

= SPAN 269: Caribbean Literature & Culture =

Key Library Resources for Research
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Dictionaries & Thesauri

- **Concise Oxford Spanish Dictionary:** [English-Spanish](#) | [Spanish-English](#)
- [Tesauro de SIGNUM](#) - finds synonyms & antonyms in Spanish
- [Diccionarios](#) - La Página del Idioma Español
- Specialized **Spanish** dictionaries in print: Clapp Reference PC2625
- **Spanish-English** and **English-Spanish** dictionaries in print: Clapp Ref PC4640

Background info

Literature – author profiles, overview of works, etc.

- **Encyclopedia of Caribbean Literature** Clapp Ref PN849.C3 E53 2006
- **Encyclopedia of Latin American Literature** Clapp Ref PQ7081.A1 E56 1997
- **Latino & Latina Writers** Clapp Ref PS 153 .H56 L39 2004
- **Latin American Literature & Its Times** Clapp Ref PQ 7081 .M625 1999
- [Biography Resource Center](#). profiles authors life and some analysis of their work, with brief bibliographies for further reading

Culture

- **Encyclopedia of Cuba : People, History, Culture** Clapp Ref F1754 .E53 2003
- **Puerto Rico Past and Present: An Encyclopedia** Clapp Ref F1954 .F47 1998
- **Encyclopedia of Latin American History and Culture** Clapp Ref F1406 .E53 1996

Find Books 5 Ways




1. Search the [Wellesley Library Catalog](#) – a few tips:

- do a ***subject*** search on your author to find books **about** her or him
- look for the subject phrase **criticism and interpretation** – very helpful
- use **synonyms** to find all the ways your topic is expressed (cat OR gato)
- use **truncation** to save time (cuba* for Cuba, Cuban, cubana, cubano, etc.)
- combine multiple concepts using AND for best results

sample topic: the role of women in Cuban novels

sample search: (woman or women or female* or gender or mujer*)
AND cuba*
AND (literatur* or novel*)

- examine your results and click on the title of a book that looks good
- look at the subject terms - follow a link to find more on that topic
 - > [Women -- Cuba – Fiction](#) or [Women in literature](#)

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Find Articles & Essays of Literary Criticism

- [MLA Bibliography](#) –#1 index to scholarly articles on all types of literature
- [Handbook of Latin American Studies](#) – #1 index to articles on Latin America
- [Dialnet](#) – citations to articles published in Spain & Latin America - *tip*: look up the journal title in the Wellesley [catalog](#) to see if we have it
- [Humanities Full Text](#) – full text scholarly articles on literature, film, art, etc.
See [Humanities & Social Science Retrospective](#) for articles written 1907-1984
- [Film Literature Index](#). 1973-2001 - all aspects of film, video, and television in all languages.
- [ArticleFirst](#)– both popular and scholarly articles on all topics, including film and literature
- [Academic Onefile](#) –scholarly full-text articles on all topics, including film and literature

A Few Key Websites

- [Latin American Network Information Centre](#) (LANIC)
– see especially the [Humanities](#) and [Society & Culture](#) sections
- [Latin American Arts & Culture](#) – University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- [Anthurium: A Caribbean Studies Journal](#) - peer-reviewed e-journal of original works by Caribbean writers and scholars worldwide

More Help

- [How to prepare an annotated bibliography](#) – guide (Cornell University Libraries)
- [Citing your sources](#)
- Check out our other [Research Guides by Subject](#), especially [Cinema & Media Studies](#) and [Latin American Studies](#)

Call or email me any time if you get stuck!

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