

**READERS ADVISORY TOOLS FOR ADULTS: A FIVE-YEAR  
RETROSPECTIVE SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY, WITH A FEW  
EARLIER EXCEPTIONS**

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**GENERAL SOURCES**

**Adult Reading Round Table** [www.arrtreads.org](http://www.arrtreads.org).  
Self-help RA training group of librarians in the Chicago suburbs.

\***ALA's Guide to Best Reading 2006**. ALA, 2006.

**AllReaders.com**

Features detailed book reviews from all genres as well as featured authors, latest book reviews, reader-entered book reviews and a unique one-click plot search capability by genre.

**Amazon.com**

Huge online bookstore with reviews and full text searching available.

**AuthorYellowPages.com**

Online author directory of websites and newsletters.

**AuthorsontheWeb.com**

News about authors—current, upcoming and past books, biographies, and more.

**BookLetters**. Provides a fast, easy, affordable e-newsletter and web page creation service that lets patrons receive book and library news on their computers and immediately connect into the library's web site, e-resources and catalog. [www.BookLetters.com](http://www.BookLetters.com)

**Book Lust: Recommended Reading for Every Mood, Moment, and Reason** by Nancy Pearl. Sasquatch Books, 2003.

**BookBrowse.com**

A literary smorgasbord of the best current books recently published in the USA, with an extensive excerpt of each for your reading pleasure. Includes a new search tool that categorizes titles at [www.bookbrowse.com/2cat/](http://www.bookbrowse.com/2cat/).

**BookForum.** “A smart, vital, edgy magazine about the living art of writing.” [www.bookforum.com/](http://www.bookforum.com/)

**Booklist Online.** Complementing and expanding on the print journal Booklist, Booklist Online delivers highly searchable and creatively linked reviews, columns, and features-all designed to help users find exactly the right book. ALA. [www.BooklistOnline.com](http://www.BooklistOnline.com)

**Bookmarks Magazine.** [www.bookmarksmagazine.com](http://www.bookmarksmagazine.com)

**BookPage.com**

Popular review source of new books for readers.

**BookReporter.com**

News about authors and their books; lots of bibliographies and thematic features.

**BookSense.com**

A website of suggestions from independent bookstores.

**BookSpot.com**

A compendium of books news, lists, and information about books and the people behind them.

**BookTour.com**

A service that tells you which authors are appearing where in your vicinity. [www.booktour.com](http://www.booktour.com)

**Bookwire**

Bowker Company's information on the book publishing industry.  
[www.bookwire.com/](http://www.bookwire.com/)

**Bowker's Guide to Characters in Fiction, 2006.** 2 vols. 3rd ed. Bowker, 2005.

**Cambridge Guide to Literature in English.** 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Dominic Head, ed. Cambridge, 2006.

**Conducting the Reference Interview: A How-To-Do-It Manual** by Catherine Ross, Kirsti Nilsen, and Patricia Dewdney. Neal-Schuman, 2002.  
Includes a chapter on the RA interview.

**Critical Survey of Short Fiction.** 7 v. 2nd ed. Charles E. May, ed. Salem, 2001.

**Cultural Programming for Libraries: Linking Libraries, Communities, and Culture** by Deborah A. Robertson with the Public Program Office of the American Library Association. ALA, 2005.

**Facts on File Companion to the American Novel** by Abby H. P. Werlock. Facts on File, 2006.

**Fiction Connections.** Searchable database of fiction available to subscribers of *Books in Print Plus*. R. R. Bowker.

**FictionDB.com**

Claims to be the world's largest fiction database. Includes bibliographies, upcoming releases, synopses, spin-offs, reviews, series, author websites, etc.

\***Fiction\_L** [www.webrary.org/rs/FImenu.html](http://www.webrary.org/rs/FImenu.html)

Listserv for librarians who do fiction RA work.

**FreshFiction.com**

Site with free email subscription option that highlights all books being discussed on any nationally broadcast television or radio show

**\*Genreflecting: A Guide to Reading Interests in Genre Fiction** by Diana Tixier Herald. 6th ed. Libraries Unlimited, 2005. [www.genrefluent.com](http://www.genrefluent.com)

**I Need a Book!: Readers' Advisory for Adults.** Video (VHS or DVD). Library Video Network, 2006. [www.lvn.org](http://www.lvn.org). A summary how-to-do-it video on RA work in which librarians discuss the RA interview/conversation, reader appeal factors for both fiction and nonfiction, and other techniques for interacting with users and self-training.

