

Reviews of Books, Plays and Films

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Book Review Digest (1927-2002) Ref. 015 B66I

Contains excerpts of reviews from over 80 newspapers and magazines of fiction and non-fiction books published in the United States. Each volume has a title and subject index.

Book Review Index. (1965-2002) Ref. 015 B65I

Indexes reviews of fiction and non-fiction books in over 200 U.S. periodicals. A cumulated index for 1976-1984 also available.

An Index to Book Reviews in the Humanities. (1960- 1990) Ref. 015 I28

Indexes reviews in several hundred English language and foreign periodicals.

New York Times Book Review Index. (1896-1970). Ref. 015 N39B

There is a cumulative index, 1896-1970, arranged by author, title, subject, reviewer, and type of book.

Plays

Sources below include citations to reviews of a particular production of a play and critical articles about the play itself.

Modern Drama: A Checklist of Critical Literature on 20th Century Plays. Ref. 016.8092 A33

Indexes critical articles and reviews of twentieth century plays from all countries.

Dramatic Criticism Index: A Bibliography of Commentaries on Playwrights from Ibsen to the Avant-Garde. Ref. 016.8092 B83

Covers English language criticism in books and magazines of plays from the middle of the nineteenth century to approximately 1970. Arranged alphabetically by name of playwright.

American Drama Criticism: Interpretations, 1890-1977. Ref. 016.792 E33A2

Indexes critical writings and reviews in books and periodicals. Three supplements have been issued, supplement 1 updates through 1983, supplement 2 updates through 1987, and supplement 3 updates through 1990.

A Guide to Critical Reviews. Ref. 016.8092 S26

Indexes critical reviews of productions on the New York stage.

- Part 1. American Drama, 1909-1982
- Part 2. The Musical, 1909-1989
- Part 3. Foreign Drama, 1909-1977
- Part 4. The Screenplay. 1963-1980

Films

The New York Times Film Reviews, 1913-1968. Ref. 791.43 N39

Reprints film reviews appearing in the New York Times, arranged chronologically. There is a cumulated index for 1913-1968 and indexes in each volume after 1968.

American Film Criticism, From the Beginnings to Citizen Kane; Reviews of Significant Films at the Time They First Appeared. 791.43 K29A (stacks)

Reviews of significant films at the time they first appeared.

A Guide to Critical Reviews. Ref. 016.8092 S26

Part 4. Volume 1-2: The screenplay from "The Jazz Singer" to "Dr. Strangelove". Supplement One covers 1963-1980.

Indexes reviews of some 12,000 American and foreign films, released from 1927 through 1963, which appeared in American and Canadian periodicals and in the New York Times.



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