

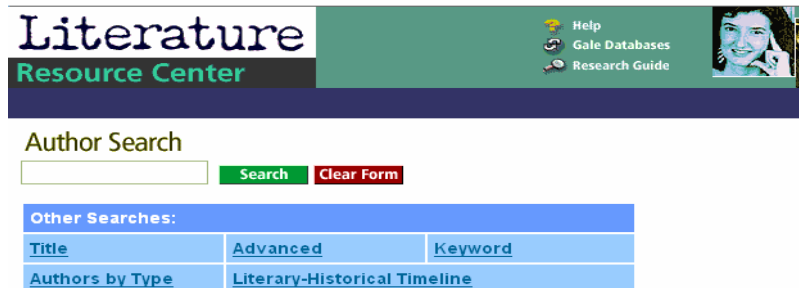


# Literature Resource Center: A Guide to Searching the Database

*Literature Resource Center* is a literature reference database. It is built on selections from three literature core reference tools: *Contemporary Authors*, *Contemporary Literary Criticism*, and *Dictionary of Literary Biography*. The database offers coverage of over 100,000 writers with rich biographical, bibliographical, and critical content. The *Literature Resource Center* contains information on literary figures from all time periods, and writing in such genres as fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama, history, journalism, and more.

## Searching Literature Resource Center

Access *Literature Resource Center* by going to the **Find Articles** tab on the Library's web page and clicking on "Databases A-Z."



## Author Biographies & General Information

The default search is an **Author Search**; to perform this search, type in the author's last name followed by their first name. If you do not know the first name, try the search anyway. After typing in the name, click **Search**. If the search is successful, a list of results should appear. Click on the author's name (ex. [Swift, Johnathan \(1667-1745\)](#)) and information about that author will be displayed.

**Current Results**



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Your search, **Jonathan Swift**, returned results in the following categories:

Biographies
Literary Criticism, Articles, & Work Overviews
Bibliographies
Additional Resources
Literary-Historical Timeline

**Jonathan Swift (1667-1745)**

**Variant(s):** Isaac Bickerstaff; M. B. Drapier; Simon Waystaff  
**Nationality:** British; English; Irish  
**Genre(s):** Essays; Novels; Plays; Poetry; Political literature; Political satires; Satires  
**Literary Movement/Time Period:** English Augustan age, 1700-1750

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Below are items 1-3 of 3 found.

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- Swift, Jonathan  
"Jonathan Swift," in *Dictionary of Literary Biography, Volume 39: British Novelists, 1660-1800*. A Brucoli Clark Layman Book. Edited by Martin C. Battestin, University of Virginia. The Gale Group, 1985, pp. 499-525.
- Swift, Jonathan  
"Jonathan Swift," in *Dictionary of Literary Biography, Volume 95: Eighteenth-Century British Poets, First Series*. A Brucoli Clark Layman Book. Edited by John Sitter, Emory University. The Gale Group, 1990, pp. 275-301.
- Swift, Jonathan  
"Jonathan Swift," in *Dictionary of Literary Biography, Volume 101: British Prose Writers, 1660-1800, First Series*. A Brucoli Clark Layman Book. Edited by Donald T. Siebert, University of South Carolina. The Gale Group, 1991, pp. 319-351.

Click on one of the blue links to find informative biographical articles.

The tabs at the top of the page allow you to view literary criticism, reviews, bibliographies (both works by and about the author), and additional resources (such as a Website). You can also see where the author fits into the Literary-Historical Timeline.

## Locating Literary Criticisms & Reviews

The easiest way to find criticism or reviews of a particular work is through either a **Title Search** or a **Keyword Search**. Access these search options from the green buttons at the top of the page.

Use a **Title Search** to find information and criticism on a specific work or series of works. Narrow your search by adding an author's name in the additional search box.

**Hint!** If you are unsure of a title, use the “Any words entered” option (this will search the database for any title that contains the words you selected).

A **Keyword Search** allows you to search for criticism or information on a particular literary genre (e.g. Romanticism) or a literary theme (e.g. African American Culture).

**Hint!** If you don't find what you're looking for at first, use the “Revise Search” option to narrow your search by combining keywords with the operators **AND** or **OR**.

**Hint!** Page through the results until you find an article that fits your search criteria. Remember to use the tabs at the top to navigate through literary criticism, bibliographies, and other options.

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