**\*Morton Grove Public Library Webrary Reader Services.** Home of Fiction\_L listserv and member-compiled lists, as well as an example of how a very good RA services website might be organized. [www.webrary.org/rs/rsmenu.html](http://www.webrary.org/rs/rsmenu.html)

**NextReads.** A subscription email service developed by the creators of NoveList. [www.nextreads.com](http://www.nextreads.com)

**\*NoveList: Your Guide to Fiction** Epnet.com  
An online index to fiction created to help readers advisors. Maintained and distributed by EBSCO Publishing.

**Now Read This II: A Guide to Mainstream Fiction, 1990-2001** by Nancy Pearl. Libraries Unlimited, 2002.

**100 Most Popular Genre Fiction Authors: Biographical Sketches and Bibliographies** by Bernard A. Drew. Libraries Unlimited, 2005.

**One Hundred One-Night Reads** by David C. Major and John S. Major. Ballantine, 2001.

**Overbooked.org**  
A website for ravenous readers specializing in literary and genre fiction information.

**Pages: The Magazine for People Who Love Books.** [www.ireadpages.com/index.html](http://www.ireadpages.com/index.html)

**Popular Contemporary Writers.** 11 vols. Michael D. Sharp, ed. Marshall Cavendish, 205.

**RANews**  
An electronic newsletter for readers advisors from Libraries Unlimited intended to inform Readers' Advisors and RA educators of events, trends, issues, and products pertinent to successfully teaching and practicing readers' advisory. Subscribe at [renews@lu.com](mailto:renews@lu.com).

**RA101 Lite: The Revised Training Program for an Introduction to Readers' Advisory** by Duncan Smith and Lynne Rohweder (Ipswich, MA.:NoveList/EBSCO Publishing, 2002).

**Reader's Advisor Online.** Integrates all the Genreflecting RA tools published in print into an interactive, searchable database. Libraries Unlimited. [Rainfo.lu.com](http://Rainfo.lu.com).

**Readers' Advisors' Companion.** Kenneth D. Shearer and Robert Burgin, eds. Libraries Unlimited, 2001.

**Readers' Advisory Guide to Genre Fiction** by Joyce G. Saricks. ALA, 2001.

**\*Readers' Advisory Service in the Public Library** by Joyce Saricks and Nancy Brown. 3rd ed. ALA, 2005.

**Readers Exchange: ideas and Information for Readers.** Quarterly. Readers Exchange, 3275 Oakdell Lane, Studio City, CA 91604.

**ReadersRead.com**

Features news about the hottest books and authors in all genres, bestseller lists and links to the best sites for literature and books. Of special interest is the section of book excerpts.

**Reader's Robot** [www.tnrplib.bc.ca/rr.html](http://www.tnrplib.bc.ca/rr.html)

Database of genres with reviews giving appeal factors.

**\*Responsive Public Library Collection: How to Develop and Market A Winning Collection.** 2nd ed. by Sharon L. Baker. Libraries Unlimited, 2002.

**Undergraduate's Companion to Women Writers and Their Web Sites** by Katharine Dean, Miriam Conteh-Morgan and James K. Bracken. Libraries Unlimited, 2003.

**Something to Talk About: Creative Booktalking for Adults** by Ann-Marie Cyr and Kellie M. Gillespie. Scarecrow, 2006.

**Storycode.com.** British site that allows readers to enter books they have read and to code them so others might find them. [www.storycode.com](http://www.storycode.com)

**What Do I Read Next? A Reader's Guide to Current Genre Fiction.** 2 vols. Thompson/Gale, 2000—2006.

**\*What's Next? A List of Books in Series.** Kent District, Kent District Library, 814 West River Center NE, Comstock Park, Michigan 49321, 2003. [www.kdl.org](http://www.kdl.org)

**Whichbook.net**

A British site on which readers can choose titles by mood appeal factors as well as by more traditional indexing access points.

