

# Adolescent Literature

Selected Resources for ENGL 386

C. Camille Cooper  
501 Cooper Library  
[cooper2](#) or 656-0841  
IM: [ccooperlibrarian](#)

rev. 10/07

## Reference Books

- The Oxford Companion to Children's Literature* Ref PN 1008.5 .C37 1984
- International Companion Encyclopedia of Children's Literature* [2<sup>nd</sup> ed.] Ref PN 1008.5 .I57 2004 v. 1-2
- The Continuum Encyclopedia of Young Adult Literature* Ref PN 1008.5 .C67 2005
- Dictionary of American Children's Fiction*  
Ref PS 374 .C454 H45 1985 (1859-1959) Ref PS 374 .C454 H45 (1985-89)  
Ref PS 374 .C454 H452 (1960-1984) Ref PS 490 .H45 1996 (1990-94)
- Dictionary of British Children's Fiction* Ref PR 830 .C513 H4 1989
- Dictionary of Children's Fiction from Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, and Selected African Countries* Ref PR 9084 .H45 1992

## Finding Books

To find books *about* an author, select **Subject** from the library catalog's pull-down menu and type the author's name (last name, first name) in the search box

To find books *written by* a particular author, select **Author** from the library catalog's pull-down menu and type the author's name (last name, first name) in the search box

If you know the *title of a book* and want to see if we have it, select **Title** from the library catalog's pull-down menu and type the title in the search box

To find books *about adolescent literature in general*, do a **keyword** search in the library catalog using some of the phrases/terms below (use the “ “ where indicated):

- |   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| “african american youth” books              | “young adult fiction”         |
| “best books” “young adult literature”       | “young adult literature”      |
| “high school students” books reading        | “young adults and books”      |
| “junior high school students” books reading | “youth and books and reading” |
| teenagers books reading                     |                               |

Cooper Library has a small collection of books for children and young adults located in the Juvenile section on Level 3 near the elevators. In the library catalog, such a book will have the words **Children's/Young Adult** by the call number.

## Finding Critical Articles

Don't forget to check the Library catalog for books about an author (see previous page for search tips). These books may contain criticism and/or bibliographies that will give you references to articles about the author.

To get to databases that will help you locate articles:

- ◆ Go to the Libraries homepage (www.lib.clemson.edu)
- ◆ Click on **Find Articles**
- ◆ Under **Subject List**, click on **Literature**

For your searches:

- ◆ First, try a search using the title of the books, putting those titles in “ “
- ◆ If nothing comes up, try searching for articles about the authors of those works
- ◆ If you still get nothing, think of terms that describe a subject/theme discussed in the works (poverty, magic, etc.) and use that term, along with the terms **young adult\*** and **literature** to locate articles that discuss how other works of children's literature treat that idea

### 1. *MLA International Bibliography* (1926-present)

Sample record for a **journal article**:

article title → What Happens to Our Wishes: Magical Thinking in Harry Potter *By:*  
author → Robertson, Judith P.; Children's Literature Association Quarterly,  
2001-2002 Winter; 26 (4): 198-211. (**journal article**)  
volume issue # journal title  
[>>Check for FullText](#) [>>Check Clemson Libraries Catalog](#)

- ◆ Note the journal title, date, volume, issue, and page #s for the article
- ◆ Click the **Check for & Check Clemson** links to see if the Libraries subscribe to the journal

Sample record for an **essay in a book**

essay title → Harry Potter's World: Magic, Technoculture, and Becoming Human *By:*  
essay author → Appelbaum, Peter; pp. 25-51 *IN:* Heilman, Elizabeth E. (ed. and introd.);  
*Harry Potter's World: Multidisciplinary Critical Perspectives*. New York,  
NY: Routledge; 2003. ix, 308 pp. (**book article**)  
title of book page #s of essay in book editor of book  
[>>Check for Full Text](#) [>>Check Clemson Libraries Catalog](#)

- ◆ Click on the **Check for & Check Clemson** links
- ◆ If the book doesn't come up, do a search on the **title of the book** in the Library catalog

### 2. Other databases to try : *Literature Resource Center, ERIC, Academic Search Premier, Expanded Academic,*

## Journals

If you come across a reference to a journal not listed below,  
do a *title search* on the *title of the journal* in the Library catalog.

