

# Short Story Criticism



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Use the online catalog to find information on the short story writer and title of the work. To locate literary criticism, type in the name of the writer or the work and add "criticism or interpretation" in parenthesis.

*For example:* Edgar Allan Poe and (criticism or interpretation) or  
The Cask of Amontillado and (criticism or interpretation)

## CRITICISM OF SHORT STORIES

Bloom's Literary Criticism

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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 Zora Neale Hurston  
Bloom and A Worn Path

*Critical Survey of Short Fiction, 2nd Revised Edition*

Index Table 7A

This set includes articles on over 400 short story writers. Each entry consists of information on other literary forms, achievements, biography, an analysis of their novels, and a bibliography.

*Short Story Criticism*

Index Table 7A

This work contains biographical information on short story writers and critical excerpts on their work.

*Twentieth Century Short Story Explication:*

*Interpretations 1900-1975 of Short Fiction Since 1800*

Index Table 6A

These volumes index criticism of short stories published in books and periodicals. The citations are arranged alphabetically by the author's last name. A book citation will include a short entry of author or editor, short title, and page numbers. The full citation for books is located under "A Check List of Books Used." Journal citations provide the complete citation.

*Twentieth Century Short Story Explication, New Series*

Index Table 6A

Updates the earlier series.

## RESOURCES FOR ALL LITERARY FORMS INCLUDING SHORT STORIES

*Dictionary of Literary Biography (DLB)*

PN501 D5 REF

This multi-volume set provides biographical and critical information on authors and their works, including short stories. To locate the volumes on short story writers in the online catalog, perform a "words or phrase" search using this phrase: dictionary and literary and biography and short and (stories or fiction)

*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.

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 are arranged alphabetically by title and are around 1500 words in length.

*Masterplots II: Short Story Series*

Reference Desk

This multi-volume set includes a number of writers not included in the original series. The plot summaries are arranged alphabetically by title and are approximately 1500 words in length.

PERIODICAL RESOURCES

*Humanities Index*, 1907-

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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 a good place to begin searching for literary criticism and author information.

*Literary Reference Center*

This full text database provides access to articles on literature.

*Academic Search Premier*

Another electronic resource containing many full-text articles; search by author's name or story title.

*JSTOR*

Archive of selected journals from the first date of publication and contains full-text of all articles in PDF format.