



RESEARCH GUIDE

Short Stories & Short Story Authors

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⚡ For access to UConn Libraries Online Reference Books (eBooks) in *Literature* connect to:
<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/online/research/refbooks.html>

Literary Criticism of Short Stories: Online & Print Resources

Online Resources

HOMER

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → **HOMER – Library Catalog**

HOMER, the UConn Libraries online catalog, identifies books and other materials owned by the University of Connecticut Libraries at Storrs and regional campuses.

To Search: Select: **Keyword-Boolean**
 Enter: *author's name and criticism*
 Example: "herman melville" and criticism

Academic Search Premier

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → **All Databases → By Database Name → Academic Search Premier**

This academic database provides **full text** articles from journals and magazines.

To Search::
In **Find:** box, enter *author's name* in **TX All Text** and *story's title* in **TI Title**.
Example: **Find:** **melville** in **TX All Text**
 and **benito cereno** in **TI Title**

Contemporary Literary Criticism (CLC)

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → **All Databases → By Database Name → Contemporary Literary Criticism**

Provides excerpts and some **full text** of literary criticism from books and journal articles. Includes living authors and those who died after 1959.

To Search: Enter: *Author Name* **isak dinesen**
 Enter: *Title of Work* **dreamers**

Print Source: *Contemporary Literary Criticism (CLC)* 1973-2005
 Babbidge Level A Annex / PN 771 C584 (Library Use Only)

MLA International Bibliography 1920s+

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → **All Databases → By Database Name → MLA International Bibliography**

Provides links to **full text** and references to criticism in books, journals and dissertations.

To Search::
In **Find:** box, enter *author's name* in **TX All Text** and *story's title* in **TI Title**.
Example: **Find:** **o'connor** in **TX All Text**
 and **good man** in **TI Title**

Academic OneFile (formerly **InfoTrac OneFile**) 1980+

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → Academic OneFile

Provides references, abstracts, or **full text** of critical articles from journals and magazines.

To Search:: Use: **Keyword search (ke)** and **Document Title (ti)** indexes

Example: **Keyword (ke)** **gilman**

And **Document Title (ti)** **yellow wallpaper**

Print Resources

Critical References: Check under author's name, then by short story title to find references to criticism in books and journal articles.

Twentieth-Century Short Story Explication 1900-1988 1 vol., 5 supplements, and Index
Babbidge Reference Index Table / Ref. Z 5917 S5 W33

Twentieth Century Short Story Explication New Series

Babbidge Reference Index Table / Ref. PN 3373 W35

Vol. I 1989-1990, Vol. II 1991-1992, Vol. III 1993-1994, Vol. IV 1995-1996, Vol. V 1997-1998, Vol. VI 199-2000

American Short-Fiction Criticism and Scholarship 1959-1977

Babbidge Reference Index Table / Ref. Z 1231 F4 W43

Twentieth Century European Short Story

Babbidge Reference Index Table / Ref. PN 3335 M3 1989

Short Fiction: A Critical Companion 1997

Babbidge Reference Index Table / Ref. PS 374 S5 E93 1997

Critical Commentary: Check under author's name.

Columbia Companion to the Twentieth-Century American Short Story

Ref. PS 374 S5 C57 2000

Critical Survey of Short Fiction vols. 1-7

Ref. PN 3321 C7 2001

See *Influence, Achievements and Analysis* for critical commentary..

Masterplots II. Short Story Series vols. 1-8

Ref. PN 3326 M27 2004

Reader's Companion to the Short Story in English

Ref. PS 374 S5 R43 2001

Reference Guide to Short Fiction

Ref. PN 3373 R36 1999

Provides a short critical essay and a list of critical studies for each author.

Literary Criticism of General Literature: Print Resources

Critical References: Check under author's name and short story title for references to criticism in books and journal articles.

Articles On Twentieth Century Literature: An Annotated Bibliography, 1954 to 1970 7 vols.

Babbidge Reference Index Table / Ref. Z 6519 P66

Magill's Bibliography of Literary Criticism 4 vols. 1979

Babbidge Reference Index Table / Ref. Z 6511 M25

Critical References: Check under author's name and short story title for references to critical essays in books. Use HOMER to see if the library owns the book.

Essay and General Literature Index 1900+

Babbidge Reference Index Table / Ref. AI 3 E752

Critical Excerpts: Check under author's name in the cumulative index of the most recent volume to find criticism from books and journal articles.

Nineteenth-Century Literature Criticism 1981-1997

Babbidge Level A Annex / PN 761 N5 (Library Use Only)

Includes authors who died between 1800-1899.

Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism 1973-2007

Babbidge Level A Annex / PN 771 G27 (Library Use Only)

Includes authors who died between 1900-1999.

Biographies of Short Story Authors: Online & Print Resources

Online Resources

Contemporary Authors (CA) 1962+

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → Contemporary Authors)

Provides biographical sketches often accompanied by authors' comments. Covers modern writers but does include authors active before 1960 whose work continues to affect contemporary literature.

To Search: Enter: *Author Name*

Example: **gabriel garcia marquez**

Print Source: *Contemporary Authors* 1962- 2004 **Babbidge Level A Annex / PN 451 C63 (Library Use Only)**
PN 451 C632 (Library Use Only)
PN 451 C633 (Library Use Only)

Dictionary of Literary Biography (DLB) 1978+

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → Dictionary of Literary Biography

Provides biographical and critical coverage of authors in lengthy essays.

To Search: Enter: *Author Name*

Example: **jack london**

Print Source: *Dictionary of Literary Biography* 1978- 2005
Babbidge Level A Annex / PS 21 D5 (Library Use Only)
Dictionary of Literary Biography Yearbook 1980-2002
Babbidge Level A Annex / PS 221 D5 (Library Use Only)

Definitions of Literary Terms

Facts on File Companion to the American Short Story

Ref. PS 374 S5 F33 2000

Short Stories in Books and Journals

Short Story Index 1953+

Ref. PN 3311 S56

Check under author's name, title of short story or subject to find books and journals in which short stories have been published. Covers stories published since 1900.