



## Print Resources

**Critical References:** Check under playwright's name and play title to find references to criticism in books and journal articles.

### *Guide to Critical Reviews*

#### **Babbidge Reference Index Table**

*Part I: American Drama, 1909-1982* / Ref. Z 5781 S16 1984 v. 1

*Part II: The Musical, 1909-1989* / Ref. Z 5781 S16 1984 v. 2

*Part III: Foreign Drama, 1909-1977* / Ref. Z 5782 S342 v. 3

### *Dramatic Criticism Index* 1972

#### **Babbidge Reference Index Table / Ref. Z 5781 B8**

### *Drama Criticism*

#### **Babbidge Reference Index Table / Ref. Z 1231 D7 C6**

Volume I *English and American* 1966

Volume II *Classical and Continental* 1971

### *American Drama Criticism, 1890-1977*

#### **Babbidge Reference Index Table / Ref. Z 1231 D7 P3 1979**

1 vol., 4 supplements. Supplements provide coverage through 1993.

### *Classical Greek and Roman Drama*

#### **Babbidge Reference Index Table / Ref. PA 3024 F6 1989**

### *European Drama Criticism, 1900-1975*

#### **Babbidge Reference Index Table / Ref. Z 5781 P2 1977**

### *Modern Drama: A Checklist of Critical Literature on 20<sup>th</sup> Century Plays* 1967

#### **Babbidge Reference Index Table / Ref. Z 5781 A35**

Music Library / Z 5781 A35

### *Shakespeare Index*

#### **Ref. PR 2894 S 25 1992**

2 vols. Annotated bibliography. Provides topical searching by play.

**Critical Commentary:** Check under play title.

### *Critical Survey of Drama* vols. 1-8

#### **Ref. PN 1625 C68 2003 C74 2003**

Music Library Reference has earlier edition. / **PR 625 C74 1985** vols. 1-6

See *Achievements* and *Analysis* for critical commentary.

### *International Dictionary of Theatre*

#### **Ref. PN 2000 I474 1992**

Vol. 1 – *Plays*

**Critical Commentary:** Check under playwright's name or play title.

### *Facts on File Companion to American Drama*

#### **Ref. PS 330 F33 2004**

### *Oxford Dictionary of Plays*

#### **Ref. PN1625 P38 2005**

**Critical Excerpts:** Check under play title in the cumulative index of the most recent volume to find criticism from books and journal articles.

*Shakespearean Criticism* 1984+

**Babbidge Level A Annex / PR 2965 S 44 (Library Use Only)**

First 10 volumes provide excerpts of criticism for each play. Volumes 11-26 focus on stage and production history. Volumes 27-56 focus on criticism published after 1960. Volumes 57+ include entries focused on a specific Shakespearean play or poem; features recent criticism and earlier commentary not covered in previous volumes.

## Literary Criticism of General Literature: Print Resources

**Critical Essays:** Features criticism of individual works considered classics.

*American Writers Classics*

**Ref. PS 129 A56**

*British Writers Classics*

**Ref. PR 85 B69**

**Critical Excerpts:** Check under author's name in the cumulative index of the most recent volume to find criticism from books and journal articles.

*Nineteenth-Century Literature Criticism* 1981-1997

**Babbidge Level A Annex / PN 761 N5 (Library Use Only)**

Includes authors who died between 1800-1899.

*Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism* 1973-2007

**Babbidge Level A Annex / PN 771 G27 (Library Use Only)**

Includes authors who died between 1900-1959.

**Critical References:** Books and Journals—Check under playwright's name and play.

*Articles on Twentieth Century Literature: An Annotated Bibliography, 1954 to 1970* 7 vols.

**Babbidge Reference Index Table / Ref. Z 6519 P66**

*Magill's Bibliography of Literary Criticism* 4 vols. 1979

**Babbidge Reference Index Table / Ref. Z 6511 M25**

**Critical References:** Books—Check under playwright's name and play title. Use HOMER, the Libraries' online catalog, to see if the library owns the book/books.

*Essay And General Literature Index* 1900+

**Babbidge Reference Index Table / Ref. AI 3 E752**

## Biographies of Playwrights: Online & Print Resources

### Online Resources

*Contemporary Authors (CA)* 1962+

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → Contemporary Authors (Gale Literary Databases)

Provides biographical sketches often accompanied by authors' comments. Covers modern writers but does include authors active before 1960 whose work continues to affect contemporary literature.

To Search:

Enter: *Author Name*

Example: **lorraine hansberry**

Print Source: *Contemporary Authors* 1962-2004

**Babbidge Level A Annex / PN 451 C63 / PN 451 C632 / PN 451 C633 (Library Use Only)**

*Dictionary of Literary Biography (DLB)* 1978+

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → Dictionary of Literary Biography (Gale Literary Databases)

Provides biographical and critical coverage of authors in lengthy essays.

To Search:-

Enter: *Author Name*

Example: **lillian hellman**

Print Source:

*Dictionary of Literary Biography* 1978-2005

**Babbidge Level A Annex / PS 21 D5 (Library Use Only)**

*Dictionary of Literary Biography Yearbook* 1980-2002

**Babbidge Level A Annex / PS 221 D5 (Library Use Only)**

## Print Resources

*African American Women Playwrights*

**Ref. PS 153 N5 G29 1999**

*Asian American Playwrights*

**Ref. PS 338 A74 A9 2002**

Includes a brief biography, a list of major works and themes, critical assessment and bibliography for each playwright.

*Contemporary American Dramatists*

**Ref. PS 352 C65 1994**

**Music Library Reference / PS 352 C65 1994**

Provides brief biography, list of publications, and short critical essays for each author. Some entries include comments from the dramatist.

*Contemporary British Dramatists*

**Ref. PR 736 C577 1994**

Provides a brief biography, list of publications, and a short critical essay for each dramatist. Some entries include comments from the dramatist.

*Contemporary Dramatists*

**Ref. PR 737 C57 1999**

Provides brief biographical information, list of publications, and short critical essay for each author.

*Contemporary Jewish-American Dramatists and Poets*

**Ref. PS 153 J4 C68 1999**

*Women Playwrights of Diversity*

**Ref. PS 338 W6 P48 1997**

## Plays in Collections

### Online Resources

*Inter-Play*

<http://www.lib.pdx.edu/systems/interplay>

Online index to plays in collections, anthologies, and periodicals. Search by author, play title, or source title.

### Print Resources

*Ottmiller's Index to Plays in Collections*

**Ref. Desk / Ref. PN 1655 O8 1988**

**Music Library Reference / PN 1655 O8 1988**

Covers anthologies published between 1900 and 1985 in which plays are included. Check by playwright's name or play title. Code letters identify the anthology. Check the list of codes in the back of the volume for a complete reference.

*Play Index* 1949-2002

**Ref. PN 1655 P53**

**Music Library Reference / Z 5781 P53 1949-1997**

Covers collections in which plays have been published. Check by playwright's name, play title, or subject.

## **Definitions of Dramatic Terms**

*Dictionary of the Theatre: Terms, Concepts, and Analysis*

**Ref. PN 2035 P2913 1998**

Includes specialized theoretical vocabulary.

*A Dictionary of Literary Terms and Literary Theory*

**Ref. Desk / Ref. PN 41 C83 1998**

Provides definitions of literary and dramatic terms.

## **Publishing Guides**

*Dramatists Sourcebook* Annual

**Ref. PN 2289 D73**

Includes theaters that accept new plays as well as playwriting contest opportunities.