



## How to Find Film Reviews

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When trying to locate film reviews, it is important to know the film's release date. If you do not know the release date of your film, consult the *Internet Movie Database*. To link to this database, go to [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com).

If you are looking for a more recent film, try using an electronic index or database such as *InfoTrac Onefile*, *Academic Search Premier* or *Lexis Nexis*. You are more likely to locate a review in one of the previously mentioned databases if your film was released after 1980. In the event that you require additional information or your film does not appear, consult the other resources described herein.

**Electronic Resources**

<u>Database/Index</u>	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>How to Search</u>
<i>Academic Search Premier</i>	Varies	Enter title of film in first search box and search in <b>Default Fields</b> . Limit your results to film reviews by selecting "Entertainment Review" from the <b>Document Type</b> menu.
<i>Art Index</i>	1984-present	Input the film's title in the first search box then select <b>title</b> from the "in" field. In the second search box enter "Motion Picture Reviews" and then submit your search.
<i>(FIAF) International Film Archive Database</i>	Varies	Input the film title in the first search box then select <b>title</b> from the "in" field. In the second search box enter "Review in AT."
<i>InfoTrac Onefile</i>	1980-present	Select Keyword Search; enter film's title AND "Movie Reviews."  <i>Example: Fried Green Tomatoes and movie reviews</i>
<i>Lexis Nexis</i>	1989-present	Select "Guided News Search" then from the first drop down box select "Arts & Sports News" in the second drop down box select "Book, movie, music, & play reviews." Finally, enter your search terms making sure to select a date range that covers your film's release date.
<i>New York Times Historical</i>	1851 – 2004	Enter the title of the reviewed work into the first search box and search as "Citation and document text". In the second search box enter "review" and search as "Document type," then click search.
<i>Readers' Guide Abstracts</i>	1983-present	Using the <b>Advanced Search</b> module, input your film's title in the first search box and select as <b>title</b> . Limit to "Film Review" in <b>Document Type</b> drop down menu.
<i>Readers' Guide Retrospective</i>	1890-1982	Using the <b>Advanced Search</b> module, input your film's title in the first search box and select as <b>title</b> . In a second search box input "Motion Picture Reviews" and select as <b>Subject</b> .
<i>Variety</i>	1914 – present	Select the "Review" tab then type of review desired and then enter the title of the work.  <i>(Note: This resource is only available from within the Thomas Cooper Library.)</i>



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**Print Resources**

<b><u>Source</u></b>	<b><u>Coverage</u></b>	<b><u>Call No./Location</u></b>
<b><i>Filmfacts</i></b> The resource is indexed by film title and personal name. This is a good source for interesting film trivia.	<b>1958-1977</b>	<b>Ref. PN1993 .F555 (Main Floor)</b>
<b><i>Film Review Index</i></b> The resource is divided into two (2) volumes and is indexed by film title, year of production and country of production.	<b>1882-1949</b>	<b>Ref. Z5784 .M9 F513 1986 (Main Floor)</b>
<b><i>New York Times Film Reviews</i></b> This resource provides full-text access to the reviews printed in the <i>New York Times</i> . The volumes covering 1913-1958 are indexed in one volume. The succeeding volumes are self indexed.	<b>1913-2000</b>	<b>Ref. PN1995 .N4 (Main Floor)</b>
<b><i>Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature</i></b> To locate film reviews printed 1977 and after, look under "Motion Picture Reviews" or "Director's Name." For film reviews printed between 1925 and 1977, look under the heading of "Moving Picture Plays."	<b>1925-present</b>	<b>Ref. AI 3. R48 (Index Shelves)</b>
<b><i>Retrospective Index to Film Periodicals</i></b> This resource is indexed by film title and categorizes films by subject.	<b>1930-1971</b>	<b>Ref. Z5784 .M9 B39 (Main Floor)</b>
<b><i>Variety Film Reviews</i></b> The work provides full-text access to the reviews printed in <i>Variety</i> . The volumes covering the years 1907-1980 are indexed in one volume. The succeeding volumes are self indexed.	<b>1907-1994</b>	<b>Ref. PN1995 .V34 (Main Floor)</b>

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**Note:** *This handout contains a sampling of the many resources used to find film reviews. If you are unable to locate your film review in one of these resources, please ask a librarian for further assistance.*