



Book Reviews

PURPOSE

This guide is for the library user who wants to find reviews of books in the social sciences and humanities. None of the sources in this guide are limited to one subject area. Thus indexes such as *Index to Book Reviews in Historical Periodicals* are excluded. **Please stop at the Information/Reference Desk if you have any questions or if you would like additional suggestions on possible sources.**

ELECTRONIC INDEXES

The following electronic indexes can be accessed via the **Libraries' website** [<http://www.lib.uiowa.edu>] by selecting e-resources from the Smart Search drop-down menu and typing the title (e.g.: Academic Search Elite) in the Smart **search box**.

Library Smart Search

Search For

Academic Search Elite [EBSCOhost] (UI access only)

<http://purl.lib.uiowa.edu/ebSCO/academic>

This multi-disciplinary database offers full text for nearly 2,000 scholarly journals, including more than 1,500 peer-reviewed titles. Covering virtually every area of academic study, Academic Search Elite offers full text information dating as far back as 1985. This database is updated on a daily basis. For book reviews, select Academic Search Elite, type your search in text box, e.g. **morrison and book review**.

Alt-Press Watch (UI access only)

<http://purl.lib.uiowa.edu/softline/altpress>

Full-text database indexes over 175 alternative, radical and left periodicals, newspapers and magazines. Includes selected abstracts from research journals. (Main Library Reference Area holds vol. 1- July 1969- to present in the paper edition.)

America: History and Life (UI access only)

<http://purl.lib.uiowa.edu/abcclio/ahl>

America: History and Life (AHL) is a complete bibliographic reference to the history of the United States and Canada from prehistory to the present. Published since 1964, the database comprises over 530,000 bibliographic entries for periodicals dating back to 1954. Check the **Book Reviews** box in the “limit to” area of the search screen.

Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature (ABELL) (UI access only)

<http://purl.lib.uiowa.edu/lion/abell>

ABELL contains 880,000 records, covering monographs, periodical articles, critical editions of literary works, book reviews and collections of essays published anywhere in the world from 1920 onward.

ATLA Religion Database + ATLAS (UI access only)

<http://purl.lib.uiowa.edu/atla>

Index to more than 460,000 article citations from over 1,500 journals in more than 60 languages; bibliographic coverage of over 260,000 essay citations from more than 15,400 multi-author works, and more than 423,000 book reviews, and an increasing number of multimedia citations.

Choice Reviews Online (UI access only)

<http://proxy.lib.uiowa.edu/login?url=http://www.choiceonline.org>

ChoiceReviews.online provides Web access to the entire database of CHOICE reviews published since September 1988. The database is updated monthly, generally at mid-month, with reviews that will be printed in the next monthly issue of CHOICE. The newest reviews appear, arranged by academic discipline and broad cross-disciplinary topic, in [Current Issue](#).

ECONLit [EBSCOhost] (UI access only)

<http://purl.lib.uiowa.edu/ebSCO/econlit>

ECONLit provides citations and abstracts to economic research dating back to 1969 and full-text articles in all fields of economics, including capital markets, country studies, econometrics, economic forecasting, environmental economics, government regulations, labor economics, monetary theory, urban economics and much more. Select “Book Review” in the Publication Type box.

Ethnic NewsWatch (UI access only)
<http://purl.lib.uiowa.edu/softline/ethnic>

An interdisciplinary, bilingual (English and Spanish) and comprehensive full text database of the newspapers, magazines and journals of the ethnic, minority and native press. Coverage begins in 1990. Go to Advanced Search and choose “Book Reviews” from the drop down menu next to the ‘Article Type’ section.

GenderWatch (UI access only)
<http://purl.lib.uiowa.edu/softline/genderw>

A full text database of unique and diverse publications that focus on how gender impacts a broad spectrum of subject areas. Publications include scholarly journals, magazines, newspapers, newsletters, regional publications, books, and NGO, government and special reports dating back to 1970. Go to advanced search and choose “Book Reviews” from the drop down menu in the ‘Article Type’ section.

JSTOR (Journal Storage) (UI access only)
<http://purl.lib.uiowa.edu/jstor/jstor>

Provides image and full-text online access to back issues (at least 3-5 years old) of selected scholarly journals in history, economics, political science, philosophy, mathematics and other fields of the humanities and social sciences. Journals may be searched across multiple titles as well as by the individual titles below. Go to advanced search and choose “Reviews” from the “Narrow your search to These Types” section.

LexisNexis Academic Universe (UI access only)
<http://purl.lib.uiowa.edu/lexis/universe>

Among many other things, *LexisNexis* provides access to lots of newspaper citations and full text articles, as well as TV and radio transcripts that sometimes contain book reviews. For book reviews, select “News” from the main page, then choose either “Arts and Sports” or “News Transcripts” and enter your search words in the text box. Both “Arts and Sports” and “Transcripts” allow you to limit your search to reviews.

New York Times - Proquest Historical Newspapers (UI access only)
<http://purl.lib.uiowa.edu/proquest/nyt>

Contains full-text access to the New York Times dating from 1851 (New York Daily Times) to the present. Documents display in PDF.

Periodicals Index Online (PIO) (UI access only)

<http://purl.lib.uiowa.edu/chadwyck/pci>

A database of millions of article citations published in the arts, humanities and social sciences, across more than 300 years. The scope is international, including journals in English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and other languages. Select "Article Search" then check the Search in **Book Reviews** box in the Search Options section.

