

FILM TITLES If unsure about the title of a film, check the following sources:

- Annual Index to Motion Picture Credits** REF PN 1993.A48a
Covers motion picture credits from 1978-2003.
- Halliwell's Film Guide and Video Guide** REF PN 1993.45 .H27
Identifies and provides brief comments on feature films released in the United States.
- The International Film Index, 1895-1990** REF PN 1998 .I58 1991
Lists over 232,000 films, with an index of 25,000 directors.
- Internet Movie Database** <http://www.imdb.com>
Although not 100% accurate, this is still a good place to go for film credit information.

REVIEWS OF RECORD

The two titles listed below provide an on-going historical record of cinematic culture in the United States, going back to the beginning of this century.

- New York Times Film Reviews** REF PN 1995 .N5 & N512
The original set, which covered 1913-1968 has been continued through 2000 by biennial volumes. There are detailed indexes. The Libraries have the entire run of the New York Times available full-text via the Internet. Go to <http://library.lib.binghamton.edu/subjects/newspapers/index.html>
- Variety Film Reviews** REF PN 1995 .V34
The original set covered 1907-1980, but has been updated through 1996 by biennial volumes. There is an index of titles in volume 16. *Variety* is available full-text through various library databases.

INDEXES TO REVIEWS AND ARTICLES IN JOURNALS, MAGAZINES, AND NEWSPAPERS

The databases listed below can be accessed at http://library.lib.binghamton.edu/subjects/dynamic/?subject_id=8

- Film Review Annual** REF PN 1995 .F4598
Excerpts of reviews from popular and critical journals and includes references to additional reviews. Covers 1981 to 1994. Earlier coverage of this kind is found in **Filmfacts**, 1958-1978, located in the Fine Arts collection at PN 1995 .F48.
- Film Literature Index** REF Index Tables Music-Theater-Film
The online version contains approximately 700,000 citations to articles, film reviews and book reviews published between 1976-2001 and is no longer being updated. The print version (which is still being updated) is available in the Bartle Reference area.
- Index to Critical Film Reviews** REF PN 1995 .B63 1974
Indexes over 200,000 film reviews, up to 1972. Good for reviews of older films.
- International Index to Film Periodicals** REF Index Tables Music-Theater-Film
Similar to the *Film Literature Index*, but arranged differently, with a special section for literature on "Individual Films" and a "Director Index".
- JSTOR** Internet Database
Click on *Search*, then put in your search term. All articles are full-text.

MLA International Bibliography

Internet Database

This database covers both literary and film analysis.

OneFile

This is a good, general index to magazines and journals. To find reviews, do a keyword search under the movie title and the phrase "movie reviews".

REVIEWS ON THE INTERNET

The Internet is a good source for both printed and nonprint reviews, though most coverage only goes back ten years or so. The **Cinema Resources** homepage provides links to sites that post reviews. The URL is: <http://library.lib.binghamton.edu/subjects/cinema/reviews.html>

PLOT SUMMARIES AND CRITICISM

The American Film Institute Catalog of Motion Pictures

REF PN 1998.A57

Provides brief plot summaries and cites reviews, (especially helpful for older films). So far, this set covers the years 1893-1950, and 1961-1970.

International Dictionary of Films and Filmmakers

REF PN 1997.8 .I58 2000

Critical summaries and brief bibliographies concerning "the most widely studied films".

Magill's Cinema Annual

REF PN 1993.3 M34

Contains a critical essay on each film, with a list of reviews. Library has 1981-2001.

Magill's Survey of Cinema

Critical summaries and bibliographies of selected feature films; each of its 5 series is arranged alphabetically by film title and separately indexed:

English Language Films First Series 1980. 4 vols.

REF PN 1995 .M3

English Language Films Second Series 1981. 6 vols.

REF PN 1995 .M32

Foreign Language Films 1985. 8 vols.

REF PN 1993.45 .M34

Silent Films 1982. 3 vols.

REF PN 1995.75 .M33 1982

SPECIALIZED GUIDES Films by genre, ethnicity, etc.

Encyclopedia of Film Themes, Settings, and Series

REF PN 1997.8 A76 2001

The title says it all.

Enser's Filmed Books and Plays 1928-2001

REF PN 1997.85 .E37

A good source for discovering whether a film was based on a previously published book or play.

Films by Genre

REF PN 1998 .L63

Has a filmography (but no plot summaries) for 775 categories, styles, and genres.

Science Fiction, Horror, & Fantasy Film and Television Credits

REF PN 1995.9 S26 L46

Three volume set that lists performers and other personnel up through 1999.

Within Our Gates: Ethnicity in American Feature Films, 1911-1960

REF PN 1995.9 .M56 W58

Over 2500 feature length films with an emphasis on racial or national ethnic experience.