**AUDIOBOOKS**

**Audio Diversions.** A discussion list for all interested in audiobooks.

[http://list.audiodiversions.com/mailman/listinfo/audiobooks\\_list.audiodiversions.com](http://list.audiodiversions.com/mailman/listinfo/audiobooks_list.audiodiversions.com)

**Audio Publishers Association,** 627 Aviation Way, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266  
[www.audiopub.org](http://www.audiopub.org)

**AudioFile: The Magazine For People Who Love Audiobooks,** 37 Silver St., POB 109, Portland, ME 04112-0209. [www.audiofilemagazine.com](http://www.audiofilemagazine.com). Also publishes Audiopolis, an audio review source on audiobooks available from their website or from the iTunes website.

**Audible.com**

Site for downloading hundreds of audiobooks, newspapers and magazines. Available through the iTunes website.

**AudioBook Reference Guide.**

AudioFile Publications, 2001. [www.audiofilemagazine.com](http://www.audiofilemagazine.com)

**Audio Book Stand** [www.audiobookstand.com](http://www.audiobookstand.com)

**Books Out Loud: Bowker's Guide to Audiobooks.** Bowker, 2005.

## AUDIOVISUAL

**Best DVDs You've Never Seen, Just Missed or Almost Forgotten.** Peter M. Nichols, ed. St. Martin's Press, 2005

## ADVENTURE

**Extreme Classics: The 100 Greatest Adventure Books of All Time.** Annotated list compiled by editors, *Adventure* magazine. [www.nationalgeographic.com](http://www.nationalgeographic.com)

## AWARDS, PRIZES AND NOTABLE LISTS

**Anthony Awards.** Mysteries. Given annually at the Bouicheron conference. [www.readersread.com/awards/anthony.htm](http://www.readersread.com/awards/anthony.htm)

**Barry Awards.** Mysteries. Deadly Pleasures Magazine [deadlypleasures.com/Barry.htm](http://deadlypleasures.com/Barry.htm)

**Best Books for Young Adults.** ALA/YALSA [www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists/bbya](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists/bbya)

**Booker Prize.** Literary fiction. [www.bookerprize.co.uk](http://www.bookerprize.co.uk)

**Bram Stoker Awards.** Horror [www.horror.org/stokers.htm#winner](http://www.horror.org/stokers.htm#winner)

**Edgar Awards.** Mysteries. [www.mysterywriters.org](http://www.mysterywriters.org)

**Eisner Awards.** Comic industry awards. [www.comic-con.org/ci/ci\\_eisners\\_07win.shtml](http://www.comic-con.org/ci/ci_eisners_07win.shtml)

**Gold Medallion Book Award.** Inspirational. [www.ecpa.org/](http://www.ecpa.org/)

**Gumshoe Awards.** Crime fiction. [www.mysteryinkonline.com/awards.html](http://www.mysteryinkonline.com/awards.html)

**International Horror Guild Awards.** Horror. [www.ihgonline.org./index.html](http://www.ihgonline.org./index.html)

**Jordan Christian Book of the Year Award.** Inspirational. [www.ecpa.org/](http://www.ecpa.org/)

**Lambda Literary Awards.** Gay and Lesbian. [www.lambdalit.org](http://www.lambdalit.org).

**National Book Awards** [www.literature-awards.com](http://www.literature-awards.com)

**National Jewish Book Awards.** Jewish literature. [www.jewishbookcouncil.org/external\\_links/NJBA\\_2005\\_winners.pdf](http://www.jewishbookcouncil.org/external_links/NJBA_2005_winners.pdf)

**Nebula Awards** Science fiction and fantasy. [www.sfwaworld.org/awards/](http://www.sfwaworld.org/awards/)

### **Notable Books ALA/RUSA**

[www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/RUSA/Professional\\_Tools4/Notable\\_Books\\_for\\_Adults/Notable\\_Books\\_for\\_Adults.htm](http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/RUSA/Professional_Tools4/Notable_Books_for_Adults/Notable_Books_for_Adults.htm)

**Pulitzer Prize** [www.bookspring.com/pulitzer.htm](http://www.bookspring.com/pulitzer.htm)

**RITA Awards.** Romances [www.rwanational.org/awards.stm](http://www.rwanational.org/awards.stm)

**Shamus Awards.** Private eye fiction. [www.thrillingdetective.com/](http://www.thrillingdetective.com/)

**Spur Awards.** Westerns [www.westernwriters.org/spur\\_awards.htm](http://www.westernwriters.org/spur_awards.htm)

**Tiptree Award.** Science fiction or fantasy that expands or explores our understanding of gender. [www.tiptree.org/](http://www.tiptree.org/)

