



Biographies

Indexes to Biographical Sources

Master Indexes, published by Gale

Biography and Genealogy Master Index. (Ref [Z 5305 .U5 H57](#))

***Also available [online](#)

Author Biographies Master Index. (Ref [PN 452 .A9x](#))

Historical Biographical Dictionaries Master Index. (Ref [Z 5305 .U5 H57](#))

Business Biographies Master Index. (Ref [HC 29 .B87x](#))

Children's Authors & Illustrators: An Index to Biographical Dictionaries. ([Z 1037 .A18 N18 1987](#))

Almanac of Famous People. (Ref [CT 104 .B56](#))

Index to Marquis Who's Who Publications. (Ref [CT 103 .M35x](#))

Biography Index. 1964- (Ref [Z 5301 .B5](#))

This source will lead you to articles that appear in books and periodicals about people regardless of dates, country, or field of activity.

A Dictionary of Universal Biography of All Ages and of All People. (Ref [CT 103 .H9 1951](#))

Celebrity Sources: A Guide to Biographical Information About Famous People in Showbusiness and Sports Today. (Ref [CT 120 .Z5x 1990](#))

World Biographical Information System (Online).

This database is based on the 4th edition of the World Biographical Index containing over 2 million short biographical entries for eminent individuals who lived in North and South America, Western and Central Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and Oceania. This edition is also a compiled index to many biographical archives. The time period covered starts in the 1700's and continues to the mid 1980's, with the time period varying greatly depending on the geographic area. This index references microfiche archives which are kept in the Social Science and Humanities Reference Department on the First Floor of the Jones Library

Please consult the separate handout for information about this reference source.

Guides to the Best Biographical Works

Research Guide to America Historical Biography. 3 vols. (Ref [CT 214 .R47 1988](#))

Research Guide to European Historical Biography. 4 vols. (Ref [CT 759 .R44x 1992](#))

General

In many cases current volumes of biographical sources are kept in the Reference Collection, Jones Library, 1st floor. Older volumes are shelved in the General Collection by call number.

Retrospective

World Wide

Personal Name Index to 'The New York Times Index'. 1851-1974 and 1975-1993. (Ref [AI 21 .N445x](#))

Twentieth Century Culture. (Ref [CT 120 .T89x](#))

Thinkers of the Twentieth Century. 2nd ed. (Ref [CT 120 .T45 1987](#))

Makers of Modern Culture. (Ref [CT 120 .M36 1981](#))

The Annual Obituary. 1980- 1993. (Ref [CT 120 .A56](#))

North America

American National Biography (Online)

Online resource

Dictionary of American Biography. (Ref [E 176 .D56](#))

Main set published 1928-58 . Sups. began in 1973.

Downs, Robert B. More Memorable Americans, 1750-1950. (Ref [CT 214 .D69 1985](#))

Great Lives from History: American Series. 5 vols. "Masterplots" for people. (Ref [CT 214 .G74 1987](#))

National Cyclopaedia of American Biography. 68 volumes. Index: 1975. (Ref [E 176 .N28](#))

Notable American Women 1607-1950: A Biographical Dictionary. 3 volumes. (Ref [CT 3260 .N57](#))

Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives: Notable Americans Who Died Between 1981 and 1985.
(Ref [CT 213 .S37 1998](#))

The New York Times Obituaries Index. 2 vols.: 1858-1968 and 1969-1978. (Ref [CT 213 .N47](#))

Who Was Who in America. (Ref [E 176 .W64](#)) various volumes with coverage back to 1607.

Britain

Dictionary of National Biography. Main set covers from the earliest times to 1900. Supplements cover to 1990. (Ref [CT 1502 .S46](#)) Online as [Oxford Dictionary of National Biography](#)

Great Lives from History: British and Commonwealth Series. 5 vols. "Masterplots" for people.
(Ref [CT 774 .G74 1987](#))

Who Was Who. (Ref [DA 28 .W65](#))

Baylor has volumes for 1897-1916, 1929-1940, 1951-1960, 1971-1980, cumulated index 1897-1980.

British with some international figures.

Current

Worldwide

Current Biography. 1940- . Lengthy informative biographies of prominent newsworthy people.

Especially good for political figures but also includes entertainers, sport persons, and the like.

(Ref [CT 100 .C8](#))

Newsmakers (formerly titled Contemporary Newsmakers) 1985- . Similar to Current Biography. (Ref [CT 120 .C663](#))

Contemporary Heroes and Heroines. (Ref [CT 105 .C66 1990](#))

The International Who's Who. Older editions beginning in 1949 in General Collection. (Ref [CT 120 .J5](#))

Who's Who in the World. Older editions (1971/72, 1974/75) in General Collection. (Ref [CT 120 .W5](#))

Who's Who: An Annual Biographical Dictionary. Some older editions beginning with 1914 in General Collection. British emphasis. (Ref [DA 28 .W6](#))

North America

Who's Who in America. Older volumes beginning 1901/02 are in the General Collection. . (Ref Desk [E 663 .W56](#))

Who's Who in the East. Older editions beginning in 1968/69 are in the General Collection. Includes Eastern Canada (Ref [E 176 .W643](#))

