

## DRAMA RESOURCES

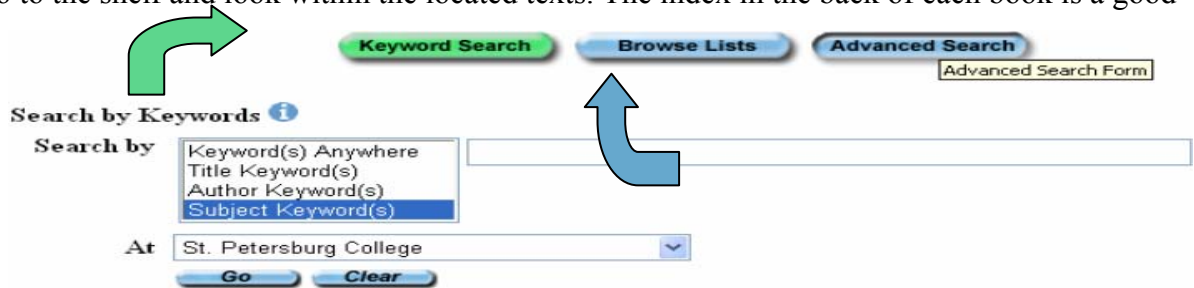
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There are many ways to locate plays, criticisms about them, and biographical information on their authors. The following list includes specific resources and strategies for finding often-used library resources.



### LINCC

LINCC, the library's online catalog, is a good place to begin. For a copy of a play: under **Keyword Search** choose "Author Keyword(s)" from the drop down arrow, type the author's name (last name, first format) and look for play collections. For criticism, under "Subject keyword(s)" perform a search under the author's name. Then go to the shelf and look within the located texts. The index in the back of each book is a good starting place.



For a breakdown of the subject drama: under **Browse Lists** type in "drama" to see categories such as:

drama--19th century	drama--collections
drama--criticism and interpretation	drama--20th century

### REFERENCE BOOKS/INDEXES

**LOCATING A PLAY IN AN ANTHOLOGY**--Search by author, title, or subject to find a collection with the text of an individual play.

- Play Index*. (REF Z5781 .P53) 1949-1993 (8v.). Search by author, title, or subject.
- Index to Plays in Periodicals, rev.* (REF Z5781 .K43 1979) Citations for 9,500 plays located in 267 magazines. Search by author or title.
- Index to One-Act Plays 1900-1964* (6 v.). (REF Z5781 .L83).
- Ottomiller's Index to Plays in Collections* (REF Z5781 .O89, 1971, 1988) Author and title index to plays which appeared between 1900-1985.
- Index to Full Length Plays 1895-1964* (3v.) (REF Z5781 .T5) Search by author, title, or subject.

**LOCATING SUMMARIES OF PLAYS**--Search by keyword, title, or author in the index of last volume.

- Masterplots II. Drama Series*. (REF PN6112.5 .M3 1990). Includes brief critique.

## **LOCATING DRAMA CRITICISM**

**Criticism of Plays.** These sources contain drama comment and criticism.

*Critical Survey of Drama.* (REF PR623 .C75 1994) Search in index of last volume

*Critical Survey of Drama.* (REF PN1625 .C68 2003) Search in index of last volume.

*Drama Criticism. (DC)* (REF PN1707 .D73) Search by title/author in last cumulative index.

*Drama for Students.* (REF PN 1625 .D75 1998) Search in title/author index of last volume.

**Explicators.** These resources list criticisms found in books and periodicals. (Note that the library does not own all of the books and journals indexed.)

*American Drama Criticism, 2 ed. + supplements* (REF PS332 .A75 1979) Comprehensive listing of criticisms which have appeared in books and periodicals from 1890-1990.

*Dramatic Criticism Index* (REF Z5781 .B8) Indexed by author. Mostly 20th century play criticisms in 630 books and 200 periodicals.

*European Drama Criticism 2 ed. + supplements.]* (REF Z5781 .P2) Comprehensive listing of criticisms appearing in books and periodicals, English and foreign, from 1900-1975.

*A Guide to Critical Reviews: Part I: American Drama, 1909-1982 3 ed.* (REF PN2266 .S3)

*Modern Drama: A Checklist of Critical Sources* (REF Z5781 .A35) Indexed by author.

Listing of criticisms which have appeared in periodicals from 1900-1965.

## **ADDITIONAL REFERENCE SOURCES**

*American Drama: A Critical History, 1940-1960 & Since 1960 (2v.)* (REF PS351 .A35 1994)

*Contemporary American Dramatists.* (REF PS352 .C65 1994)

*Contemporary British Dramatists.* (REF PS736 .C577 1994)

*Contemporary Dramatists.* (REF PR737 .C57 1999)

*Contemporary Literary Criticism (CLC).* (REF PN771 .C59) The index to this series also references materials printed in *Nineteenth Century Literary Criticism (NCLC)* and *Twentieth Century Literary Criticism (TCLC)*

*Dictionary of Literary Biography (DLB).* Multiple volumes (REF PS21 .D53y)

*International Dictionary of Theatre (v. 1: Plays, v.2: Playwrights).* (REF PN2035 .I49 1992)

*McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of World Drama (5 v.)* (REF PN1625 .M3 1984)

## **ONLINE RESOURCES**

Online resources, in the form of various databases, provide articles from popular magazines, professional journals, newspapers, and other proprietary sources and they are accessed via the library's home page <[www.spjc.edu/central/libonline](http://www.spjc.edu/central/libonline)> Choose #1 or #2 from Top Picks in left navigation box. Login information is available from any SPC campus library.

You might want to try the following databases for full-text articles pertaining to drama.

*Academic Search Premier*

*InfoTrac OneFile*

*JSTOR*

*NetLibrary eBooks*

*Student Resource Center - Silver*

*General Reference Center - Gold*

*Literature Resource Center*

*MagillOnLiterature*

*MAS Ultra School Edition*

## **THE INTERNET**

Although the Internet is not the best source for critical information about short stories, a search by author or title sometimes brings unexpected information. (For best results, place quotes around search items, e.g. "Death of a Salesman" or "Arthur Miller.")