**World Fantasy Convention Awards.** Fantasy [www.worldfantasy.org/awards/](http://www.worldfantasy.org/awards/)

## **BOOK CLUBS/ DISCUSSION/READING GROUPS**

**Association of Book Groups and Leaders,** PO Box 885, Highland Park, IL 60035.

**Book Clique Cafe.** [www.readinggroupsonline.com/](http://www.readinggroupsonline.com/) Home to many online reading groups.

**\*Book Discussions for Adults: A Leader's Guide** by Ted Balcom. ALA, 1992.

**Book Group List.** An online list of books to read and discuss. [books.rpmdp.com/](http://books.rpmdp.com/)

**Book Movement.** [www.bookmovement.com](http://www.bookmovement.com) An online resource for book groups with free email newsletters and galley previews of new books available.

**Book Muse.** [www.bookmuse.com](http://www.bookmuse.com) An online subscription resource for book groups with “muse notes” for specific titles.

**Book Savvy** by Cynthia Lee Katona. Scarecrow, 2005. Aims to teach how to read and enjoy literature with a list of tried and true page turners.

**Books at Random.** Random House reading group guides.  
[www.randomhouse.com/reader\\_resources/browsetitle/](http://www.randomhouse.com/reader_resources/browsetitle/)

**\*Circles of Sisterhood: A Book Discussion Group Guide for Women of Color** by Pat Neblett. Writers & Readers, 1996.

**Good Books Lately: The One-Stop Resource for Book Groups and Other Greedy Readers** by Ellen Moore and Kira Stevens. St Martin's/Griffin, 2004.

**HarperCollins. Reading group guides and services.**  
[www.harpercollins.com/Readers/readingGroups.aspx](http://www.harpercollins.com/Readers/readingGroups.aspx)

**\*Mother-Daughter Book Club: How Ten Busy Mothers and Daughters Came Together to Talk, Laugh and Learn Through Their Love of Reading** by Shireen Dodson. Harper/Collins, 1997.

**\*New York Public Library Guide to Reading Groups** by Rollene Saal. Crown, 1995.

**Oprah's Book Club.** [www2.oprah.com/index.jhtml](http://www2.oprah.com/index.jhtml)

**Readers' Choice: 200 Book Club Favorites** by Victoria Golden McMains. Quill/Harper Collins, 2000.

**Reader's Circle.** [www.thereaderscircle.com](http://www.thereaderscircle.com) Random House publisher site with reading group guides, more than 100 authors available for phone chats and a monthly e-newsletter with tips for reading groups.

**Reader's Club** [www.readersclub.org](http://www.readersclub.org) Guide to enjoyable books; includes online book club list and YA titles and authors, as well as Librarians' Choice award winners.

\***Reading Group Book** by David Laskin and Holly Huges. Plume/Penguin, 1995.

**Reading Group Choices: Selections for Lively Book Discussions.** Paz and Associates, Annually since 1996. Phone: 1 800 260-8605. [www.ReadingGroupChoices.com](http://www.ReadingGroupChoices.com)

**ReadingGroupGuides.com** An online community for reading groups with advice, contests, guides, etc.

**Reading Oprah: How Oprah's Book Club Changed the Way America Reads** by Cecilia Konchar Farr. SUNY Press, 2004.

**Running Book Discussion Groups: A How-To-Do-It Manual for Librarians** by Lauren John. Neal-Schuman, 2006.

**What to Read: The Essential Guide for Reading Group Members and Other Book Lovers** by Mickey Pearlman. Revised and updated. Harper/Collins, 1999.

**Year of Reading : A Month-By-Month Guide to Classics and Crowd-Pleasers for You and Your Book Group** by Elisabeth Ellington and Jane Freimiller. Sourcebooks, 2002.

## BOOKS ON FILM

**Based on the Book.** Midcontinent Public Library. <http://www.mcpl.lib.mo.us/readers/movies/>

**Encyclopedia of Westerns** by Herb Fagen, Facts On File, 2003  
(includes a section on films based on literary sources).