Who's Who in the Midwest. Edition for 1947 and others beginning in 1968/69 are in General Collection. Includes Central Canada (Ref [E 176 .W644](#))

Who's Who in the West. Older editions beginning in 1967/68 in General Collection. Includes Western Canada (Ref [E 176 .W646](#))

Who's Who in the South and Southwest. Editions beginning in 1947 are in General Collection. (Ref [F 208 .W64](#))

Who's Who of American Women. Older editions beginning in 1958-59 are in General Collection. (Ref [CT 3260 .W5](#))

Who's Who in Canada. Some older editions in General Collection. (Ref [F 1033 .W62](#))

Who's Who of Sports Champions. (Ref [GV 697 .A1 H53 1995](#))

Who's Who among Black Americans. (Ref [E 185.96 .W52](#))

Who's Who in Finance and Industry. (Ref [HF 3023 .A2 W5](#))

Literature

Many general reference sources contain biographical material on authors. Below are a few additional sources with which to begin.

The International Authors And Writers Who's Who. Cambridge, Eng. Melrose Press. (Ref [Z 1010 .I57 1997/98](#))

The Writers Directory. (Ref [PS 1 .W73](#))

Contemporary Authors. 1962- . (Ref [Z 1224 .C59](#))

Biographical information on current authors in many fields and from many countries. Various editions and revisions make the indexes, which cumulate at frequent intervals, most helpful.

Twentieth-Century Children's Writers. (Latest is Jones Ref [PN 1009 .A1 T9](#))

Contemporary World Writers. 2 and ed. (Ref [PN 51 .C6235 1993](#))

Wilson authors series

Grant, Michael. Greek and Latin authors, 800 B.C.-A.D. 1000 : a biographical dictionary. 1980 (Ref [PA 31 .G7](#))

Kunitz, Stanley J. European Authors, 1000-1900. 1967 (Ref [PN 451 .K8](#))

Kunitz, Stanley J. Twentieth Century Authors, 1942 and First Supplement, 1955. (Ref [PN 771 .K86](#) & Supplement)

Wakeman, John. World Authors, 1950-1970, A Companion Volume to 20th Century Authors. (Ref [PN 451 .W674](#))

World authors, 1970-1975 . editor, John Wakeman. (Ref [PN 451 .W67](#))

World authors, 1975-1980. editor, Vineta Colby. 1985 (Ref [PN 451 .W672 1985](#))

World authors, 1980-1985. editor, Vineta Colby. 1991. (Ref [PN 451 .W672 1991](#))

Kunitz, Stanley J. British Authors Before 1800. 1952. (Ref [PR 105 .K9](#))

Kunitz, Stanley J. British Authors of the Nineteenth Century. 1936. (Ref [PR 451 .K8 1936](#))

Kunitz, Stanley J. American Authors, 1600-1900. 1938. (Ref [PS 21 .K8](#))

Flores, Angel. Spanish American authors : the twentieth century . 1992 (Ref [PQ 7081.3 .F57 1992](#))

Contemporary writers of the English language

Contemporary Dramatists. Contains over 300 entries for dramatists writing in English. Includes lists of publications and critical comments. (Ref [PR 737 .C57](#))

Contemporary Novelists. Entries consist of a biography, a full bibliography, possibly a comment by the writer on his fiction, and a signed critical essay. (Ref [PR 883 .V55](#))

Contemporary Poets. Includes bibliography of publications and critical comments for poets who write in English . (Ref [PR 603 .C6 1991](#))

Humanities

International Directory of Philosophy and Philosophers. (Ref [B 35 .I55 1986/89](#))

Directory of American philosophers. (Ref [B 935 .D5 1996/97](#))

Who's Who in Religion. [1975/76](#). [1977](#). [1985](#). [1992/93](#). (Ref BL 2530 .U6 W48)

Directory of American Scholars. 8th ed. 1982. Vol.1: History; Vol. 2: English, Speech and Drama; Vol. 3: Foreign Languages, Linguistics and Philology; Vol. 4: Philosophy, Religion and Law. (Ref [LA 2311 .C32](#))

Social Sciences

American Psychological Association. Directory. (Ref [BF 11 .A67 1997](#))

Biographical Dictionary of Internationalists. (Ref [JC 361 .B56 1983](#))

Ingham, John N. Biographical Dictionary of American Business Leaders. 4v. (Ref [HC 102.5 .A2 I53](#))

Who's Who in American Politics. (Ref [E 176 .W6424](#))

Includes active political participants at the national, state, and local levels. Older editions in General Collection.

American Sociological Association. Biographical Directory of Members. (Ref [HM 9 .A725](#))

Older editions in the General Collection.

National Association of Social Workers. NASW Register of Clinical Social Workers. (Ref [HV 89 .N223a](#))

American Political Science Association. Biographical Directory. (Ref [JA 28 .A56](#))

American Men and Women of Science. The Social and Behavioral Sciences. 12th. ed. 1973. Biographical sketches of prominent scholars in the fields of economics, sociology, political science, statistics, psychology, geography, and anthropology. (Ref [H 50 .A47](#))

Who's Who in American Education. (Ref [LA 2311 .W47](#))