

# Cerritos College Library

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## TOBIAS WOLFF – *THIS BOY'S LIFE*

Your search for information on *This Boy's Life*, by Tobias Wolff, can include books, periodicals, 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 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*.

### Selected 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.

**American Short-Story Writers Since World War II  
(Dictionary of Literary Biography vol. 130)**  
REF PS374 .S5 A398 1993

**Contemporary Literary Criticism**  
REF PN771 .C59

**Contemporary Novelists**  
REF PR881 .C69 2001

**Encyclopedia of World Literature in the 20<sup>th</sup>  
Century**  
REF PN771 .E5 1999

### Finding 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 *This Boy's Life* and Tobias Wolff:**

**EBSCOhost** – Masterfile Premier & Literary Reference Center  
**Gale Databases**  
**Project Muse**

**NewsBank**  
**Proquest Newspapers**

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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.

For historical research, the Library has print indexes that must be used to find older articles, generally anything published before 1985. The following indexes may be useful:

**Book Review Digest**, 1989

**Book Review Index**, 1985-92

**Biography Index**

**Reader’s Guide to Periodical Literature**

**Humanities Index**

### 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.

**JSTOR**: "Winging It: Realism and Invention in the Stories of Tobias Wolff"  
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/3509376>

**New York University: Literature, Arts, and Medicine Database**  
<http://litmed.med.nyu.edu/Annotation?action=view&annid=12039>

**e-notes**  
<http://www.enotes.com/this-boys-life-salem/this-boys-life-80523703>