**Encyclopedia of Novels into Film** by John C. Tibbets and James Michael Welsh. Facts on File, 2005.

**Literature into Film: Theory and Practical Approaches** by Linda Costanzo Cahir. McFarland, 2006

**Literary Filmography: 6,200 Adaptations of Books, short Stories and Other Nondramatic Works** by Leonard Mustazza. McFarland, 2006.

## CLASSICS

**Accessing the Classics: Great Reads for Adults, Teens, and English Language Learners** by LA Vergne Rosow. Libraries Unlimited, 2005.

## GAY AND LESBIAN

**Books to Watch Out For!** [www.btwof.com](http://www.btwof.com) Monthly e-letters about gay and lesbian books.

**Gay and Lesbian Review Worldwide: The Bimonthly Journal of GSBT Arts, Culture, and Politics**  
Greview.com Intended to provide a forum for enlightened discussion of issues and ideas of importance to lesbians and gay men; to advance gay and lesbian culture by providing a quality vehicle for its best writers and thinkers; and to educate a broader public on gay and lesbian topics.

**GLBT Fantasy Fiction Resources.** <http://www.glbtfantasy.com/> Provides an opportunity for fantasy and science-fiction fans to express their thoughts regarding fantasy and sci-fi with gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered protagonists through book reviews, essays, and reading lists in a non-commercial environment. In addition, we provide up-to-date news, interviews with authors, and links to relevant websites.

**Lambda Literary Foundation** [www.lambdalit.org](http://www.lambdalit.org) Publishes *Lambda Book Report* and sponsors annual *Lambda Literary Awards*.

**Lambda Sci-Fi Recommended Reading List.**

<http://www.lambdasf.org/lsf/books/recommend.html><http://www.lambdasf.org/lsf/books/recommend.html>

**Lesbian Detective Fiction: Woman as Author, Subject and Reader** by Phyllis M. Betz. McFarland, 2006.

**Out in the Library: Materials, Displays and Services for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Community** provides resources to help explain the importance of having inclusive collections and programs, and to provide assistance if complaints arise, and includes bibliographies. <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/ifttoolkits/glbtoolkit/glbtoolkit.htm>

**Science Fiction for Lesbians.** <http://lesbiansciencefiction.com/> This is a list of science fiction books with lesbian characters or by lesbian authors.

## GRAPHIC NOVELS AND COMICS

**Developing and Promoting Graphic Novel Collections** by Steve Miller. Neal-Schuman, 2005

**GNLIB-L.** A listserv for librarians to exchange information about graphic novels. <http://www.angelfire.com/comics/gnlib/>

**Graphic Novelists: Profiles of Cutting Edge Authors and Illustrators.** 3 vols. Gale, 2006.

**Graphic Novels: A Genre Guide to Comic Books, Manga, and More** by Michael Pawuk. Libraries Unlimited, 2006.

**Graphic Novels Now: Building, Managing, and Marketing a Dynamic Collection** by Francisca Goldsmith. ALA, 2005.

**www.comicsworthreading.com** Comic book reviews and recommendations by Johanna Draper Carlson, a comics reviewer and columnist.

**Understanding Manga and Anime** by Robin Brenner. Libraries Unlimited, 2007.

## HISTORICAL FICTION

**\*American Historical Fiction: An Annotated Guide to Novels for Adults and Young Adults** by Lynda G. Adamson. Oryx, 1998.

**Ancient Greece in Fiction.** Labor of love website by a British classics professor. [www.sun.rhbnc.ac.uk/Classics/NJL/novels.html](http://www.sun.rhbnc.ac.uk/Classics/NJL/novels.html)

**Historical Fiction: A Guide to the Genre** by Sarah L. Johnson. Libraries Unlimited, 2005.

**Historical Novel Society** [www.historicalnovelsociety.com](http://www.historicalnovelsociety.com) For authors and readers of historical fiction; includes members' website links, a definition of historical fiction, and publishes a review magazine on historical fiction.

**Read On...Historical Fiction: Reading Lists for Every Taste** by Brad Hooper. Libraries Unlimited, 2006.

**Soon's Historical Fiction Site** [www.histfiction.net/](http://www.histfiction.net/) Website maintained by Soon-Young Choi that includes

an author database, a list of and links to historical fiction forums on Internet, HF sites on the web, and places to search for historical fiction books.

