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Reference Books

African-Americans

Black Women in America (Ref E185.86.B542 1993) 2 volumes. Biographies of 641 influential African-American women, both living and deceased.

Notable Black American Women (Ref E185.96.N68 1992) Profiles of 550 African-American women.

Who's Who Among Black Americans 1977-1978 (Ref E185.96.W52) 13,500 entries, all living when this volume was published in 1978.

Art

Dictionary of Art (Ref N31.D5 1996) 34 volumes. Profiles on artists and their works.

Dictionary of Women Artists (Ref N8354.D53 1997) 2 volumes. American, European and Australasian women artists, medieval through the present.

Encyclopedia of World Art (Ref N31.E4833) 17 volumes. Profiles of artists and genres of art throughout history.

Prestel Dictionary of Art and Artists in the Twentieth Century (Ref N6490.P72 2000) Short entries for modern and post-modern art movements and artists.

Who's Who in American Art (Ref N6536.W5 1999/00) Artists from the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Authors

See web page entitled: **Information About Authors** from the Cannell Library web page (<http://www.clark.edu/Library>).

Great Britain

Dictionary of National Biography (Ref DA28.D47) Scope includes all noteworthy inhabitants of the British Isles and the colonies, "from the earliest times" through 1970.

They Looked Like This (Ref CT775.U3 1966) "An assembly of authentic word-portraits of men and women in English history and literature over 1900 years."

Who's Who (Ref DA28.W6) Mostly British profiles, with some other nationalities included.

International

The 100 (Ref CT105.H32 1992) A ranking of the 100 most influential people in history, including biographical profiles of each.

Almanac of Famous People (Ref CT104.B56 1995) Brief descriptions of over 27,000 newsmakers from Biblical times to the present. See also **Biography Almanac** (Ref CT104.B56 1983).

Current Biography (Ref CT100.C8) Annual publication, with about 150 biographies and obituary notices in each volume. See also **Current Biography Yearbook** (Ref CT100.87)

General Encyclopedias (Ref AE5) The **Britannica**, **World Book**, and **Americana** are good sources for basic biographical information.

The International Who's Who (Ref CT120.I5) Brief biographical data on nearly 20,000 prominent people.

Who's Who in the Bible (Ref BS570.C35 1999) Select directory of Biblical figures.

Music

American Composers: A Biographical Dictionary (Ref ML390.E815 1982) Biographies of composers both living and dead; as well as listings of principal works.

Baker's Biographical Dictionary of Musicians (Ref ML105.B16 1992) Biographies of musicians from all genres.

Biographical Dictionary of Afro-American and African Musicians (Ref ML105.S67 1982)

Encyclopedia of Pop, Rock and Soul (Ref ML102.P66 S8 1989) Biographical information and discographies.

International Encyclopedia of Women Composers (Ref ML105.C7 1987) 2 volumes.

International Who's Who in Music and Musicians' Directory (Ref ML105.I57 1980) Over 8,000 entries, concentrating on classical music.

Musicians since 1900 (Ref ML105.E97 1978) Both living and dead performers from opera and classical music.

New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians (Ref ML100.N48 2001) 29 volumes. Definitive source for information about musicians, composers and their works. Includes bibliographies.

Who's Who of Jazz (Ref ML106.U3 C5 1985) Over 1,000 entries, primarily people born in the United States before 1920.

Science

American Men and Women of Science (Ref Q141.A474 1971/73) 6 volumes. Over 150,000 short entries on scientists, all living when these volumes were published.

American Women in Science (Ref Q141.B25 1994) Includes both living and dead persons.

Asimov's Biographical Encyclopedia of Science and Technology (Ref Q141.A74) Over 1,500 scientists from ancient times to the present are profiled.

Biographical Encyclopedia of Scientists (Ref Q141.B53) International in scope, brief sketches of over 2,000 scientists from throughout history.

Blacks in Science and Medicine (Ref Q141.B58 1990) Over 1000 entries, most born in the United States.

Dictionary of Scientific Biography (Ref Q141.D5) 18 volumes. Detailed biographies of scientists and mathematicians from all periods of history.

Notable Women in the Physical Sciences (Ref Q141.N734 1997)

Random House Webster's Dictionary of Scientists (Ref Q141.H88 1997)

Twentieth-Century Women Scientists (Ref Q141.Y69 1996) Biographies of 10 women who made substantial contributions to modern science.

World of Invention (Ref T15.W82 1999) Encyclopedic dictionary of inventors.

Theater and Movies

Biographical Dictionary of Film (Ref PN1998.2.T49 1995) Subjective biographies of actors, actresses, producers, writers and directors.

Blacks in American Films and Television (Ref PN1995.9.N4 B58 1988) Biographies are not comprehensive, focusing primarily on actors and actresses.

Cambridge Guide to American Theatre (Ref PN2220 .C35 1993) Brief entries written by experts in the field, covering American theater from its earliest history to the present.

Who Was Who in the Theatre: 1912-1976 (Ref PN2597.W52) 4 volumes. About 4,000 biographical sketches of English-speaking writers, producers, directors, actors and actresses.

Who's Who in Television and Cable (Ref PN1992.4.A2 W44 1983) On-air personalities and executives. Many photographs are included, but dated.

United States

Dictionary of American Biography (Ref E176.D56) This 10 volume set contains signed articles and biographies of more than 15,000 persons who lived in America.

Encyclopedia of Frontier Biography (Ref F596.T47 1990) 3 volumes. Over 4,400 entries of all races who had an effect on the settlement of the West.

Mexican American Biographies: A Historical Dictionary, 1836-1987 (Ref E184.M5 M454 1988) 270 biographies, most of which are contemporary rather than historical.

Washington Biographical Dictionary (Ref CT266.W36 2000) More than 200 biographies of distinguished Washington State residents.

Who Was Who in America (Ref E176.W64) 8 volumes, with an index. Information on prominent Americans from the Jamestown colony through 1985.

Who Was Who in Native American History (Ref E89.W35 1990) Covers Native Americans from first contacts with settlers through the end of the 19th century.

Who's Who in America (Ref E176.W642) A good resource for concise biographical data on over 75,000 persons.

Who's Who in the West (Ref F595.W64) Includes living persons from the western U.S. and Canada.

Women

Annotated Index of Medieval Women (Ref CT3220.A56 1992)

International Dictionary of Women's Biography (Ref CT3202.I57 1982) Concentrates on women from America and Europe during the past 200 years. **The Continuum Dictionary of Women's Biography** (Ref CT3202.C66 1989) is an updated and expanded version.

Notable American Women: 1607-1950 (Ref CT3260.N57) Biographical sketches of more than 1,350 women.

Outstanding Women Athletes (Ref GV697.A1 W69 1998)

Who's Who of American Women (Ref E176.W647) Brief biographies of successful American women.

Women of Classical Mythology (Ref BL715.B445 1991)

Electronic Resources

Full-text databases are additional sources for biographical information. The following are available from the Cannell Library web page (<http://www.clark.edu/Library>):

[Encyclopedia Britannica Online](#)

[Expanded Academic Index](#): InfoTrac

[Literature Resource Center](#): InfoTrac

[ProQuest Direct](#)