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CORMAC MCCARTHY: *THE ROAD*

Your search for information on **Cormac McCarthy** and his novels ***The Road*** can include books, periodicals, online databases, and authoritative Internet resources.

Reference Books

These reference books are a good starting point for your research because they help you become better acquainted with the author Cormac McCarthy. Listed below are some reference books that may be useful in your research.

Contemporary Authors

REF PN771 .C78

Contemporary Literary Criticism

REF PN771 .C59

Facts on File Companion to the American Novel

REF PS371 .F33 2006

Magills' Survey of American Literature

REF PS21 .M34 2007

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. Books can provide a broad overview of a topic or in-depth information. You can search for books by *Author, Title, Subject, or Keyword*.

To find books written *about* Cormac McCarthy, search by **Subject**. To find books written *by* Cormac McCarthy, search by **Author**. Always type the last name first, e.g. *McCarthy, Cormac*.

Listed below are some *Library of Congress Subject Headings* used in the Library Catalog for books relating to the **post-apocalyptic theme** of ***The Road***. Use these terms to **Search by Subject**. Remember, this list is by no means conclusive.

Catastrophes (geology)
Climatic changes
Communicable diseases
Environmental degradation
Environmental disaster
Environmental risks assessment
Epidemiology

Extinction (biology)
Famines
Global warming
Natural disasters
Overpopulation

Here are some **keywords** that may also be useful:

Doomsday
Environmental catastrophe
Global catastrophe
Mass extinction

Natural catastrophe
Nuclear catastrophe
Nuclear disaster

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Magazine, Journal, and Newspaper 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.

Online Databases for *Cormac McCarthy* and his novels:

[EBSCOhost](#)

[Gale Databases](#)

[Project Muse](#)

[Proquest Newspapers](#)

For remote access to the library databases, login to the [Library](#) using your Cerritos College ID number.

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

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.

The Exclusive Interview Begins

http://www.oprah.com/media/20080601_obc_267033502CORMACWEBEA_O_VIDEO_1

Cormac McCarthy's *The Road*: NPR

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=6449817>

DavidKushner.com – Cormac McCarthy's Apocalypse

<http://members.authorsguild.net/dkushner/work6.htm>

Themes in the Road: Where Fiction and Science Meet

<http://www.oprah.com/oprahsbookclub/Fiction-and-Scientific-Themes-in-The-Road-by-Cormac-McCarthy>

End of the World: 10 Disasters That Could End It All at Any Given Second

<http://botw.org/articles/endworld.html>

Survive 2010: 2010 Possibilities

<http://survive2012.com/index.php/2012possibilities.html>