# Key reference books for English Literature

While the Library offers a wide range of electronic resources, there are also a number of key printed reference works relevant to English Literature that are well worth looking at.

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| **Title** | **Shelf mark** | **Details** |
| **Dictionary of Literary Biography** | **Gen Lit qE10 DIC (multiple volumes** | **Comprehensive literary biographies written by recognized literary scholars and critics. Some volumes cover individual authors, others are themed e.g. Twentieth-century American dramatists**  |
| Reader’s guide to literature in English | English qE19 HAW | Thematic entries for e.g. novel – romantic era, British gothic fiction, modernism – poetry etc.  |
| **John’s Hopkins guide to literary theory and criticism** | **Gen Lit qA700 JOH** | A comprehensive historical survey of the field's most important figures, schools, and movements |
| Literary movements for students : presenting analysis, context, and criticism on literary movements | Gen Lit qA205 GAL vol. 1 & 2 | Analytic, context and criticism on a wide variety of literary movements. Entries cover movement origins, representative authors and works, themes and style, movement variation, criticism, bibliography.  |
| **Encyclopedia of literary modernism** | **Gen Lit A395.M54 POP** | **A-Z of writers and themes plus bibliographies** |
| The Victorian literature handbook | English E461 WAR | One stop resource introducing historical and cultural context to key authors, text and genres.  |
| **The Modernism handbook** | **English E478.M6 TEW** | **One stop resource introducing historical and cultural context to key authors, text and genres.** |
| Critical Heritage series | Title specific  | Gathers together a large body of critical sources on major figures in literature. Each volume presents contemporary responses to a writer's work. |
| **Casebooks in criticism** | **Title specific** | **Offers analytical and interpretive frameworks for understanding key texts in world literature and film.** |