



RESEARCH GUIDE

Book Reviews

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Make Sure You Know:

- Full name of the author or editor
- Exact title of the book
- Date of first publication

If You Don't Know:

- Look at the title page — use earliest copyright date
- **OR** use HOMER
<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → HOMER – Library Catalog
- **OR** consult *reQuest* — use earliest publication date
<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → reQuest
- or *WorldCat* — use earliest publication date
<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → WorldCat
- **OR** consult a librarian

Remember: A *book review* is different from a *critical article*.

Selected Electronic Resources

Commercial Products

ABELL (*Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature*) (1920+)

Coverage: scholarly books, articles, dissertations on English and American literature.

Searching: type subject and/or title keyword(s) in relevant box; type *review* in publication details box; click **submit search**.

Accessible: <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → **ABELL**

See *Electronic Guide: How to Search ABELL* for additional information:

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/using/finding/guides/abell.pdf>

Academic OneFile (formerly *InfoTrac OneFile*) 1980+

Coverage: indexes approximately 6000 general interest periodicals; selectively full text.

Searching: 1. Click **keyword search**, type *author's name and book title and book reviews*, and click **Search**
2. In Advanced search mode select **ke**, type *author's name*, select **and**, select **ke**, type *book title*, select **and**, select **subject**, type *reviews*, and click **Search**

Accessible: <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → **Academic OneFile**

Academic Search Premier through *EbscoHost*

Coverage: A full-text, multidisciplinary magazine & journal database that provides the full text of over 4,500 journals and magazines, and indexes a total of more than 8,000 titles in all disciplines.

Searching: Select **AU Author**, **TI Title**, **KW Author-Supplied Keywords** from the drop-down menu.
Under **Limiters**, in the **Document Type** box, select **Book Review**.

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America: History and Life* and *Historical Abstracts

Coverage: scholarly books, articles, and dissertations on all aspects of American history and on European history from 1450 to present.

Searching: Click **Advanced**

Specify **Keywords, Authors / Editors, or Titles / Translations** in relevant box.

Click **Book Reviews** to limit search.

Click **search**

Accessible: <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → **America: History and Life** or → **Historical Abstracts**

America's Historical Newspapers, 1690-1922

Coverage: full texts of newspapers published in America from 1690 to 1922.

Searching: searches default to the entire file but individual newspapers, presidential eras, and American historical eras may also be searched. All searches use the following method:

Type "**author's name**" and "**book title**" and click **search**. Additional search rows may be added as necessary.

Note: quotation marks should be used.

Accessible: <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → **America's Historical Newspapers, 1690-1922**

American Periodicals Series Online 1740-1900

Coverage: full texts of thousands of periodicals published in America from 1740 to 1900 and beyond.

Searching: searches default to the entire file but individual periodicals may also be searched. Both searches use the following method:

Type "**author's name**" and "**book title**" and click **search**. Additional search rows may be added as necessary.

Note: quotation marks should be used.

Accessible: <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → **American Periodicals Series 1740-1900**

British Periodicals

Coverage: full text of thousands of English periodicals from the 1680s to the 1930s.

Searching: searches default to the entire file but individual periodicals may also be searched.

Click **article search**. Type **author's name** and **book title** as keywords. In **Limit to Content Type** click **reviews** and **search**.

Accessible: <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → **British Periodicals**

Hartford Courant Historical

Coverage: full text of the *Hartford Courant* from 1764 to 1984.

Searching: Type "**author's name**" and "**book title**" and click **search**. Additional search rows may be added as necessary.

Note: quotation marks should be used.

Accessible: <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → **Hartford Courant Historical**

JSTOR

Coverage: full texts of older journals in economics, mathematics, history, and the social sciences.

Searching: the entire file as well as individual journals may be searched. Both searches use the following method:

1. Basic: type **author's name** and **book title**; make certain searches are **full text**; click **reviews** and **search**.
2. Advanced: use boolean commands; click **reviews** and **search**.

Accessible: <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → **JSTOR**

LexisNexis News

Coverage: major general interest, business, and legal newspapers and journals from 1980s to present

Searching: select [News] , type [**author's name**] and [**title keyword**] in keyword box; change source to [Book, Movie, Music, Play, and Video Reviews] specify date if desired; and <Enter>.

