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Literary Research Guide



Synopsis

James L. Harner's Literary Research Guide, which Choice calls "the standard guide in the field," evaluates important reference materials in English studies. Since the publication of the first edition in 1989, tens of thousands of students and educators have used the Guide as an aid to scholarly research. In the new edition Harner has added entries describing resources published since May 2001 and has revised nearly half the entries from the fourth edition. The fifth edition contains more than 1,000 entries, which discuss an additional 1,555 books, articles, and electronic resources and cite 723 reviews. Readers of earlier editions will notice the inclusion of substantially more electronic resources, particularly reliable sites sponsored by academic institutions and learned societies, to account for the proliferation of bibliographic databases, text archives, and other online resources. This edition also features a new section on cultural studies.

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Harner's most recent edition is the "bible" for those studying literature and/or related disciplines. An absolute must-have for graduate students in literature, women's studies, ethnic studies, and other

textually-based disciplines.

Another comprehensive literary research guide but not what I wanted. This is a list of lists and I did not research properly what I was buying! A good work of its kind.

Great purchase.

highly useful

A horrible book to have to read. I feel sorry for anyone who has to buy this for school, and put shame on any instructor who assigns it.

This is an exhaustive guide to research reference sources. Lots of information is presented between its covers. I feel certain that it must still contain some things that are hard to find on the internet, but I have not personally verified this.

With well over eight hundred pages, MLA's "Literary Research Guide" is a complete and comprehensive guide for researchers who study literature. This new fifth edition boasts over 1,000 entries, which inform readers about countless books and other pieces of written media. Also sporting new chapters on cultural studies, "Literary Research Guide" leaves out little on every item discussed. An absolute must for community library reference collections focusing on literary studies, and highly recommended for college libraries as well.

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