



University of KwaZulu-Natal Library, Pietermaritzburg

## **SOUTH AFRICAN LITERATURE IN ENGLISH**

### **Guide to finding information in the Main Library**

#### **SELECTED REFERENCE BOOKS**

##### **South Africa**

- Black South African Women Writers in English : A Preliminary Checklist* R 828.9936 HOU  
by Amelia House (1980)
- Companion to South African English Literature* R 828.9936 ADE  
by David Adey et al. (1986)

##### **Africa**

- African Literatures in the 20th Century : A Guide* R 828.996 KLE  
by Leonard S. Klein (1988)
- African Writers* by C Brian Cox (2 vols. - 1997) R 828.996 COX
- A New Reader's Guide to African Literature* by Hans M. Zell et al. R 828.996 ZEL  
(1983)
- Black Literature Criticism : Excerpts from Criticism of the Most Significant Works of Black Authors Over the Past 200 Years* by James P. Draper R 809 DRA  
(3 vols. - 1992)
- Black writers: a selection from contemporary authors* edited by R 809.04 MET  
Linda Metzger et. al. (1988)
- Cambridge History of African and Caribbean literature* R 809.8896 IRE  
by F Abiola Irele and Simon Gikandi (2004)
- Dictionary of Literary Biography* (includes a small number of South R 809 DIC  
African writers)
- Encyclopedia of African literature* edited by Simon Gikandi (2003) R 809.8896 GIK
- Research Priorities in African Literature* by Bernth Lindfors (1984) R 828.996 LIN
- Writers from Africa* by Stewart Brown (1989) R 828.996 BRO

##### **Post-Colonial**

- Postcolonialism* by Diana Brydon (5 vols. – 2000) R 306 BRY
- Encyclopedia of Post-Colonial Literatures in English* (2 vols. - 1994) R 820.9358 BEN  
(includes up-to-date entries on South African writers)
- Key Concepts in Post-Colonial Studies* (1998) R 820.9358 ASH
- Postcolonial African Writers: a Bio-bibliographical Critical Sourcebook* R 828.996 PAR  
by Pushpa Naidu Parekh and Siga Fatima Jagne (1998)

## **SOUTH AFRICAN LITERATURE - GENERAL HISTORY AND CRITICISM**

General history and criticism of South African literature is shelved at 828.9936009 on the second floor of the library. For example, *Rewriting Modernity: Studies in Black South African Literary History* by David Attwell. Specific forms are numbered as follows:

Poetry - 828.99361  
Drama - 828.99362  
Fiction - 828.99363

## **SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHIES**

Bibliographies on South African literature include those specifically on a particular writer, for example, Butler, Coetzee, Fugard, Gordimer, Head, Mphahlele. Below is a list of some of the more general bibliographies.

*African Literature : Pilot Bibliography of Research in Southern Africa 1908-1991* by G.M.M. Grobler and E.M. Briers (1993) **828.996009 GRO**  
*Bibliography of Creative African Writing* by J. Jahn and C.P. Dressler (1973) **828.996009 JAH**  
*A Select Index to South African Literature in English* by Julie Strauss (5 vols - 1990 and 1994) **828.9936 STR**  
*The South African Novel in English Since 1950 : an Information and Resource Guide* by G.E. Gorman (1978) **828.99363 GOR**

### **Africa**

*Bibliography of African literatures* by Peter Limb and Jean-Marie Volet (1996) **828.996009 LIM**  
*Black African Literature in English* by Bernth Lindfors (4 vols - 1967-76 (and earlier); 1982-1986; 1987-1991; 1992-1996) **828.996009 LIN**

### **Post-Colonial**

*Post-Colonial Literature in English: General, Theoretical, and Comparative: 1970-1993* by A.Lawson, et al (1997) **820.9358 LAW**

## **JOURNALS**

### **A selection of South African-published literature journals**

*Akal* (1990)  
*Bloody Horse* (1980-1981)  
*Bolt* (1970-1974)  
*Contrast* (1960-1988/9)  
*The Critic : A South African Quarterly* (1932-1939)  
*Current Writing : Text and Reception in South Africa* (1989+)  
*English Academy Review* (1982+)  
*English in Africa* (Rhodes University) (1974+)  
*English Studies in Africa* (1958+)  
*Forum* (Rhodes University) (1938-1951 ; 1955-1958)

*Journal of Literary Studies* (1985+)  
*New Coin Poetry* (1965+)  
*New Contrast* (1990+)  
*Pretexts* (1989+)  
*Scrutiny 2* (1996+)  
*Shakespeare in Southern Africa* (1987+)  
*South African Literary Review* (1991-1992)  
*Staffrider* (1978-1993)  
*Studies in English* (UCT) (1970-1986)  
*UNISA Studies in English* (1967-1995)  
*Upstream* (1983-1989)

## A selection of foreign-published literature journals

*Ariel* (1988+)

*ELH: English Literary History* (1982+)

