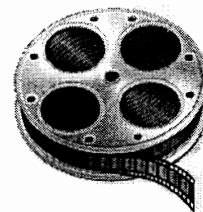




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# Finding Film Reviews



The following is a guide to some of the most important sources of information on film reviews available in the Siena College Library and online. For assistance, check with a librarian at the reference desk.

## Online Databases

- Academic OneFile** Library Web Page  
In the "By Document Type" box, highlight "Movie Review."
- Film and Television Literature Index** Library Web Page  
Use "Motion pictures-reviews" in the SUBJECT field, and the film title in the next line.
- General OneFile** Library Web Page  
In the "By Document Type" box, highlight "Movie Review."
- Lexis-Nexis** Library Web Page  
In the "Search the News" box click on the "All News" link. On the next page enter the title (in quotes) of the film you want to get a review of then click in the "Movie Reviews" box. If there are multiple productions use the "Specify by date" dropdown to limit it to the one you want.
- MLA Bibliography** Library Web Page  
Few reviews but is a good source for citations to scholarly articles on classic and contemporary films and the literary works on which some films are based.
- Project Muse** Library Web Page  
Excellent academic source for obtaining background articles on books or dramas on which a film is based, but not a source for film reviews themselves.
- ProQuest Central** Library Web Page  
Put the film title on the first line, then use the second line dropdown to select "Document Type--Film Review." Coverage varies, but indexing generally begins in 1987.
- WilsonWeb** Library Web Page  
Use Omni File Full Text. Search by name of film (using either All-Smart Search or Key Word Search) and Document Type: Film Review. Coverage starts in 1984. WilsonWeb Humanities is a good source for scholarly journal articles on film.

## Print Sources

- Film Literature Index, 1973-2004 Ref PN 1993.3 .F43  
A subject and author index to international film and television/video index. Selectively indexes both well-known and alternative film journals. Includes citations to articles, film reviews and book reviews
- Film Review Annual, 1981-2002 Ref PN 1995 .F463  
Highly recommended. Each volume in this series contains the full-text of reviews of films released the previous year. Reviews come from key film review periodicals such as *Sight and Sound*, *Cineaste*, and *Film Quarterly*, as well as news periodicals and newspapers known for their film reviews (*Village Voice*, *Los Angeles Times*).
- Film Review Index Ref PN 1995 .F47  
Volume 1: 1882-1949, Volume 2: 1950-1985  
One of the best sources for locating reviews of early films. Indexes included are for director, year the film was produced, and country of origin. Although many foreign language films are indexed, only English language reviews are included.
- Guide to Critical Reviews 1927-1980 Ref PN 1995 .S3
- Index to Critical Film Reviews in British and American Film Periodicals Ref PN 1995 .B64  
Coverage is for periodical published from 1939 to 1971. Includes a section on critical reviews of books about films.
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| New York Times Film Reviews, 1980-present <span style="float: right;"><a href="http://www.nytimes.com">http://www.nytimes.com</a></span><br>Archive of reviews from 1980 to present, plus selected earlier films. Free registration required. |
| New York Times Film Reviews <span style="float: right;">Ref PN 1995 .N4</span><br>Includes the full-text of reviews published from 1913 to 1982.  |
| New York Times Historical, 1851-2007 <span style="float: right;">Library Web Page</span>  |
- Retrospective Index to Film Periodicals, 1930-1971 Ref PN 1995 .B25
- Selected Film Criticism: Foreign Films 1930-1950 Ref PN 1995 .S426 1984  
All reviews are in English.

## Web Sites

- The Internet Movie Database (IMDb) <http://www.imdb.com>  
Great source for plot summaries, credits, and biographical information. To locate reviews, search by film title, under the "Quick Links" drop down, use the link "external reviews."
- Movie Review Query Engine <http://www.mrqe.com>  
Tremendous source of reviews, but use your critical thinking skills. This source includes reviews from many credible sources, but also includes the, perhaps, less credible.