UNLESS indicated otherwise by the titles below,

- ◆ *Current issues* ("Latest Received") of journals (past several months, usually) are shelved by call number in the Periodicals area on Level 4
- ◆ *Older issues* of journals (past year and before, usually) are on floors 1, 2, 5, or 6 according to their call numbers (Ps on level 2, Zs on level 6)
- ◆ *E-journals* ("Online") : use the **Locate a journal** link on the Libraries' homepage

<i>The ALAN Review</i> (1996- current) 1994-present available on the web at <a href="http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ejournals/ALAN/alan-review.html">http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ejournals/ALAN/alan-review.html</a>	Z 1037 .A1 A43
<i>Bookbird</i> (1998-current)	PN 1009 .A1 B6
<i>Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books</i> (1975- current) ◆ Some issues available via <b>E-journals</b>	Z 1037 .A1 C4
<i>Children's Literature</i> (1972- current)	E-journal (older issues : PN 1009 .A1 C514)
<i>Children's Literature Association Quarterly</i> (1979- current) ◆ Some issues available via <b>E-journals</b>	PN 1008.2 C48
<i>Children's Literature in Education</i> (1984- current)	E-journal (older issues : Z 1037 .A1 C5)
<i>Horn Book Magazine</i> (1925-present) ◆ Some issues available via <b>E-journals</b>	Z 1037 .A1 H8
<i>The Lion and the Unicorn</i> (1982- current)	E-journal (older issues : PN 1009 .A1 L54)
<i>The New Advocate</i> (1989-1992, March 2001-2003) ◆ All issues of this journal are in the stacks on Level 6	Z 1037 .A27
<i>Phaedrus</i> (1973-1988) ◆ All issues of this journal are in the stacks on Level 6	Z 1037 .A1 P5
<i>Sankofa</i> (2002-current)	PL 8009.5 .S36
<i>Signal : Approaches to Children's Books</i> (2001-2003) ◆ All issues of this journal are in the stacks on Level 2	PN 1009 .A1 S39

## Books Containing Criticism

<i>Literature for Today's Young Adults</i> (1980)	PN 1009 .A1 D65
<i>Twentieth-Century Young Adult Writers</i>	Ref PS 490 .T94 1994
<i>Beacham's Guide to Literature for Young Adults</i>	Ref Z 1037 .A1 B38 1989
<i>Masterplots II: Juvenile and Young Adults Fiction Series</i>	PN 1009 .A1 M25 (library use only)

**Book  
Review  
Sources**

*Children's Literature Comprehensive Database*

- ◆ Type the name of the book in the search box
- ◆ Under **Word search qualifiers**, click by **exact phrase** and click on **Search**
- ◆ Entries with green dots have reviews

**Find Articles**

*Academic Search Premier*

- ◆ Type the title of the work in the search box
- ◆ In the Limit your results section, go to **Document Type** & select **Book review**

**Find Articles**

*Lexis Nexis*

- ◆ Click on **News** tab; in **Select Sources**, select **Book...reviews** from the pull-down menu

**Find Articles**

*Children's Literature Review* (1976-present)

Ref PN 1009 .A1 C5139

*Children's Book Review Index* (1975-present)

Ref Z 1037 .A1 C475

*Horn Book Index* (1924-1989)

Ref Z 1037 .A1 A15 Suppl

**Biographical  
Information**

First, see if the libraries own any books about the author by doing a *subject search* in the library catalog (see p. 1, "Finding Books"). In addition to the sources below, those under "Reference Books" on p. 1 also have biographical information.

*Something about the Author*

Ref PN 451 S6

*Authors and Artists for Young Adults*

Ref PS 490 .A98

*Authors of Books for Young People*

Ref PN 497 .A97 1990

*Behind the Covers: Interviews with Authors and Illustrators of Books for Children and Young Adults*

Ref Z 1037 .A1 R65 1985

*The 100 Most Popular Young Adult Authors*

Ref PS 490 .D74 1997

*Twentieth Century Young Adult Writers*

Ref PS 490 .T94 1994

*Speaking for Ourselves : Autobiographical Sketches by Notable Authors of Books for Young Adults*

Ref PS 129 .S64 1990

*Writers for Young Adults*

Ref PS 490 .W75 1997

*Black Authors and Illustrators of Books for Children and Young Adults*

Ref PN 1009 .A1 M67 2007

*Dictionary of Literary Biography*

Ref PN 451 .D52

(look in the index in the last volume—it covers all previous volumes)

*Biography Resource Center*

(database; access from alphabetical list on **Find Articles** page)

**Website**

*Children's Literature Web Guide*

<http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/index.html>