Biographies

Indexes to Biographical Sources
Master Indexes, published by Gale

- Biography and Genealogy Master Index. (Ref Z 5305 .U5 H57)
- 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)
- 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).

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
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)

Janet Sheets, Baylor University Libraries, Rev. 04/11/2007
Online resource

Britain

Current Worldwide

North America
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.
Twenty-first 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)
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)
Foreign Languages, Linguistics and Philology; Vol. 4: Philosophy, Religion and Law. (Ref LA 2311
C32)

Social Sciences
Biographical Dictionary of Internationalists. (Ref IC 361 B56 1983)
Ingham, John N. Biographical Dictionary of American Business Leaders. 4v. (Ref HC 102 5 A2 153)
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.
Older editions in the General Collection.
National Association of Social Workers. NASW Register of Clinical Social Workers. (Ref HV 89 .N223a)
Who's Who in American Education. (Ref LA 2311 .W47)