



Finding Film Reviews

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General Information

The following are useful print resources for finding film reviews. To search for a review, the release date of the film is often important. To find the date of a particular film, consult the following sources:

REF PN1997.8.17 1997	The International Dictionary of Films and Filmmakers
REF PN1998.433 2000	Halliwel's Film Guide
REF PN1993.45.K34 2001	Film Encyclopedia

Most of the sources listed below do not include the actual film reviews. These sources include the citations to articles in periodicals and newspapers. Search [the catalog](#) by journal title - to get our holdings and its location (print, microfilm or online).

Print Indexes

REF AI3.R4	Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature 1900-1997 (use the subject heading "motion picture reviews - single works")
REF PN 1993.AIF5	Film Literature Index 1973
REF PN 1993.V36	Variety Film Reviews (1907-1996)
REF PN 1995.N4	The New York Times Film Reviews 1913-1998

Databases with reviews of recent films:

LEXIS-NEXIS Academic

Choose: NEWS

Select: Art and Sports

Select : Book, Movie, Music and Play Reviews

Keyword: your film title

Source: Book, movie, music and play reviews

Date: All Available Dates

Academic Search Premier

Find: "your film title" and review

International Index to the Performing Arts (IIPA)

All Keywords: your film title

Document Type: Film Review

Selected Internet Sources

[metacritic.com](http://www.metacritic.com)

<http://www.metacritic.com/>

Links to full text reviews of current movie releases, videos & DVDs, music, and video games.

[Internet Movie Database](http://us.imdb.com/)

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Comprehensive information on over 250,000 movies made since the dawn of cinema plus even more on actors and actresses, directors, writers, producers, and more. Also includes a collection of over 30,000 photographs.

[FilmSite](http://www.filmsite.org/)

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A general source for "best movies" lists, Academy Award winners, film history, and genres.

[American Film Institute](http://www.afi.com)

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An arts organization dedicated to advancing and preserving the art of the moving image. They offer their picks for America's Top 100 Movies.

[Ain't-It-Cool-News](http://www.aint-it-cool-news.com/)

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Austin legend Harry Knowles' site includes his own reviews and lots of gossip about upcoming events in the film industry.

[Images: Journal of Film and Popular Culture](http://www.imagesjournal.com/)

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A cross between a pop culture magazine and an academic journal, with theoretical articles, reviews of new releases, and discussions of specific film genres.

[Film.com](http://movies.real.com/)

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An all-purpose movie site with extensive movie reviews. Film.com differs from other film review sites in that it contains original reviews written by their own staff of reviewers (as opposed to providing a list of links to reviews found at other sites).

[Movie Review Query Engine at Telerama](http://www.mrqe.com)

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Provides links to over 270,000 film reviews found on the Internet. Entries in the database are reviews that have been posted in the past to rec.arts.movies.reviews or appear on the servers of a variety of media outlets and other sources. Each film title in the search result is linked to the Internet Movie Database.

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