



Children's Literature

Finding Books

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Selected Reference Sources

- Adventuring With Books: A Booklist for Pre-K-Grade 6.* 10th ed. **R/028.52/N213a/1993**
- Best Books for Boys: A Resource for Educators.* **R/028.162/B464b/2008**
- Best Books for Children: Preschool to Grade 6.* 8th ed. **R/028.52/B27b/2006**
- Beyond Picture Books : Subject Access to Best Books for Beginning Readers* **R/028.162/B285b/2008**
- Children's and Young Adult Literature Handbook: A Research and Reference Guide* **R/028.5016/G412c/2005**
- Children's Literature Dictionary: Definitions, Resources and Learning Activities* **R/028.52/L354c/2002**
- Core Collection for Children and Young Adults* **R/028.162/Sch97c/2008**
- A Critical Handbook of Children's Literature.* 8th ed. **R/028.5/L969c/2007**
- Handbook of Research on Children's and Young Adult Literature* **R/028.5/H191w/2011**
- High/Low Handbook: Best Books and Web Sites for Reluctant Teen Readers* **R/028.162/H537/2002**
- The Literature of Delight: A Critical Guide to Humorous Books for Children* **R/028.162/F179I**
- Middle and Junior High Core Collection.* **R/028.5016/M584/2009**
- The Oxford Encyclopedia of Children's Literature.* **R/028.52/Ox2/2006/4 vols.**
- Research and Professional Resources in Children's Literature: Piecing a Patchwork Quilt* **R/028.52/R311/1995**

Biographical Sources, Book Reviews, Criticism

- Authors & Artists for Young Adults.* **R/028.52/Au81/6 vols.**
 Duplicates, to some extent, *SATA*, but “the emphasis is on authors who have written for young adults, ‘adult’ authors that are often taught in junior and senior high school, and ‘classic’ authors...”
 (*Reference Books for Children*, 4th ed.)
- Children's Books and Their Creators.* (1995) **R/028.162/C437**
- Children's Literature Review.* **R/028.52/C437/v. 1—v.66** (2000)
- Something About the Author.* **R/028.52/So54/v.1—v.118** (2001)
- Yesterday's Authors of Books for Children.* **R/028.52/Y48/2 vols.**

See also the *Literature Resource Center* and *Biography Reference Bank* descriptions in the **Databases** section below.

Picture Books

- A to Zoo: Subject Access to Children's Picture Books.* 7th ed. **R/028.52/L628a/2006**
- A to Zoo. Supplement to the 7th Edition.* **R/028.52/L628a/2008**
- Picture Books for Children.* 4th ed. **R/028.52/L628a/1997**
- Worth a Thousand Words: An Annotated Guide to Picturebooks for Older Readers* **R/028.52/Am64w**

Special Subjects

Across Cultures: A Guide to Multicultural Literature for Children. **R/028.162/Ea77a/2007**

Children's Literature: An Issues Approach. 3rd ed. **R/028.162/R834c/1995**

Connecting Cultures: A Guide to Multicultural Literature for Children (1996) **R/028.52/T366c**

Awards

The Newbery and Caldecott Awards: A Guide to the Medal and Honor Books **R/028.5079/N422/2009**

The Newbery/Printz Companion: Booktalk & Related Materials for Award Winners and Honor Books. 3rd ed.

R/028.5079/G412n/2006

American Library Association Web Sites

- The Association of Library Service to Children (ALSC) features the lists of the Newbery, Caldecott, Notable Children's Books and other literary awards on their Web site at <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/>
- Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) posts the lists of award winners of young adult literature on their Web site at <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/yalsa.cfm>

Databases and Indexes to the Periodical Article Literature

Use multidisciplinary and subject-specific databases to locate articles and book reviews. Many of our databases include full text of articles, however, you can check to see if we have print or online holdings by checking the *Find Journal at JSC* link in the results list of citations.

Multidisciplinary

Academic Search Premier (EBSCO) and *Academic Onefile* (Gale Cengage)

[Credo Reference Collection](#)

Search quality reference sources from reputable publishers. The *Cambridge Guide to Children's Literature* is among the sources currently available.

Subject-Specific

Biography Reference Bank

Sources in this database include obituaries, interviews, essays, speeches, periodical articles, and reference books covering the lives of 500,000 people from ancient times to the present. You will find this to be a valuable source for biographical information on authors and illustrators.

Education Research Complete

This database boasts indexing of almost 3000 journals (approximately two thirds in full text), plus the content of books and conference proceedings. This relatively new database has been recognized as worthy competition for the ERIC database.

ERIC

The Education Resources Information Center remains an essential source for education research. Although several enhancements have improved the "free" version of ERIC on the Web, we think the features of our subscription-based ERIC will streamline access to journals as well as documents in full text. Our EBSCO interface includes an interlibrary loan request form when materials are not in full text online.

Literature Resource Center

The LRC is, essentially, the online counterpart of many of the well-known Gale Group of resources such as the *Contemporary Authors* series, *Dictionary of Literary Biography*, *Contemporary Literary Criticism* and much more. Children's authors are well-represented in the database, which includes the full text of *Children's Literature Review*, the series owned by JSC until 2000 and mentioned elsewhere in this guide. Other full text titles in the database are *Characters in Children's Literature* and *Characters in Young Adult Literature*.

Professional Development Collection

This database provides complementary coverage to other EBSCO databases and includes full text of over 500 education journals and 200 educational reports.

Periodicals in Full Text in the JSC Library print collection or in databases online.

Appraisal

Bookbird: World of Children's Books

Booklist

Book Links: Connecting Books, Libraries and Classrooms

Book Report

Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

Canadian Children's Literature (CCL)

CBC Features

Childhood Education

Children's Literature

Children's Literature Association Quarterly

Children's Literature in Education

Children's Literature in Education

Dragon Lode

English Journal

Five Owls (The)

Horn Book Magazine

Journal of Children's Literature

Journal of Reading (now Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy)

Journal of Youth Services in Libraries

Kirkus Reviews

Kliatt (FT ceased in 2008)

Language Arts

Library Talk

Lion and the Unicorn

Multicultural Review

New Advocate

New York Times Book Review

Primary Voices K-6

Reading Teacher (IRA)

School Library Journal

Science and Children

Social Education
Periodicals, continued...

Teaching and Learning Literature

VOYA

WEB: Wonderfully Exciting Books

Wilson Library Bulletin

Young Children

Other Journals for Research on Children's Literature

Elementary School Journal

Journal of Reading Behavior: A Journal of Literacy

National Reading Conference Yearbook

Reading Horizons

Reading Improvement

Reading Research and Instruction

Reading Research Quarterly (IRA)

Research in the Teaching of English (NCTE)

Teacher Research: The Journal of Classroom Inquiry