Project Muse (UI access only)

<http://purl.lib.uiowa.edu/muse>

With full text for well over 300 journal titles from university publishers, Project MUSE covers the fields of literature and criticism, history, the visual and performing arts, cultural studies, education, political science, gender studies, and many others. Coverage begins in 1995.

Use the advanced search and choose **Review** from the Limit Search/By type menu.

The Washington Post on Disc

<http://purl.lib.uiowa.edu/lan/washpost>

This selection is loaded onto the UI Libraries' local CD-ROM network and is available within Main Library ONLY. Included are indexing and search capability with full-text articles ready to print or download to a disk (bring your own disk). Coverage begins in 1991 and ends about three months before today's date. NOTE: The UI Libraries archives issues going back to 1877. You may access current and back issues in Media Services, located in the Reference Area of the Main Library.

PRINT INDEXES

Access, 1975-present

MAIN Reference South Index Shelves AI3.A23

Access provides coverage to about 50 periodicals. The coverage of this index is specifically designed to supplement the *Readers' Guide* and does not cover any periodicals listed in that index. It has both author and subject indexes. Book reviews are noted under the names of the authors reviewed, together with their book titles, in the subject index.

The Book Review Digest, 1905-present

MAIN Reference South Index Shelves Z1219.B6

Indexes approximately 85 periodicals and provides excerpts from and citations to reviews of current fiction and nonfiction in the English language. Includes selected periodicals in the humanities, social sciences and general science from Canada, Great Britain & the U.S. Citations are alphabetized by the name of the authors reviewed with title and subject index. An electronic version of this resource exists (p.1) for book reviews after 1983.

Book Review Index, 1985-present

Book Review Index: A Master Cumulation, 1965-1984

MAIN Reference South Index Shelves FOLIO fZ1035.A1B6

This index cites reviews in approximately 380 periodicals. Citations are arranged alphabetically by the names of the authors reviewed. Includes separate title index.

Combined Retrospective Index to Book Reviews in Humanities Journals, 1802-1974

MAIN Reference fZ1035.A1C63 1982 (v.1-10); shelved in MAIN Reference Index Table 15.

This index and the one directly following contain references to book reviews in journals published during the years listed. The entries are arranged alphabetically by the names of the authors reviewed. The last volume is a title index. Each index includes a list of the journals covered and the extent of the coverage.

Combined Retrospective Index to Book Reviews in Scholarly Journals, 1886-1974

MAIN Reference fZ1035.A1C64 (v.1-15); shelved in MAIN Reference Index Table 15.

Like the index described above, this index covers the back files of selected scholarly journals in history, political science and sociology. Unlike the general humanities journals indexed above, these journals are selectively indexed. The physical arrangement is the same as the previous title.

Current Book Review Citations, 1976-1982

MAIN Reference Z1035.A1C86 (v.1-7) South Wall

Although it only covers the years 1976 to 1982, this is a useful compilation of references to book reviews in several indexes, including *Readers' Guide*, the *Humanities Index* and the *Social Sciences Index*. The index is arranged into two parts. In Part 1, reviews are arranged alphabetically by the names of the authors reviewed. Part 2 is a title index.

Humanities Index, April 1974-present
MAIN Reference AI3.H8 South Index Shelves

Approximately 250 humanities periodicals are indexed in the *Humanities Index*. The book review section, arranged alphabetically by the name of the authors reviewed, is located at the end of each issue of the volume.

An Index to Book Reviews in the Humanities, 1960-1990
MAIN Reference Z1007.I57 South Wall

Index to Book Reviews in the Humanities is an annual publication that references book reviews in approximately 350 humanities periodicals. There is a lag of several years between the date of the periodicals indexed and the date of publication of the annual volume. References are arranged alphabetically according to the authors reviewed. Code numbers are used to identify periodicals. The numbers are interpreted in the preliminary pages of the index.

National Library Service Cumulative Book Review Index, 1905-1974
MAIN Reference fZ1035.A1N3 (v.1-3) South Wall

This set cumulates the titles listed in *Book Review Digest* for the years listed. It also has references to the book reviews published in several major book review journals. The set has both title and author indexes.

New York Times Book Review Index, 1896-1970
MAIN Reference fZ1035.A1N4 (v.1-5) South Wall

This work indexes the New York Times Book Review. The 5-volume set includes author, title, byline, subject, and category index. Includes "full-length reviews and essays, brief reviews and biographical sketches, letters to the editor and brief commentaries. Summaries are also included with other entries. Entries for reviews list only title, author(s) of item, and reviewer's name. Current listings to reviews from its Best Seller List beginning in 1985 can be found at New York Times online.

New York Times Book Review 1921-present, 3rd floor

Corresponds to New York Times Book Review Index.
Current issues are located on the 3rd floor journal area in alphabetical order.

Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature, 1900-present
MAIN Reference South Index shelves AI3.R4

This work indexes approximately 180 general interest periodicals. *Readers' Guide* did not begin to list book reviews until 1976. The book review section, arranged alphabetically by the name of the authors reviewed, is located the end of each number or bound volume.

Social Sciences Index, April 1974-present
MAIN Reference South Index Shelves AI3.S63

Social Sciences Index is a companion to both the *Readers' Guide* and the *Humanities Index*. It indexes about 260 social sciences periodicals. The book review section is located at the end of each volume.

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