

## What is Twayne's Author Series ?

Twayne's Author Series is a literary reference resource comprising **Twayne's U.S. Authors**, **Twayne's English Authors** and **Twayne's World Authors**.

Each of these titles includes **literary criticism** for approximately 200 authors for a total of almost **600 authors in the database**. The authors included are connected to **high school** and **college curriculum**.

The database covers **hundreds of years of literature** from Aristophanes to Anne Tyler.

The literary works belong in a variety of genres including **children's literature**; **drama**; **essay**; **fiction**; **non-fiction**; **philosophy**; **poetry**; and **short stories**.

The critical interpretations and discussions of the authors' works relate the literature to the **history of the times** and **major literary trends**.

**Each author entry is equivalent to the full text version of the same title** as published as part of the *Twayne's English Author Series*.

## Twayne's Authors Series

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### [Authors A-Z](#)

View full text discussions of an author's works and a chronology of the author's life

### [In Depth Search](#)

Design your own search, using words or phrases, or customize a search by genre, gender, nationality, and time period

### [Research Ideas](#)

View topics with a highly selective, curriculum-related list of writers to use as research starting points

## Search Options

### [Authors A-Z](#)

Select an author to retrieve the **Table of Contents** page of the essay for that author. Some authors have more than one entry. Note the **Books on Special Topics** link for essays that cover multiple authors on a related theme.

### [In Depth Search](#)

Use the drop down menus to design a customized search according to:

**Author's Name** - Search a complete name or any word or combination of words that are part of the author's name. Variant names and pseudonyms are also searchable.

**Genre** - Identify authors based on the type of literature they create. To make several selections from the Genre drop down box, press and hold down the **Ctrl** (Control) key while selecting multiple genres.

**Gender** - the default is **None**, you can limit your search to either **Male** or **Female** authors.

**Time Period** - Find authors based on the time period(s) to which they belong. Authors from Ancient Times to the 20<sup>th</sup> century are included in the database. To make several selections press and hold down the **Ctrl** (Control) key while selecting multiple time periods.

**Nationality** - Locate authors based on their birth or citizenship in a particular country or nation. All authors from *Twayne's English Authors* and *Twayne's U.S. Authors* are classified as British and American, respectively.

**Full Text Search** - Search for a specific word or words within the text. The results will be a list of chapters in which the word(s) appear. This may be a good option when a search along the other criteria yields zero results.

### [Research Ideas](#)

Search lists of curriculum-related and chronological topics for each of the World, U.S. and English Authors series. Each topic has a list of authors whose writing relates to the theme. This can be a good starting point for a research paper.

## Special Features

Clicking on any one of the chapter titles or subheadings in the **Table of Contents** will take you to that specific place in the entry.

You can move from chapter to chapter by clicking on **Go to Previous Chapter** or **Go to Next Chapter** at the end of each chapter.

**Footnotes** within the chapter appear as hyperlinks to the citation at the end of the chapter. The browser's **Back** button or the arrow to the left of the footnote citation returns you to the text.

Main Menu	Each Table of Contents also displays buttons on a sidebar that display reference information.
Help	<b>Preface</b> summarizes the entry for the author.
Preface	<b>Chronology</b> displays events in the author's life and career.
Chronology	<b>Author's Works</b> is a list of the author's primary works.
Author's Works	<b>Bibliography</b> contains secondary sources used to write the entry.
Bibliography	<b>Citation</b> has the correct way to cite the entry.
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## Search Tips

- ◆ **spelling counts.**
- ◆ Use of **capitalization does not** affect the results.
- ◆ **&'s (ampersands)** should **not be used**
- ◆ Use hyphens **if the phrase** normally **contains a hyphen** and **enclose** the phrase **in " "**.

To **broaden search**, use:

- ◆ Synonyms separated by **OR**
- ◆ The **\*** to include all terms sharing same root.
- ◆ The **?** to replace a single character to retrieve different forms of the same word.

To **narrow search**, use:

- Multiple search terms
- Use **AND** to retrieve results with all specified search terms
- Use **NOT** to omit documents that contain a specified term.
- Use **" "** to search specific phrases.
- Use **(parentheses)** to conduct complex searches.
- Use proximity operators.

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## *Twayne's Authors Series*

### **Research Literary Topics and Authors**

**Interpretation and discussion of literary works**

**Introductions to lives and works of authors**

**History and influence of literary movements**

**Development of literary genres**

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