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## T.C. BOYLE: *THE TORTILLA CURTAIN*

Your search for information on **T.C. Boyle's *The Tortilla Curtain*** can include books, periodical articles, online databases, and authoritative Internet resources.

### Books

Use the **Library Catalog** located on the Cerritos College **Library Home Page** to find books on your topic that are available in the Cerritos College Library.

To find books written **about** TC Boyle, search by **Subject**. To find books written **by** TC Boyle, search by **Author**. Always type the last name first, e.g. Boyle, T. Coraghessan. The following books may be useful in your research.

### Selected Reference Books

#### **Concise Major 21<sup>st</sup> Century Writers**

Reference PN781 .C66 2006 (Volume 1)

#### **Contemporary Authors New Revision Series**

Reference PN771 .C78 (Volume 132)

#### **Contemporary Literary Criticism (CLC)**

Reference PN771 .C59  
(Volumes 36, 55, 90)

#### **Contemporary Novelist**

Reference PR881 .C69 2001

#### **Short Story Criticism**

Reference PN3373 .S56 (Volume 16)

#### **Critical Survey of Long Fiction**

Reference PN3451 .C75 2000

#### **Critical Survey of Short Fiction**

Reference PN3321 .C7 2001

#### **Reference Databases:**

**Gale Virtual Library**  
**Gale Discovering Collection**  
**Salem Literature**

### Journal Articles

Journals and magazines usually provide the most current information on a topic. Journal articles are more scholarly or professional while magazine articles tend to be shorter and more general. Newspaper articles, while not usually scholarly or professional, can give you the most current news and some additional facts on your topic.

To find articles on your topic, use one of the online databases listed below. These databases usually provide full-text articles on almost every topic. They are available via the **Library Home Page**. Conduct your search in these databases by using subject headings and keywords similar to those you used to locate books.

**EBSCOHost**  
**Project Muse**  
**ProQuest**

**Literature Resource Center**

For remote access to the library databases, login to the **Library** using your Cerritos College ID number.

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See the [Database Page](#) or handout for a complete description of the Cerritos College Library online resources.

For historical research, the Library also has print indexes that must be used to find older articles, generally anything published before 1985.

### **Internet Sites**

The Internet can be a valuable source for supplementing the information you have gathered from books and periodicals. It is important that you evaluate the information you get from the Internet to determine if it is reliable and useful to your research. A few Internet sites that may be useful are listed here.

#### **TC Boyle**

<http://www.tcboyle.com/>

#### **Penguin Reading Guide**

[http://us.penguin.com/static/rguides/us/tortilla\\_curtain.html](http://us.penguin.com/static/rguides/us/tortilla_curtain.html)

#### **Auteurs.net**

<http://www.tcboyle.net/tortilla.html>

#### **Santa Barbara Book Festival**

<http://www.sbbookfestival.org/boyle.html>

#### **Symbolism, Themes and Motifs**

<http://home.arcor.de/tortillacurtain/symbolism.htm>