



## Books for American Literature - Getting Started

### Reference Books

Use these reference books to get an overview of your author's life, themes and works

These books are organized alphabetically by author

R809.1 Not	Notable Poets - 3 volumes
R809.100 Wor	World Poets – 3 volumes
R809.304 Bea	Popular World Fiction - 4 volumes
R810.9 Ame	American Ethnic Writers - 2 volumes
R810.98 Asi	Asian American Literature - 1 volume
R810.9 Bea	Beat Generation - 3 volumes Vol. 1 topics and Volumes 2 and 3 authors
R810.9 Gre	The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Multiethnic American Literature- 5 Volumes
R810.9 Mag	Magill's Survey of American Literature - 8 volumes
R810.9 Mag	Magill's Survey of American Literature Rev. ed. - 6 volumes
R810.9 Not	Notable Latino Writers - 3 volumes
R810.903 Mag	Magill's Survey of American Literature: Realism to 1945 1 volume
R813 Fac	Companion to the American Novel
R813.08 Ous	50 American Novels – 1 volume
R813.50 Con	Contemporary American Fiction Writers - 1 volume
R813.509 Bea	Beacham's Popular Fiction in America - 4 volumes
R813.509 Bea	Beacham's Popular Fiction 1991 Update - 2 volumes

**You will find Magill's Critical Surveys and MasterPlots in the Reference section, but these are now available as full-text articles in Ebsco's Literary Reference Center**

### **Now That You Know the Author's Themes**

**Use these reference books for analysis of the author's works**

**Use the index to locate the specific title. The index can be found in the last volume or print copies of the index are located on the shelves**

R809.1 Poe	Poetry for Students 27 volumes
*EB809.1 Poe	Poetry for Students - 27 volumes
R809.1 Poe	Poetry Criticism - 57 volumes
R809.132 Epi	Epics for Students – 2 volumes
R809.2 Dra	Drama for Students 24 volumes
*EB809.2 Dra	Drama for Students – 24 volumes
R809.2 Dra	Drama Criticism – 24 volumes
R809.21 Non	Non Fiction for Students – 4 volumes
R809.3 New	Novels for Students 24 volumes
*EB809.3 New	Novels for Students – 24 volumes
R809.30876 Cla	Classics of Science Fiction and Fantasy Literature - 2 volumes
R809.30876 Gre	Greenwood Encyclopedia of Science Fiction ad Fantasy: Themes Works and Wonders - 3 volumes
R809.3 Gun	Guide to Science Fiction and Fantasy Literature - 4 volumes
R809.31 Sho	Short Story Criticism 33 volumes
R809.31 Sho	Short Stories for Students – 25 volumes
*EB809.31 Sho	Short Stories for Students – 25 volumes
R809.9 Mod	World Literature and Its Times – 5 volumes
R809.933 Lit	Literature and Its Times - 5 volumes

- R810.9 Mas            Masterpieces of African-American Literature - 1 volume
- R810.99 Lit            Literary Themes for Students  
                            Race and Prejudice 2 volumes  
                            War and Peace 2 volumes  
                            The American Dream 2 volumes
- R813.08 Mag            Magill's Survey of the American Novel - 2 volumes  
                            Crane to Faulkner      Brown to James
- R813.509 Bea            Beacham's Encyclopedia of Popular Fiction - 16 volumes

**\*EB ebooks are the electronic version of a print book so these books are available as full-text from WebCollection Plus or on the database Gale Virtual Reference Library**



### **Now Start Looking in the Reference Stacks**

#### **If the Author is an African-American Writer**

- R809.8896 Bla      Black Literature Criticism – 3 volumes and 1 supplement
- R809.8896 Bla      Black Writers - 1 volume
- R810.9 Afr          African American Writers - 1 volume
- R810.9 Mas          Masterpieces of African-American Literature - 1 volume  
Organized by Title
- R810.9 Ros          Harlem Renaissance and Beyond – 1 volume

#### **If the Author is a Woman Writer**

- R810.9 Ame          American Women Writers – 2 volumes
- R810.9 Gre          Great Women Writers 1 volume
- R810.9 Fem          Feminist Writers – 1 volume
- R810.9 Mod          Modern American Women Writers - 2 volumes
- R810.9 Sno          Encyclopedia of Feminist Literature - 1 volume
- R813.50 Con          Contemporary American Women Fiction Writers
- R810.9 Oxf          Women Writers in the United States – 1 volume
- R810.9 Con          Contemporary Women Poets – 1 volume
- R811 Ame          American Women Poets - 1 volume
- R813.50 Con          Contemporary American Women Fiction Writers - 1 volume

#### **If the Author is a Science Fiction and Fantasy Writer**

- R809.30876 Cla      Classics of Science Fiction and Fantasy Literature - 2 volumes  
Organized by Title



**More Books .....**

For more information on your author, consult these sources

These are organized alphabetically by author unless the name of the book has an asterisk in front of it, then it is organized by title

R809 Mag	Cyclopedia of World Authors – 5 volumes
R809 Mag	*1300 Critical Evaluations Of Selected Novels and Plays – 4 volumes
R809 Rya	Major 20th Century Writers – 4 volumes
EB	Concise 21st Century Writers - 5 volumes
R809 Wor	World Literature Criticism 6 volumes and 2 supplements
R809.2 Hoc	Encyclopedia of World Drama - 4 volumes
R809.04 Nob	Nobel Prize Winners in Literature – 3 volumes
R 809.31 Not	Short Story Writers – 3 volumes
R810.9 Ame	American Writers: Selected Authors – 3 volumes
R810.9 Myr	Library of Literary Criticism: Modern American Literature 3 volumes
810.9 Twe	Twentieth Century American Literature – 7 volumes Use index in separate book to locate author
R810.92 Con	Concise Dictionary of American Literary Biography - 6 vols  Use the index in last volume to locate the author
R810.92 Ung	American Writers - 4 volumes and 13 supplements Use the index Supplement XIII to locate the author
R810.933 Ref	Holocaust Literature – 1 volume
R810.99 Inde	*Identities and Issues in Literature - 3 volumes
R813.509 Con	Contemporary Popular Writers - 1 volume

R820 Con	Contemporary Novelists – 1 volume
R820.9 Gre	Great Writers of the English Language – 1 volume
R820.9 Mon	The Library of Literary Criticism – 8 volumes
R820.9 Twe	The New Moulton's Pre Twentieth Century Criticism of British and American Literature - 10 volumes
R 821.009 Poe	Poets : American and British – 3 volumes
R821.03 Con	Contemporary Poets – 1 volume
R822.03 Vin	Contemporary Dramatists – 1 volume
R823 Con	Contemporary Dramatists – 1 volume
R823 Hen	Contemporary Novelists – 1 volume

You have your information from the Reference Section, databases and ebooks.  
**Use Web Collection Plus** to locate to locate the author's works and literary criticism of specific titles.



Use a **Power Search to locate criticism**. The author's last name on the first line  
 Criticism on the second line

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