



ERC Quick Guide: Finding Movie Reviews

Movie reviews can be found in magazines, newspapers, film journals, websites, and on radio and television. It is often helpful to know the release date of your movie. Release dates are listed in reference books such as *Halliwel's Film Guide* (REF 791.43 H1911), or in the Internet Movie Database (www.imdb.com).

RESEARCH DATABASES AVAILABLE THROUGH COLUMBUS STATE'S ERC

1.) LexisNexis: www.csc.edu/library —> Research Databases —> LexisNexis Academic

First, select "News" at the top of the search screen, then "Terms and Connectors."

Next, enter your **film's title**. If your film was also a book, you may want to add an actor or director's name to your search. In the example, the film actor Matt Damon's name is added as a 2nd search term to filter out reviews of the book, *The Bourne Supremacy*, by author Robert Ludlum.

Third, select "Book, Movie, Music, Play, and Video Reviews" from the "Select Sources" drop-down menu.

For a refined result list, you may want to **specify a date range** for your search. If you know the year your movie was released, try **limiting** your search to just that year.

2.) Academic Search Complete: www.csc.edu/library —> Research Databases —> Academic Search Complete. Choose **Advanced Search**.

Enter your **movie title** in the first search field and the phrase **film and review** in the second search field.

Change the setting that corresponds to your movie title to **PS Reviews & Products**. Leave all other settings at **Select a Field** and click on Search.

REFERENCE BOOKS

Reference books are useful for locating basic information on movies and for locating reviews of older movies. Reference books can be found on Level 1 of the ERC.

5001 Nights at the Movies (REF 791.4375 K117f)
Magill's Survey of Cinema (REF 791.43 M194)
Leonard Maltin's Classic Movie Guide (REF 791.4375 L5815)

WEBSITES

Use the following websites to locate full text movie reviews. Links to these sites can be found by going to the ERC's website at www.csc.edu/library —> **Internet Resources** —> **Subject Guides** —> **Movie Reviews**

At the Movies: <http://bventertainment.com/tv/buenavista/atm/>

Listen to audio files of movie reviews by famous film critics .

Google Directory: arts > movies > reviews :

<http://directory.google.com/Top/Arts/Movies/Reviews>

Offers movie reviews and criticism by James Berardinelli.

Internet Movie Database: <http://www.imdb.com/>

Contains information about movies from earliest cinema to latest releases. Find information on actors, characters, plots, and famous quotes. To obtain movie reviews:

On the **Home Page**, type the title of your selected film in the search box and click on "Go".

Under "**Popular Titles**", select the correct version of the film and click on it.

On the left side of the **results page**, under "Awards & Reviews", click on the link for "external reviews" to read reviews from various sources.

Metacritic Film: <http://www.metacritic.com/film/>

Ranks movies with a Metascore (a weighted average of all the scores assigned by individual critics).

MRQE, Movie Review Query Engine: <http://www.mrqe.com>

Offers movie reviews and lists of popular movie titles.

ReelViews, James Berardinelli's Movie Reviews: <http://www.reelviews.net>

Reviews of current movies; older titles can be found in the archives.

Roger Ebert on Movies: <http://rogerebert.suntimes.com/>

Movie reviews written by Roger Ebert for the Chicago Sun-Times since 1985. In addition, you'll find reviews of "great movies" such as *Casablanca*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *Scarface*.

Rotten Tomatoes: <http://www.rottentomatoes.com/>

Collects movie reviews of current and older films from newspapers & websites around the U.S.

Yahoo Directory of Movie and Film Reviews:

http://dir.yahoo.com/Entertainment/Movies_and_Film/Reviews

Browse through hundreds of movie titles, actors, box office reports, reviews, and many other categories.

Questions? Ask a Librarian!

The Educational Resources Center (ERC) at Columbus State

Columbus Hall

Reference Desk: 614.287.2460

Circulation Desk: 614.287.2464

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