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JSTOR An archived database of full-text articles from academic journals. Use “Advanced Search” to narrow the search to Language & Literature titles. Search title and author of work and limit to “articles.” JSTOR is best for literary criticism, not literary works.

Mid-Continent Public Library  www.mymcpl.org
From the home page, click on “Research and Learning,” then “Browse Subjects.” Find multiple databases under “Books and Reading” as well as “Literature.” An MCPL library card is required to access.

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- American drama 812  British drama 822
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Selected Reference Books

- Ref 803 En1-3 Encyclopedia of World Literature in the 20th Century (4 volumes)
- Ref 808.8387 M272 Magill’s Guide to Science Fiction and Fantasy (4 volumes)
- Ref 809 C76 Contemporary Literary Criticism
- Ref 809 T91 Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism
- Ref 809.3 C86 2012 Critical Survey of Short Fiction (6 volumes)
- Ref 809.3 C86cL Critical Survey of Long Fiction (8 volumes)
- Ref 810.9 Af8a-2 African American Writers (2 volumes)
- Ref 810.9 M272 Magill’s Survey of American Literature (8 volumes)
- Ref 810.9 M72a-5 Modern American Literature (3 volumes)
- Ref 810.986 L349 Latino and Latina Writers (2 volumes)
- Ref 813.01 F119-2 The Facts on File Companion to the American Short Story (2 volumes)
FINDING BOOK REVIEWS

Online Databases

Search by title in the following databases. Limit the results by linking the title with the word “review” using the connector “and” -- e.g., great expectations and review.

*Academic Search Elite*

*JSTOR* On the “Advanced Search” screen, search by title and click on “Reviews” in the “Narrow By” section.

*MasterFILE Premier*

*ProQuest Research Library*

**Web Sites**

www.Amazon.com  
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**Full-text Literary Works**

*American Literature*  [https://americanliterature.com](https://americanliterature.com) Click on “Short Stories” then “Complete Short Story Library” at the top of the page. Use the search box to find stories by title or author, or browse titles alphabetically.

*Bartleby.com*  [www.bartleby.com](http://www.bartleby.com) On the home page, select “Short Stories” under “Fiction.”

*Classic Reader*  [www.classicreader.com](http://www.classicreader.com) Click on “Short Stories” then search by author or title.

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*The Man Booker Prize*  the manbookerprize.com

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*The Pulitzer Prizes*  [www.pulitzer.org/prize-winners-categories](http://www.pulitzer.org/prize-winners-categories)

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