



RESEARCH GUIDE

Film Reviews & Criticism

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Online Access: Current and Retrospective

Full Text

LexisNexis™ News 1980+

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

Example:

Select: **News**

Select Sources: **Book, Movie, Music, Play, and Video Reviews**

Enter search terms: **magdalene sisters**
and
movie review

Narrow to a specific date range: ☉ **All available dates**

Academic Search Premier 1980+

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

This academic database provides **full text** articles from journals and magazines.

To Search::

In **Find:** box, enter *film title* in **TI Title**.

From **Limit your results:** select **Entertainment Review** from **Document Type** drop-down menu.

Example: **Find:** **Finding Neverland** in **TI Title**
and in **Document Type** select **Entertainment Review**

Academic OneFile (formerly **InfoTrac OneFile**) 1980+

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

Indexes over 6,000 periodicals and provides full text for nearly 3,000 titles. Earliest full text movie reviews appear in 1983.

To Search: Use: **Keyword search (ke)**

Example: **Keyword (ke)** **million dollar baby**
And **Keyword (ke)** **movie review**

Arts & Humanities Citation Index (A&HCI) 1994+

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → Arts & Humanities Citation Index

Provides citations to articles from journals. Some citations are linked to the article in **full text**.

Select: **General Search** Enter film title in **TOPIC** box

Under **Restrict search by languages and document types**, select **Film Review**

Example: **Topic:** **Hotel Rwanda**
And Restrict Search: **Film Review**

Internet Resources

The following Web sites offer film reviews, criticism, and other information:

American Film Institute Homepage

<http://www.afi.com/>

Movie Review Query Engine

<http://www.mrqe.com/>

Movie Reviews Via Yahoo

http://dir.yahoo.com/Entertainment/Movies_and_Film/Reviews

Roger Ebert's Film Reviews

<http://www.rogerebert.com>

Rotten Tomatoes Movie Reviews & News

<http://www.rotten-tomatoes.com/>

Yale Film Studies Site

<http://www.library.yale.edu/humanities/film/>

Books in the UConn Libraries

HOMER

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → HOMER – Library Catalog

Select: Keyword—Boolean

Examples: “citizen kane” and criticism
“alfred hitchcock” and criticism

Note: Use the name of the film or director to retrieve criticism.

Print Access

Handbooks and Guides

The A List: the National Society of Film Critics' 100 Essential Films

Ref. PN 1995 A33 2002

Guide to African Cinema

Ref. PN 1993.5 A35 R87 1998

International Dictionary of Films and Filmmakers 4th ed.

Ref. PN 1997.8 I58 2000

Includes production information, lists of cast and crew, a bibliography and a critical essay for each film.

Latin American Films, 1932 – 1994

Ref. PN 1995.9 L37 S38 1997

Covers significant Latin American films from 1932-1994.

The Motion Picture Guide 1927-1998

Ref. PN 1993 M4334

Covers wide variety of films from 1927 to 1998. Includes cast and characters, synopsis and critical appraisal, production credits, and star rating.

New York Times Film Reviews 1913-1998

Ref. PN 1995 N4

Reprints entire reviews.

The Oxford Companion to Film

Ref. PN 1993.45 B3

Film commentary prior to 1976.

Film Indexes and Bibliographies

Film Literature Index

Level A Annex / PN 1993 F65 Vol. 1 1973-2004

A quarterly index to international film, television, and video literature, with annual cumulations. Check by author, subject, and/or film title.

Film Review Index

Ref. PN 1995 F54 1986 Vol. 1 1882-1949; Vol. 2 1950-1985 Provides variety of review sources for each title.

A Guide to Critical Reviews: The Screenplay

Babbidge Reference Index Table / Ref. Z 5782 S34 Vol. 4, parts 1 & 2, 1971 and suppl., 1982

Bibliography of critical reviews of American and foreign feature-length screenplays reviewed by the popular press.

Index to Critical Film Reviews in British and American Film Periodicals

Level A / Z 5784 M9 B64 Vols. I, II/III, covering 1930-1972

Comprehensive listing of over 20,000 film reviews including documentaries and shorts.

Other Aspects of Film

Comprehensive Overview

American Film Institute Desk Reference

Ref. PN 1994 A599 2002

Film and Television: A Guide to the Reference Literature

Ref. PN 1994 E56 2006

The Film Encyclopedia

Ref. PN 1993.45 K34 2005

Biographical Material

The New Biographical Dictionary of Film

Ref. PN 1998.2 T49 2002

Dictionary

The Film Studies Dictionary

Ref. PN 1993.45 B53 2001