Finding Filmmakers, Film Reviews & Criticism

**Using the Online Catalog**
Books related to this topic can be located by doing a SUBJECT search in the library’s catalog.
- MOTION PICTURES
- MOTION PICTURE PLAYS – HISTORY AND CRITICISM
- MOTION PICTURES REVIEWS
- COMEDY FILMS
- HORROR FILMS
- SCIENCE FICTION FILMS
You can also search under the names of actors, or directors, or screenwriters, or use keywords.

**Reference Books**
Films are usually reviewed in newspapers and magazines when they are first released. Check the following reference books for film information and release or review dates.

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**Printed Periodical Sources for Films**
Reader’s Guide to Periodical Literature indexes magazines from 1900 to present. Films produced after 1975 are under the subject heading Motion Picture Reviews-Single works. Films are listed alphabetically. For films prior to 1975 use the heading Moving Picture Plays-Single works. Check the West Valley College Library Periodical List (green binder) for the library’s holdings.

New York Times Index (1924-1994) covering the New York Times newspaper (on microfilm) from 1929 to within 3 months of the present. Films are listed under the subject Motion Pictures and then alphabetically by title. Recent NYT reviews may be found in Proquest.
FULL TEXT ELECTRONIC RESOURCES
Access databases on campus, off campus or through campus’ wireless network at:
http://www.westvalley.edu/library/databases/

You will need your name and student ID number to log in.

Wilson Biographies
This database contains 400,000 full text biographies including many authors through the ages.

Literary Reference Center
Literary criticism, critical essays on contemporary authors/works and literary genres, including cinema.

Proquest
This web-based index to magazines, journals and newspapers can be used to find full-text book reviews, critical analysis and biographical information.

NOTE: View the Basics for searching some of the library's databases video here:
http://westvalley.edu/library/research-guides/online-orientation/databases.swf

INTERNET RESOURCES:

UC Berkeley Library: Film Reviews and Film Criticism: An Introduction
http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/MRC/filmstudies/filmreviewsintro.html
This site give an overview of the differences between film review and criticism/analysis.

Internet Movie Database http://www.imdb.com/
Online databases containing information about films, television programs, actors, and production crews. The database includes U.S., international, short films, and video games.

Britfilms.com: http://www.britfilms.com/

UCSD Chinese Cinema Web-based Learning Center http://chinesecinema.ucsd.edu/
This goal of this site is to a establish film library, film archive, and film research on Chinese cinema. A unique feature is its attempt to gather statistical information about production, distribution, exhibition, and reception.

Cinema in Latin America http://lanic.utexas.edu/la/region/cinema/
The Latin American Network Information Center’s cinema resources page contains general, educational, film festival and country specific links for Latin American film.