



# WOMEN IN LITERATURE

## Subject Help Guide

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### Women and literature: Reference books

#### “REF” = REFERENCE COLLECTION, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

*Gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered literature: A genre guide*  
REF PS153.G38 B7 2008

*The world of Toni Morrison: A guide to characters and places in her novels* REF PS3563.O8749 .2844 2008

*Magill's survey of American literature (6 vols.)*  
REF PS21 .M34 2007

*Writing African American women: An encyclopedia of literature by and about women of color (2 vols.)*  
REF PS153.N5 W756 2006

*Encyclopedia of Caribbean literature*  
REF PN849.C3 E53 2006

*Encyclopedia of feminist literature*  
REF PN471 .W455 2004

*The undergraduate's companion to women poets of the world and their web sites* REF PN1024 .D43 2004

*Contemporary American women fiction writers: An A-to-Z guide* REF PS374 .W6 C66 2002

*Modern British women writers: An A-to-Z guide*  
REF PR116 .M63 2002

*The undergraduate's companion to women writers and their web sites* REF PR111 .D43 2002

*The Oxford companion to women's writing in the United States* REF PS147 .O94 1995

*American women writers: A critical reference guide from colonial times to the present (5 vols.)* REF PS147 .A4 (1994)

*Great women writers: The lives and works of 135 of the world's most important women writers, from antiquity to the present*  
REF PN471 .G74 1994

*The Bloomsbury guide to women's literature*  
REF PN471 .B57 1992

*The Feminist companion to literature in English: Women writers from the Middle Ages to the present* REF PR111 .B57 1990

*British women writers: A critical reference guide*  
REF R111 .B75 1989

*Women in literature: Criticism of the seventies*  
REF Z6514 .C5 W64

### Literature: General reference

*Encyclopedia of ancient literature* REF PN621.C66 2008

*Holocaust literature* REF PN56.H55 H655 2008

*Oxford encyclopedia of American literature*  
REF PS21 .E537 2004

*The undergraduate's companion to English Renaissance writers and their web sites* REF PR421 .G35 2004

*World writers in English* REF PR9080.5 .W67 2004

*Multicultural writers since 1945: An A-to-Z guide*  
REF PN452 .M88 2004

*Encyclopedia of literary modernism*  
REF PN56.M54 E53 2003

*Reference guide to science fiction, fantasy, and horror*  
REF PN3433.5 .B87 2003

*Literary movements for students: Presenting analysis, context, and criticism on literary movements*  
REF PN597 .L58 2002

*The Oxford chronology of English literature* REF PR87.O98 2002

*Dictionary of Midwestern literature* REF PS273 .D53 2001

*Encyclopedia of life writing: Autobiographical and biographical forms* REF CT21 .E53 2001

*Encyclopedia of rhetoric* REF PN172.E52 2001

*Critical survey of long fiction* REF PN3451 .C75 2000

*British writers (3 vols.)* REF PR19 .B68 1997

*Encyclopedia of the essay* REF PN4500 .E63 1997

*A handbook to literature* REF PN41 .H355 1996

*The Oxford English dictionary (20 vols.)*  
REF PE1625 .O87 1989

*Contemporary authors* REF PN452 .C65

*Contemporary literary criticism* REF PN771 .C59

*Magill's bibliography of literary criticism* REF Z6511 .M3

## Diversity

*African American writers* REF PS153.N5 A 344 2001

*Asian American literature: Reviews and criticism...*  
REF PS153.A84 A82 1999

*Contemporary Southern writers* REF PS261 .C569 1999

*Dictionary of Native American literature*  
REF PM155 .D53 1994

*Encyclopedia of Latin American literature*  
REF PQ7081.A1 E56 1997

*Harlem Renaissance: A Gale critical companion*  
REF PS153.N5 H245 2003

*Holocaust literature: An encyclopedia of writers and their work* REF PN56.H55 H66 2003

*U.S. Latino literature: A critical guide for students and teachers* REF PS153.H56 U7 2000

## Poetry Criticism

*The Columbia Granger's index to poetry in anthologies*  
REF PN1022 .H39 2007

*The undergraduate's companion to women poets of the world and their web sites* REF PN1024 .D43 2004

*Contemporary poets*  
REF PR603 .C6

*Critical survey of poetry*  
REF PR502 .C85 1992

*Guide to British poetry explication*  
REF PR311 .M34 1991

*The Oxford companion to twentieth-century poetry in English* REF PR601 .O9 1994

## Recommended Web Sites

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[Web Sites recommended by USI faculty and librarians](#)

This guide is available online at:  
<http://www.usi.edu/library/qsLITERATURE07.asp>

## Short Story Criticism

*Masterplots: 1,801 plot stories and critical evaluations of the world's finest literature* REF PN44 .M33 1996 (12 vols.)

*Thematic guide to popular short stories*  
REF PN3373.S62 2002

*Twentieth-century short story explication*  
REF Z5917.S5 W33

## Suggested Databases

- Literature Online
- Academic Search Premier
- ProQuest Research Library
- Project Muse
- JSTOR
- MLA International Bibliography

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<http://www.usi.edu/library/index.asp>

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- The **Database Login** page will appear
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<http://www.usi.edu/library/Documents/MLA07.pdf>

[http://dianahacker.com/resdoc/p04\\_c08\\_o.html](http://dianahacker.com/resdoc/p04_c08_o.html)

*MLA handbook for writers of research papers*  
REF LB2369.G53 (most recent)

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