

SELECTED AMERICAN AUTHOR BIBLIOGRAPHY

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CRITICISM, INTERPRETATIONS, ETC.

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| Ref
792.03
Cri | Critical Survey of Drama | Multi-volume set of articles arranged alphabetically by the playwright's last name. Each article contains a brief biographical sketch, major achievements of the playwright and an analysis of the playwright's major works |
| Ref
808.8
M | Masterplots | Synopsis of fictional works gives plot, time of story, locale, characters and a short critique; multi-volume set arranged by title of story; revised edition gives additional critical evaluation of work |
| Ref
808.93
Mas | Masterplots II
American Fiction | Same as Masterplots but presents only American fiction; includes sections on characters, critical context, themes and meanings |
| Ref
809
C | Contemporary Literary
Criticisms (CLC) | Multi-volume set of critical essays on authors and their specific works. Indexed in a companion volume |
| Ref
809
Cyc | Cyclopedia of World
Authors II | Four volume set arranged by authors last names. Quick overview of the author with ready-reference data at the top of each entry. Body of the work covers highlights of their life and literary career. |
| Ref
809
Nov | Novels for Students | Thirteen volume set which includes novels often studied in high school. Each article includes an introduction, author biography, plot summary, character analysis, explanations of themes, style, historical and cultural context, critical overview and criticism. Suggestions of what to read next, compare and contrast box and media adaptations are appended to each article. |
| Ref
809
T | Twentieth Century Literary
Criticism (TCLC) | Multi-volume set of critical essays on writers who wrote during the first half of the 20th century. Indexed in a companion volume |
| Ref
809.04
N | Nineteenth Century Literary
Criticism (NCLC) | Multi-volume set of critical essays on writers who wrote during the 1800's. Indexed in a companion volume |
| Ref
809.1
Cri | Critical Survey of Poetry | Multi-volume set of articles arranged alphabetically by the poet's last name. Each article contains a brief biographical sketch, major achievements of the poet and an analysis of the poet's major works |

Ref 809.1 Mas	Masterplots II Poetry	Same as Masterplots but presents major poets of the world; arranged by the title of the poem includes sections on characters, critical context, themes and meanings
Ref 809.1 Poe	Poetry for Students	Thirteen volume set which includes poems often studied in high school Each article includes an introduction, author biography, plot summary, character analysis, explanations of themes, style, historical and cultural context, critical overview and criticism. Suggestions of what to read next, compare and contrast box. Indexed in last volume.
Ref 809.3 Mac	Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror Writers	Two volume collection of short articles arranged alphabetically by the authors last name. Each article contains a brief biographical sketch, short list of recommended works, and brief articles on major works. Eighty authors are included from all time periods.
Ref 809.3 Sup	Supernatural Fiction Writers	A two volume set arranged geographically and chronologically presents major writers of supernatural fiction. The articles include biography, description and interpretation of major works, critical evaluation and assessment of the author's historical position. American writers are located in the second volume of this work.
Ref 809.8 Mas	Masterplots II Short Stories	Same format as Masterplots but only deals with short stories; section on themes, meanings, style and technique
Ref 810 Ung	American Writers	Eighteen volume set of 15-20 page essays on American authors. Includes both biographical information and critical review of the author's style
Ref 810.9 Afr	African American Writers	Collection of essays which provides an introduction to the works of African American writers who have made contributions to American literature. Each article contains a brief biography, a survey of principal writings and an assessment of the work as a whole.
Ref 810.9 Mag	Magill's Survey of American Literature	Eight volume set arranged alphabetically. Highlighted ready-reference feature on author and significant works. Covers American authors from 17th to late 20th centuries. Includes two supplemental volumes. A complete set can be used at the circulation desk but cannot be checked out.
Ref 810.9 Mod	Modern American Women Writers	One volume collection of critical and biographical essays on 41 representative American women writers who have published in the U.S. since 1870.
Ref 810.9	Modern Black Writers	Revised and extended articles from African American Writers. Includes prominent black writers from the 1980's and 90's.

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Ref 823 Sci	Science Fiction Writers	Collection of essays on important Science Fiction writers. Each article contains biographical information, comments on important stories, historical position, evaluation and a bibliography. The authors are arranged in terms of writing generations.
Ref 823.009 Cri	Critical Survey of Long Fiction	A multi-volume set of articles arranged alphabetically by the author's last name. Each article contains a brief biographical sketch, major achievements of the author and an analysis of the author's major works.
Ref 920.03 Con	Concise Dictionary of American Literature Biography	Six volume set arranged chronologically from 1640 to the late 1980's. Articles include both biographical and critical information. Also features a contextual diagram of places, literary influences, personal relationships, literary movements, major themes, cultural and artistic influences, and social and economic forces associated with the author.

In the general collection, you will find critical reviews of authors. These are listed in the automated card catalog and can be accessed through the Keyword, Subject and Series searches. Some series that are particularly good are:

- Twayne's Author Series
- Twentieth Century Views
- Twentieth Century Interpretations
- The Minnesota Pamphlets
- Modern Critical Interpretations
- Modern Critical Views
- American Women Fiction Writers 1900-1960
- Asian-American Writers
- Asian-American Women Writers
- Critical Companions to Popular Contemporary Writers