*Essays in Criticism* (1966+)

*Journal of Commonwealth Literature*  
(1965+)

*Kunapipi* (1979+)

*Research in African Literatures* (1970+)

*Wasafiri* (1987+)

*World Literature Written in English* (1987+)

## Related journals

*Commonwealth* (1969-1986)

*Critical Arts* (1980+)

*Interventions: International Journal  
of Post-Colonial Studies*  
(1998+)

*Journal of Southern African Studies*  
(1974+)

*New African* (1978+)

*New Classic* (1975-1978)

*Reality* (1969-1992)

*Social Dynamics* (1975+)

*Theoria* (1947-1999; 2000+)

## Review journals kept with newspapers

*London Review of Books* (1980+)

*New York Review of Books* (1968+)

*Southern African Review of Books*  
(1987-1996)

*TLS: Times Literary Supplement*  
(1934-1978; 1980+)

*Women's Review of Books* (1989+)

## INDEXES AND ABSTRACTS

A selection of the databases that are available:

Available via the Library web site (<http://www.library.unp.ac.za>). See Electronic resources: databases.

- **Africa-Wide: NiPAD** via Biblioline: provides access to multidisciplinary information on all aspects of Africa.
- **EBSCOhost Research Databases**: provides many full-text articles from a range of databases. It includes:
  - \* Academic Search Premier - a multidisciplinary database
  - \* MLA International Bibliography - covers all aspects of language and literature
- **Humanities Full Text**: via WilsonWeb provides references to journal articles in the humanities.
- **ISI Web of Knowledge**: index to information in the social sciences, arts and humanities. Includes:
  - \* Arts and Humanities Citation Index – covers the journal literature of the arts and humanities
  - \* Social Sciences Citation Index – covers the journal literature of the social sciences
- **NEXUS: current and completed research projects**: compiled by the National Research Foundation (NRF), it provides information on South African current and completed research projects.
- **Project MUSE**: provides access to humanities, arts, and social science journals.
- **ProQuest**: this database includes:
  - \* Academic Research Library - a multidisciplinary database

- \* ProQuest Dissertations and Theses - an information resource on doctoral and masters theses worldwide.
- **SABINET Online**: provides access to a range of databases including:
  - \* ISAP- articles from South African periodicals
  - \* SACat - holdings of South African libraries
  - \* SA ePublications - full-text articles from South African journals
  - \* Current and Completed Research Projects (Nexus database)
  - \* Union Catalogue of Theses and Dissertations - masters and doctoral theses produced at South African universities
- **SwetsWise**: provides access to full text journal articles, some of which are journals subscribed to by UKZN libraries.

### Printed Indexes - Shelved on the First Floor

- *Arts and Humanities Citation Index* (1981-1996)
- *Essay and General Literature Index* (1970-1985)
- *Humanities Index* (1974-1986)
- *Index to South African Periodicals* (1940-1959 ; 1968 ; 1976-1979) (also online or on microfiche)
- *International African Bibliography : current books, articles and papers in African studies* (1971+)
- *MLA International : Bibliography of Books and Articles and the Modern Languages and Literature* (1971-2004) (also online)

### Subject Searching

Subject headings used in the catalogue are based on the Library of Congress list which is available on the Ground Floor. Below is a selection of relevant subject headings:

SOUTH AFRICAN LITERATURE – HISTORY AND CRITICISM  
 SOUTH AFRICAN LITERATURE (ENGLISH) - WOMEN AUTHORS  
 SOUTH AFRICAN POETRY – 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY - COLLECTIONS  
 SOUTH AFRICAN DRAMA (ENGLISH) – BLACK AUTHORS – HISTORY AND CRITICISM  
 SOUTH AFRICAN FICTION – 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY  
 POSTCOLONIAL LITERATURE  
 POSTCOLONIALISM  
 DECOLONIZATION IN LITERATURE  
 IMPERIALISM IN LITERATURE  
 IDENTITY IN LITERATURE  
 POINT OF VIEW (LITERATURE)  
 FEMINIST CRITICISM – SOUTH AFRICA  
 FEMINIST LITERARY CRITICISM

FEMINISM AND LITERATURE  
 WOMEN IN LITERATURE  
 RACE RELATIONS IN LITERATURE  
 RACISM IN LITERATURE  
 BODY, HUMAN IN LITERATURE  
 AUTOBIOGRAPHY  
 CRITICISM  
 MODERNISM (LITERATURE)  
 POSTMODERNISM  
 POSTMODERNISM (LITERATURE)  
 DECONSTRUCTION  
 MARXIST CRITICISM  
 ORAL TRADITION – SOUTH AFRICA  
 FOLK LITERATURE – SOUTH AFRICA  
 ORAL HISTORY – SOUTH AFRICA  
 LAUDATORY POETRY, AFRICAN – HISTORY AND CRITICISM

For criticism or biography of a specific author, search the catalogue using the author's SURNAME and FIRST NAME as subject terms.