**What Historical Novel Do I Read Next?** by Daniel S. Burt. Vols 1-2; Vol. 3. Thompson/Gale, 1997, 2003.

## **HORROR**

**Biology of Horror: Gothic Literature and Film** by Jack Morgan. Southern Illinois University, 2002.

**Dark Echo** [www.darkecho.com/darkecho/index.html](http://www.darkecho.com/darkecho/index.html)

**Hellnotes Newsletter: Your Insider's Guide to the Horror Field.** Winner of a 2004 Bram Stoker Award! *Hellnotes*, in its 9th year of publication, is a weekly electronic newsletter offering the latest information on the people, places, events, markets, books, and happenings in Horror! [www.hellnotes.com/](http://www.hellnotes.com/)

**\*Hooked on Horror: A Guide to Reading Interests in Horror Fiction** by Anthony J. Fonesca and June Michele Pulliam. 2nd ed. Libraries Unlimited, 2003.

**Horror Readers' Advisory: The Librarian's Guide to Vampires, Killer Tomatoes, and Haunted Houses** by Becky Siegel Spratford and Tammy Hennigh Clausen. ALA, 2004.

**Horror Writers of America/Horror Writers Association**, PO Box 50577, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Bram Stoker Awards, June. Publishes Dark Whispers, an email newsletter on the field and has a special section for librarians. [www.horror.org](http://www.horror.org).

**Read on...Horror Fiction** by June Michelle Pulliam and Anthony J. Fonesca. Libraries Unlimited, 2006.

**Supernatural Fiction Writers: Contemporary Fantasy and Horror.** 2 vols. Richard Bleiler, ed. Scribner, 2002.

## **INSPIRATIONAL**

**Christian Booksellers Association.** Includes Christian Marketplace Best-Seller Lists. [www.cbaonline.org](http://www.cbaonline.org)

**Contemporary Christian Authors: Lives and Works** by Janice A. DeLong and Rachel E. Schwedt. Scarecrow, 2000.

**Evangelical Christian Publishers Association**, 1969 East Broadway Road, Suite 2, Tempe, AZ 85282. Besides the Christian Marketplace Best-Seller Lists, includes nominees and final winners of the ECPA Charles "Kip" Jordon Book of the Year Award and the ECPA Gold Medallion Book Award. [www.ecpa.org](http://www.ecpa.org).

**Left Behind Series** [www.leftbehind.com](http://www.leftbehind.com)

**Tracy's Book Nook.** Site run by a pastor's wife to encourage reading of Christian fiction and the love of God. Specializes in historical Christian fiction and includes books for kids. [www.tracysbooknook.com](http://www.tracysbooknook.com)

**What Inspirational Literature Do I Read Next?** By Pamela Willwerth Aue. Thompson/Gale, 2000.

## **MULTICULTURAL**

**African American Literature: A Guide to Reading Interests** by Alma Dawson and Connie Van Fleet. Libraries Unlimited, 2004

**Asian American Novelists: A Bio-Bibliographical Critical Sourcebook.** Emmanuel S. Nelson, ed. Greenwood, 2000.

**Asian American Short Story Writers: An A-to-Z Guide.** Guiyou Huang, ed. Greenwood, 2003.

**Black Issues Book Review.** [www.bibookreview.com/](http://www.bibookreview.com/)

Purports to be the only large circulation forum solely devoted to covering both fiction and nonfiction books written by black authors; includes celebrity author spotlights to analyzing trends in publishing, reviews that cover the spectrum of books: commercial and literary fiction; critical analysis; self-help and biographical nonfiction; poetry and children's literature; lengthy stories covering trends in publishing, the Internet and publishing, art and coffee-table books from world-renowned artists, inspirational, motivational and spirituality-based books from all regions.

