Use the online catalog to find information on the novelist and title of the work. To locate literary criticism, type in the name of the novelist or the title of the novel and add “criticism or interpretation” in parenthesis.

*For example:* John Steinbeck and (criticism or interpretation)  
or Of Mice and Men and (criticism or interpretation)

**CRITICISM OF NOVELS**

*Bloom’s Literary Criticism*  
Index Tables 5 & 6

These may be located in the online catalog by searching “words or phrase” with the terms “Bloom” and the author’s name or the title of the work.

*For example:* Bloom and Ernest Hemingway  
Bloom and the Color Purple

*Critical Survey of Long Fiction, 2nd Revised Edition (8 vols)*  
Index Table 7A

This set includes articles on over 400 novelists. Each entry consists of information on other literary forms, achievements, biography, an analysis of the author’s novels, and a bibliography.

**GENERAL REFERENCE SOURCES**

*Masterplots, Revised Edition*  
Reference Desk

This multi-volume set covers 2010 plot summaries with critical essays, including novels, poetry, short stories, drama, and essays. The plot summaries in all series of *Masterplots* are arranged alphabetically by title and are approximately 1500 words in length. Each series listed below includes a number of writers not included in this original series.

*Masterplots II: American Fiction Series*  
Reference Desk

*Masterplots II: British and Commonwealth*  
Reference Desk

*Masterplots II: World Fiction Series*  
Reference Desk

**PERIODICAL RESOURCES**

*Humanities Index, 1907-*  
Index Table 1A

Previous titles: *International Index* and *Social Sciences and Humanities Index.*
Provides citations to articles on novelists and their works. Look up the author by last name to find biographical and critical articles.

*Literature Resource Center*

This electronic resource is the best place to begin your search for literary criticism and information on authors.

*Literary Reference Center*

This full text database provides access to articles on literature.

*Academic Search Premier*

This database is a general electronic resource containing many full-text articles. Search by author’s name or title of the novel.

*Reference Universe*

This database accesses subject within reference books. The user may limit the search to reference books in Watson Library. The citation provides the call number and specific page number for the item sought.

**RESOURCES FOR ALL LITERARY FORMS INCLUDING NOVELS**

*Dictionary of Literary Biography (DLB)*  
PN501 D5 REF

This multi-volume set provides biographical and critical information on authors and their works including novels. To locate the volumes on novelists in the online catalog, perform a “words or phrase” search using this phrase: dictionary and literary and biography and novels.

*Nineteenth Century Literature Criticism (NCLC)*  
PN761 N56 REF

This multi-volume set provides biographical and critical excerpts of novelists, playwrights, short story writers, and other creative writers who died between 1800-1899.

*Twentieth Century Literary Criticism (TCLC)*  
PN771 G27 REF

This multi-volume set provides biographical and critical excerpts of novelists, playwrights, short story writers, and other creative writers who died between 1900-1959.

*Contemporary Literary Criticism (CLC)*  
PN771 C59 REF

This multi-volume set provides biographical and critical excerpts of novelists, playwrights, short story writers, and other creative writers now living or who died after December 31, 1959.