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SCIENCE FICTION

Your search for information on Science Fiction authors and their writings can include books, periodicals, online databases, and authoritative Internet resources

Reference Books

Reference books are a good starting point for your research because they help you become better acquainted with your topic. Listed below are some reference books that may be useful in your research.

Science Fiction Writers: Critical Studies of the Major Authors from the Early Nineteenth Century to the Present Day

REF PS374.S35 S36 1999

Anatomy of Wonder 4: A Critical Guide to Science Fiction

REF PN3433.8.S36 A52 1995

Supernatural Literature of the World: An Encyclopedia

REF PN56 .S8 S86 2005

The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Science Fiction and Fantasy: Themes, Works and Wonders

REF PS374 .S35 G74 2005

Brave New Words: The Oxford Dictionary of Science Fiction

REF PN3433.4 .B73 2007

Survey of Science Fiction Literature: Five Hundred 2,000- Word Essay Reviews of World-Famous Science Fiction Novels

REF PN3448 .S45 S8

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*.

Listed below are some *Library of Congress Subject Headings* used in the catalog for books relating to **science fiction**. Use these terms to *Search by Subject*. Remember, this list is by no means conclusive.

science fiction, American

science fiction—history and criticism

science fiction, English

science fiction—social aspects

science fiction—stories, plots, etc.

You can also look for works by and about individual writers. For instance, to find books written *about* H.G. Wells, search by Subject. To find books written *by* H.G. Wells, search by Author. Always type the last name first, e.g. *Wells, H.G.*

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.

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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 Databases

MasterFILE Premier
Literary Reference Center
Science Reference Center

Gale Databases

Discovering Collection
Gale Virtual Reference Center

Project Muse

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

See the [Database Page](#) 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.

Science Fiction and Fantasy Research Database

<http://lib-edit.tamu.edu/cushing/sffrd/>

Science Fiction Hall of Fame

<http://www.empsfm.org/exhibitions/index.asp?categoryID=203>

Index to Science Fiction Anthologies and Collections

<http://www.philsp.com/homeville/ISFAC/0start.htm>

Locus Online: Science Fiction News, Reviews, Resources

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

Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, Inc.

<http://www.sfgwa.org/>

Science Fiction and Fantasy World

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

U-M Fantasy and Science Fiction

<http://www.umich.edu/~umfansf/>

Center for the Study of Science Fiction

<http://www2.ku.edu/~sfcenter/>