**Columbia Companion to Modern East Asian Literature.** Joshua Mostow, ed. Columbia University Press, 2003.

**Encyclopedia of African Literature.** Simon Gikandi, ed. Routledge, 2002.

**Jewish Book Council.** Mission is to promote the reading, writing and publishing of quality Jewish content books; serve as the continental center for information about the North American Jewish literary scene; and to serve as the coordinating body of Jewish literary activity in North America. 520 8th Avenue, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10018. [www.jewishbookcouncil.org](http://www.jewishbookcouncil.org)

**Jewish-American Literature: A Guide to Reading Interests** by Rosalind Reisner. Libraries Unlimited, 2004.

**Jewish Story Finder: A Guide to 363 Tales Listing Subjects and Sources.** McFarland, 2005.

**Notable Latino Writers.** 3 vols. Salem, 2005.

**100 Most Popular African American authors: Biographical Sketches and Bibliographies** by Bernard Drew. Libraries Unlimited, 2006.

**Strebtor Books International.** <http://www.strebtorbooks.com/mainpage.html>

**Triple Crown Publications.** <http://www.triplecrownpublications.com/catalog.php>

**Undergraduate's Companion to African Writers and Their Websites** by Miram. E. Conteh-Morgan. Libraries Unlimited, 2005.

**Undergraduate's Companion to Arab Writers and Their Websites** by Donna S. Straley. Libraries Unlimited, 2004

**U. S. Latino Literature: A Critical Guide for Students and Teachers.** Harold Augenbraum and Margarite Fernandez Olmos, eds. Greenwood, 2000.

**Urban Fiction/Street Lit/Hip Hop Fiction Resources for Librarians.**

[http://www.libsuccess.org/index.php?title=Urban\\_Fiction/Street\\_Lit/Hip\\_Hop\\_Fiction\\_Resources\\_for\\_Librarians](http://www.libsuccess.org/index.php?title=Urban_Fiction/Street_Lit/Hip_Hop_Fiction_Resources_for_Librarians)

**Urban Soul Books.** <http://www.urbanbooks.net/SOULhome.html>

## **MYSTERIES, CRIME, SUSPENSE, SPIES, THRILLERS**

**Academe in Mystery and Detective Fiction: An Annotated Bibliography** by John E. Kramer.  
Scarecrow, 2000.

**Blood, Bedlam, Bullets and Bad Guys: A Reader's Guide to Adventure/Suspense Fiction** by Michael Gannon. Libraries Unlimited, 2004.

**ClueLass Home Page: A Mystery Lover's Notebook** [www.clueclass.com/](http://www.clueclass.com/)

**CrimeCulture.com** An academic site for anyone teaching or studying crime fiction, film and graphic art.  
[www.crimeculture.com](http://www.crimeculture.com)

**Deadly Pleasures.** America's premier fan-oriented mystery magazine. Gives Barry Awards annually.  
George Easter, 1718 S. Ridge Point Drive, Bountiful, UT  
84010. [deadlypleasures.com/](http://deadlypleasures.com/)

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**Detecting Men: A Readers Guide and Checklist of Mystery Series Written by Men** by Wilmetta L. Heising. Purple Moon Press, 3319 Greenfield Road, Suite 317, Dearborn, MI 48120-1212, 1998.

**Detecting Women: A Readers Guide and Checklist of Mystery Series Written by Women** by Wilmetta L. Heising. 3rd ed. Purple Moon Press, 1999.

**DorothyL** A discussion and idea list for the lovers of the mystery genre created by librarians.  
[www.dorothy1.com/](http://www.dorothy1.com/)

**Gumshoes: A Dictionary of Fictional Detectives** by Mitzi M. Brunsdale. Greenwood, 2006.

**Librarians' Index to the Internet: Mysteries.** [lii.org/search/file/mysteries](http://lii.org/search/file/mysteries)

**Make Mine a Mystery** by Gary Niebuhr. Libraries Unlimited, 2003.

**Mammoth Encyclopedia of Modern Crime Fiction** by Mike Ashley. Caroll & Graf, 2003.

**Mostly Murder: Your Guide to Reading Mysteries.** Mostly Book Reviews, PO Box 191207, Dallas, TX 75219.

**Mystery Buff at Home.** Mystery Buff, 304 Lover's Lane, Townsend, TN 37882.

**Mystery Guide.** Every book-review page is "automagically" linked to five other titles found to be most similar. [www.mysteryguide.com](http://www.mysteryguide.com)

**Mystery Ink OnLine: The Booklover's Guide to Mysteries and Thrillers.** Lots of links to crime fiction author websites. Gives annual Gumshoe Awards for best achievement in crime fiction.  
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