

FILM REVIEWS and CRITICISM

SELECTED SOURCES



USING THE ONLINE CATALOG (<http://read.cnu.edu>)

Subjects to search in the online catalog can be general or specific such as:

Motion Pictures Reviews	Horror Films History and Criticism
Film Criticism	Musical Films History and Criticism
Historical Films History and Criticism	Hitchcock, Alfred

A broad subject term such as Motion Pictures or Film will allow you to browse the various sub-headings available.

SELECTED PRINT RESOURCES

The Encyclopedia of Novels into Film (Ref PN1997.85 T54 1998)

Provides basic information about significant novels adapted for the screen and of significant film adaptations of novels that may have been of secondary importance as literature. Entries are arranged alphabetically by the title under which the novels were published. A cross-reference is provided if the film title differs. Includes a synopsis of both the novel and film and a list of additional references.

The Motion Picture Guide (Reference Oversize PN1993.45 N277 1985)

Offers more than 25,000 in-depth entries of English speaking theatrically released feature films. Includes synopses, anecdotal information, vital statistics (cast, release dates, etc.) Also available is an appendix covering an additional 10,000 silent films.

The New York Times Index (Ind AI21 .N45)

Indexes the NY Times Newspaper. The library has the NY Times on microfilm beginning in 1851. It is also available online from the *Proquest Historical Newspapers* database from 1851-1999. To locate movie reviews, look for the section titled *Motion Pictures - Reviews* then look for the name alphabetically. Try the index for the year the movie came out first, but also try the year before and the year after; depending on the month the movie was released reviews may be available in those years also.

The New York Times Film Reviews (Reference Oversize PN1995 .N535)

Covering the time period from 1913-1972, these books are a collection of more than 16,000 film reviews from the *New York Times*. Use the Index volume to locate reviews from 1913-1968, later volumes contain a separate index. Indexes are by title, personal name and corporate name.

Variety's Film Reviews (Reference Oversize PN1993 .V36) [Covers 1907-1996]

These books include "reproductions of the original film reviews published in *Variety*." Volume 16 of the set is an index for the years 1907 to 1980. Volumes 18 to 20 each contains an index (volume 17 is indexed in volume 18). Use the index to locate the film title and review date. Reviews are arranged chronologically in each volume.

SELECTED SUBSCRIPTION DATABASES

SEE ALSO – the Library's Databases by Subject listing (<http://library.cnu.edu/subjects.html>)

Academic Library Collection via Newsbank (<http://purl.oclc.org/CNU/newsaca.html>)

Click the *more search options* link. Type in the title of the movie in the 1st box. In the 3rd box (*in Topics*) type in *Film Criticism* or *Film Reviews* or select from the browse list.

Access World News via Newsbank (<http://purl.oclc.org/CNU/awn.html>)

From the *Advanced Search* screen type in the title of the movie in the 1st box. In the 2nd box type *Movie Review*, *Movie Criticism*, *Film Review* or *Film Criticism*. From the drop down menu on the right of the 2nd box, select *in Index Terms*.

Infotrac Web (<http://purl.oclc.org/CNU/inf.html>) 1980-

Option 1:

Type the title of the movie in the *Quick Search* box. If multiple results display, there should be a list of choices on the left hand side of the screen to narrow the search results. Make sure to select *document type* from the drop down box. Click in the box next to *Movie Review*.

Option 2:

Click the *Submit* button or select a specific database from the list. Click the *Advanced Search* link. From the first drop down box select *Named Work*. Type the movie title in the search box. Depending on the number of results, you may also be presented with the list of limiters from which you can click the box next to *Movie Review*.

Option 3:

Click the *Submit* button or select a specific database from the list. Using the subject guide, you can access articles on specific genres of films or criticism of works of specific directors. Also use this method to access articles on subjects using general terms such as movie(s), motion picture(s), film(s), or acting.

For example: Films directed by Alfred Hitchcock

Click the *Subject Guide* tab, type in *Hitchcock Alfred*, click *narrow by subdivision*. There will be a list of topics such as criticism, evaluation, influence etc.

Lexis-Nexis Academic (<http://purl.oclc.org/CNU/lexnexaca.html>)

Click the *Power Search* tab. Type the movie title in the search box. Click on the *Add keyword (Index Terms) to your search...* link. In the *Find Terms* box type *Movie Reviews*. Check the box next to it and click the *OK-Add to search* button.

Project Muse (<http://0-muse.jhu.edu.read.cnu.edu/journals/>)

Contains the full-text of several scholarly journals covering films. Does not usually cover popular movies.

Click on the *Search* button and then click on the *Advanced Search*. Type the title of the movie in the search box. Under *Limit Search by Type* section, check the box next to *Review*. This database doesn't allow a limit specifically to movie reviews, so you may also see other types of reviews such as books or plays. Select the *Limit Search by Type Article* choice to locate general articles on films or directors.

Proquest Film Indexes Online (<http://purl.oclc.org/CNU/film.html>)

Provides access to the Film Index International and AFI Catalog. Entries contain basic information about films, but are often accompanied by a list of references which can be used to locate reviews and criticism information.

Proquest Historical New York Times (<http://purl.oclc.org/CNU/nytproq.html>) 1851-2004

Provides access to images from the New York Times Newspaper.

Type the movie title in the *Basic Search* box. Click the *More Search Options* link near the bottom of the screen. In the drop down box for *Document Type* select *Review*. This database doesn't allow a limit specifically to movie reviews, so you may also see other types of reviews such as books or plays.

Proquest Online (<http://purl.oclc.org/CNU/proq.html>) 1971-

Provides access to a broad range of articles, many of which are full-text.

Option 1:

Type the movie title in the *Basic Search* box. Click the *More Search Options* link near the bottom of the screen. In the drop down box for *Document Type* select the *Film Review* sub-heading under *Reviews*.

Option 2:

To find articles on specific genres of films or criticism of works of specific directors or general subjects, use the Topics Guide. Click the *Topics* tab. Type in a term. You should see a list of various topics related to the term and/or the ability to narrow the term by related topic.

SELECTED WEB SITES

CNU Library's Internet Resources by Subject Listing (<http://creator.zoho.com/library/view/21/>)

Select a subject from the filter menu for a list of library recommended internet sites.

Internet Movie Database (<http://www.imdb.com/>)

A "catalog [of] all sorts of information on over 250,000 movies made since the dawn of cinema plus even more on over 900,000 people who helped make them." Includes links to external reviews.

Roger Ebert of the Chicago Sun-Times (<http://rogerebert.suntimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/frontpage>)

His website provides access to a searchable archives of his reviews back to 1985.