



Contemporary Literary Criticism-Select

Scope: Includes literary criticism about the works of contemporary authors, playwrights and poets (those who are still living or died after 1960). The content is specifically focused on readings/writers assigned to high school and college students.

How to Access:

- Click once on the word “Chicopee CLIC” on the Chicopee Public Library homepage (www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org).
- Click once on the label “Literature”.
- Click once on “Contemporary Literary Criticism”.
- Log on using the CLIC username and password or your library card number. (Check the “Homework Helper” bookmark, or see the librarian, if you forget the username and password).

How to Search?

Select the type of search you would like to do:

1. **Author Search [default]:** Type in the name of the author and click “search”.

Example: “Hemmingway, Ernest”

The screenshot shows the search interface for Chicopee Public Library's Contemporary Literary Criticism. At the top, there is a logo with a blue circle containing a yellow figure, followed by the text "Chicopee Public Library" and "Contemporary Literary Criticism". Below this is a yellow search box with the heading "Author search" in red. Inside the box, it says "Click in the entry box and enter search term(s)". There is a text input field, a "Search" button, and a "Clear Form" button. At the bottom of the box, it says "Search for authors by name (e.g., Stephen King)".

2. **Subject Guide Search:** Use this search to search by subjects such as death, happiness or sports.

Example: “Nonfiction”



3. **Title Search:** Use this to find literary criticism about a single title.
Example: “The Sun Also Rises”
4. **Advanced Search:** Use this option to search by multiple search terms. For example, you could select a specific author and subject.
Example: “J. D. Salinger” (author) and “sports” (subject).

Search Results:

You will see a list of articles that relate to your search. If you click on the title (blue text) you will be able to read the article.

There will also be a “**biography link**” to the author the article is about. This link will contain valuable information including all the works by the author, as well as biographical information and criticism of that author’s works. The biography link may also include introductions or criticism of a specific work or works by the author.

Print or email options:

Printing options are found at the end of the entry. The “acrobat” print will look like the original and is generally fewer pages than the unformatted “browser” print. You can also email the article to your own e-mail if you don’t want to print it.

Help:

This database has a great help section (click “help-search”).

Questions??

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