

Book Reviews

Subject Research Guide

Contained within this document are selected resources at the Monmouth University Library, useful for locating information on book reviews. For additional resources, search the Library catalog or call the reference desk at 732.571.3438.

Finding Books

Visit <http://millenium.monmouth.edu/search.html> to find books in the Monmouth University Online Library Catalog.

Finding Book Reviews in Four Easy Steps

1. Identify the author, title and date of publication for the book.
Make sure you have the original copyright date; dates of new editions or reprintings will not be useful in locating reviews.
2. Consult the indexes or databases listed below. If consulting an index, you will need the year of publication.
3. (If not using a full-text database), copy the complete citations to reviews of your book.
4. Use the [Journal Locator \(http://uq5yh4yu4g.search.serialssolutions.com/\)](http://uq5yh4yu4g.search.serialssolutions.com/) to find access to the journal the reviews come from.

Print Indexes

You will need to use print indexes to find reviews of books published before about 1985-1990 because most of the Research Databases will not go back that far.

***Book Review Digest.* 1905-**

Lists reviews of English language books of general interest, fiction and non-fiction.

Ref. Z 1219 C95

***Book Review Index.* 1965-**

Lists reviews of books in more scholarly journals in the social sciences and humanities.

Ref. Z 1035 A1 B6

***New York Times Index.* 1851-**

Book reviews may be found under the heading "Book Reviews." There is a database of the full run of the *New York Times*, but it does not include all book reviews.

Ref. AI 21 N44

Research Databases

In general, use the databases to find reviews since about 1985, though several databases cover material from earlier dates, as noted below. Access the databases through the Alphabetical list on the [Research Databases](#) page (<http://library.monmouth.edu/researchdb/researchdb.php>)

Humanities and Social Science Retro. 1907-1984-

Citations only. Limit the search to book reviews by selecting "Book review" from the "Document Type" menu.

American Humanities Index. 1975+

Humanities Full-Text. 1984-

Some full-text. Limit the search to book reviews by selecting "Book review" from the "Document Type" menu.

Social Sciences Full-Text. 1983-

Some full-text. Limit the search to book reviews by selecting "Book review" from the "Document Type" menu.

JSTOR Full-Text

Scholarly journal archive with book reviews to the late 1800s.

Literature Resource Center

Author profiles contain suggestions for further reading with book review citations (fiction, poetry, drama).

Historical Newspapers: *The New York Times*. 1851-2003

Limit search to book reviews by clicking on "More Search Options," then select "Review" from the "Article Type" menu. *New York Times* is also available on microfilm.

[The New York Times Book Review](http://nytimes.com/pages/books/index.html) (<http://nytimes.com/pages/books/index.html>)

Book reviews from 1996 to the present are available online free of charge. See "Book Search" on right side of page.

On the Web

[H-Net Reviews](http://www.h-net.org/reviews/) (<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/>) Reviews in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

[Salon.com](http://dir.salon.com/topics/books/) (<http://dir.salon.com/topics/books/>) Search with book title and the word "review" (no quotes). Must watch a brief ad to enter. 1995-

Booknotes.org (<http://booknotes.org/home/index.asp>) Companion web site to the C-SPAN program. Some reviews, along with television transcripts and other commentary.

The Times Literary Supplement (<http://tls.timesonline.co.uk/>) – Book reviews from this eminent London publication.

National Public Radio Books

(<http://www.npr.org/templates/topics/topic.php?topicId=1032>)

Reviews, transcripts and more.

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