Accessible: <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → **LexisNexis News**

New York Times Historical

Coverage: full text of Late Eastern Edition of the *New York Times* from 1851 to 2004.
Searching: select [**article type**], select [**review**]. On next line type [*author's name*] or [*book title*]. Specify [*citation and article text*]. On next line type [*book title*] or [*author's name*]. Specify [*citation and article text*] and <Enter>.
Accessible: <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → New York Times Historical

PROJECT MUSE

Coverage: full text of many recent journals in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences published or distributed by the Johns Hopkins University Press.
Searching: 1. Individual journals. From Website above:
a. Click **journals**; select journal(s) by title, subject, or collection; or click **search**, select journal(s); select options from bottom of screen.
b. Type *author's name* and *and* and *book title* [keyword] and *review*
2. The entire file. From Website above:
Click **search**; select **all**; select options from bottom of screen
Type *author's name* and *and* and *book title* [keyword] and *review*
Example: toni morrison and beloved and review
Accessible: <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → Project Muse

Times, also known as the *London Times*

Coverage: full text of the *Times* (London) from 1785-1985
Searching: Type *author's name* and *book title* as keywords. In **Features** click **Reviews** and click **search**.
Accessible: <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → Times (or London Times)

Selected WWW Resources

<i>Amazon Books</i>	http://www.amazon.com/
<i>Electronic Book Review</i>	http://www.electronicbookreview.com
<i>H-Net Reviews</i>	http://www.h-net.org/reviews/
<i>Midwest Book Review</i>	http://www.midwestbookreview.com/
<i>Washington Post</i>	http://washingtonpost.com/
<i>Yahoo</i>	http://www.yahoo.com/arts/humanities/literature/reviews

Major Book Reviewing Sources (Paper)

***Book Review Digest* 1906+**

Ref. Z 1035 A1 C96

- Monthly updates; quarterly cumulations; annual volumes
- Separately published cumulative indexes exist: 1905-1974 (4 vols.) and 1975-1984.
- Coverage: adult and juvenile books reviewed in selected newspapers and journals.
- Provides abstracts of the reviews.
- Gives word count for length of reviews.
- Contains title and subject indexes to reviewed books.

***Book Review Index* 1965-1998**

Ref. Z 1035 A1 B6

- Monthly updates; quarterly cumulations; annual volumes
- Coverage: adult and juvenile books reviewed in selected newspapers and journals.
- Indexes many more book reviews than the *Book Review Digest*.

Index to Book Reviews in the Humanities 1961-1990

Ref. Z 1035 A1 I63

- Annual volumes; does not have cumulative indexes.
- Coverage: adult books reviewed in selected newspapers and about 400 humanities journals.

New York Times Book Review Index 1896-1970

Babbidge Level A Annex / AI 21 N442

- Coverage: books reviewed in the book review section of the Sunday *New York Times*.
- Books reviewed in the *New York Times* after 1970 are listed under "Book Reviews" in the annual volumes of the *New York Times Index* / Babbidge Level A Annex / AI 21 N44 (Library Use Only).
- Provides access by book's author, title, subject, genre, and reviewer.

Alternative and Specialized Sources

Alternative Press Index (API) 1969-1972, 1974, 1977+

Dodd Reference / AI 3 A27

Accessible Online: <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name →
Alternative Press Index

American Humanities Index 1975-1999

Level A Annex / AI 3 A278

Children's Book Review Index. Master Cumulation 1965-1984

Level A / Z 1037 A1 C4754

Children's Literature Review 1976+

Babbidge Reference Literary Alcove/ Ref. Z 1037 A1 C5

Comprehensive Index to English-Language Little Magazines, 1890-1970

Level A Annex / AI 3 S23

Index To Book Reviews In England, 1749-1774

Level A / Z 1035 A1 F67 1990

International Index To Periodicals 1907-1965

Level A Annex / AI 3 I61

Literary Reviews In British Periodicals, 1789-1797

Level A / Z 2013 W36 1979

Literary Reviews In British Periodicals, 1798-1820

Level A / Z 2013 W36

Literary Reviews In British Periodicals, 1821-1826

Level A / Z 2013 W36 1977

Poole's Index To Periodical Literature 1802-1906

Ref. AI 3 P7

Readers' Guide To Periodical Literature 1890-1993

Level A Annex / AI 3 C84

Accessible Online from 1890-1982:

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → Wilson Web →
Readers' Guide Retrospective

Science Fiction Book Review Index, 1923-1973

Ref. Z 5917 S36 H35