



Pathfinder: Short Story Criticism

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This pathfinder will be useful in finding information about short story authors and literary criticisms of their works.

For an introduction to the topic, see:

- ➔ **Short Stories for Students** (Gale) REF 808.83 SHO – Each volume presents information on the most-studied short stories. Each entry contains author biography, plot summary, characters, themes, style, historical context, critical overview, and criticism.

For a short story written by your chosen author:

- ➔ Use the library catalog and search by author.
- ➔ Browse the anthologies in the Story Collection.
- ➔ Search the [Lit Finder](#) database

GALILEO

- ➔ Go to [GALILEO](#) and search the *Literary Reference Center*.

Reference Books

- ➔ Use the [library catalog](#) or browse the reference collection for sets of literary criticism, special encyclopedias, handbooks, and biographical dictionaries such as:
 - Contemporary Literary Criticism REF 809 CON
 - American Writers REF 810 AME
 - American History Through Literature REF 810.9 AME
 - The Critical Perspective REF 820.9 CRI
 - American Authors 1600-1900 REF 920 KUN
 - Fifty Southern Writers After 1900 REF 810.9 FIF
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General Book Collection

- ➔ Use the [library catalog](#) to search for books on your topic. Refer to the *Search Tips* in the box to the right of your screen for suggestions.

For help creating your Works Cited Page, see:

- ➔ [Links to Tools and Style Sheets](#)
- ➔ [MLA Style Sheet](#) designed for EHS students
- ➔ [NoodleBib](#)—a bibliography composer and note-taking tool

Search Tips

Keyword Search Terms

(Use with an Internet search engine)

- “Short Story Title” AND AuthorLastName

Subject Headings

(Use in library catalog)

- AuthorLastName, FirstName
- Short Stor* (Searches for short story and short stories)

Power Search

(Use in library catalog)

- Short sto* AND criticism
- American literature AND criticism

Call Numbers

- 800's
- SC
- REF 800's and REF 920's

Library catalogs

- [EHS Library Catalog \(Destiny\)](#)
- [Sequoyah Regional Library Catalog](#)