to the present.

*19<sup>th</sup> Century Literary Criticism*, Ref PN 761 .N5: authors prominent during the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

*Poetry Criticism*, Ref PN 1010 .P62: world's greatest poets.

*Short Story Criticism*, Ref PN 3451 .C85: world short fiction writers.

#### **InfoTrac: Expanded Academic ASAP**

Search for book reviews by the author or title, and the word *reviews*. Citations to reviews in magazines, journals and major newspapers will be provided. Full-text of some reviews is often available.

#### **GaleNet's Literary Databases**

Contains full-text of criticism on the works of writers now living or who died after 1959. Emphasis is on established authors who appear on syllabi of high school and college literature courses.

## **Movie Reviews**

### **InfoTrac: Expanded Academic ASAP**

Search for movie reviews by the name of the movie and the word reviews. Citations to reviews in magazines, journals and major newspapers will be provided. Full-text of some reviews is often available.

### **Internet Movie Database ([www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com))**

Includes links to reviews of thousands of movies. The quality of the reviews is varied; sources include Roger Ebert and the Washington Post, as well as reviews found in newsgroups and on fan pages.

### **Movie Review Query Engine ( [www.mrqe.com](http://www.mrqe.com))**

Linked to the Internet Movie Database . Especially helpful for non-mainstream movies.

## **Music Reviews**

### **InfoTrac: Expanded Academic ASAP**

A good source for music reviews in magazines and journals. Some full-text articles may be available.

### **Indiana University Music Reviews**

([www.music.indiana.edu/music\\_resources/reviews.html](http://www.music.indiana.edu/music_resources/reviews.html))

This site provides links to many music review sources on the Internet.

### **Yahoo Reviews ([www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com))**

Yahoo's subject category "Entertainment/Music/Reviews" which lists numerous Internet sites offering music reviews.