ENGLISH 380: Victorian Fiction

Learning objectives

- Explore Victorian fiction serial publications in Special Collections
- Search the online catalogue for books by and about Victorian authors and the Victorian period
- Identify key databases for Victorian fiction
- Locate Victorian materials in the reference collection

Finding books and journals in the online catalogue (Library Gateway>Main cat>Basic search)

To find books about Victorian fiction using LC subject headings try:

- Books and reading – Great Britain – History – 19th century
- English literature – 19th century
- Serialized fiction – Great Britain
- Serial publication of books – History – 19th century
- Authors and publishers – Great Britain – History – 19th century
- Authors and readers – Great Britain – History – 19th century
- Publishers and publishing – Great Britain – History – 19th century

To find titles written about individual authors using LC subject headings:
In the basic search tab: Type in author last name, first name and search by subject heading

To find titles written by an individual author:
In the basic search tab: Type in author last name, first name and search by author heading

To find magazines or newspapers when you know the title, type it in the basic search tab and search by journal title begins with. Periodicals may be available in print, microform or electronic formats.

To browse British journals in the online catalogue, limit your search to journals and search by call number beginning AP4.

Online indexes, collections & directories (Library Gateway>Databases by subject>Humanities)

MLA (1963-)
MLA International Bibliography is a bibliography of journal articles, books and dissertations. Produced by the Modern Language Association, the electronic version of the Bibliography dates back to 1963 and contains over 1.5 million citations from more than 4,400 journals and series and 1,000 book publishers.

Literature Online (LION) (includes biography, bibliography, criticism and e-texts)
A fully searchable library of more than 350,000 works of English and American poetry, drama and prose, plus biographies, bibliographies and key criticism and reference resources.

Literature Criticism Online
Comprised of 10 individual Gale series, Literature Criticism Online represents a range of modern and historical views on authors and their works across regions, eras and genres. Imagine centuries of analysis — the scholarly and popular commentary from broadsheets, pamphlets, encyclopedias, books and periodicals. Includes 19th Century Literature Criticism
Waterloo Directory of English Newspapers and Periodicals, 1800-1900
A directory to the largest single body of historical documents arising out of 19th century England at the height of the British Empire. It is subject-comprehensive, intending to include every periodical and newspaper published on a regular basis, from daily to annually, in every language within England.

Wellesley Index to Victorian Periodicals
Wellesley Index to Victoria Periodicals, is an index to the authorship of articles, and a bibliography of articles written by each contributor, and using each pseudonym. Citations of evidence are provided to support attributions of authorship, along with brief biographical and vocational details. 45 important monthly and quarterly titles are included, covering the period from the beginning of the Westminster Review in 1824 to the end of the century. The exception to this is the Edinburgh Review, which is indexed from first issue, in 1802. Wellesley does not index poetry.

Select reference resources for Victorian fiction (Located in the Reference area on the main floor)

Mitchell, Sally. Victorian Britain: an Encyclopedia (REF DA550 V49)
Sutherland, John. Longman Companion to Victorian Fiction (REF PR781 S87)

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