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 AFAW: African American Writers
 AFW: African Writers
 AITN: Authors in the News
 AMW: American Writers
 AMWR: American Writers Retrospective Supplement
 AMWS: American Writers Supplement
 ANW: American Nature Writers
 AW: Ancient Writers
 BEST: Bestsellers (quarterly, citations appear as Year: Issue number)
 BLC: Black Literature Criticism
 BLCS: Black Literature Criticism Supplement
 BPFB: Beacham's Encyclopedia of Popular Fiction: Biography and Resources
 BRW: British Writers
 BRWS: British Writers Supplement
 BW: Black Writers
 BYA: Beacham's Guide to Literature for Young Adults
 CA: Contemporary Authors
 CAAS: Contemporary Authors Autobiography Series

CABS: Contemporary Authors Bibliographical Series
 CAD: Contemporary American Dramatists
 CANR: Contemporary Authors New Revision Series
 CAP: Contemporary Authors Permanent Series
 CBD: Contemporary British Dramatists
 CCA: Contemporary Canadian Authors
 CD: Contemporary Dramatists
 CDALB: Concise Dictionary of American Literary Biography
 CDALBS: Concise Dictionary of American Literary Biography Supplement
 CDBLB: Concise Dictionary of British Literary Biography
 CLC: Contemporary Literary Criticism
 CLR: Children's Literature Review
 CMLC: Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism
 CMW: St. James Guide to Crime & Mystery Writers
 CN: Contemporary Novelists
 CP: Contemporary Poets
 CPW: Contemporary Popular Writers
 CSW: Contemporary Southern Writers
 CWD: Contemporary Women Dramatists
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 CWRI: St. James Guide to Children's Writers
 CWW: Contemporary World Writers
 DA: DISCovering Authors
 DA3: DISCovering Authors 3.0
 DAB: DISCovering Authors: British Edition
 DAC: DISCovering Authors: Canadian Edition
 DAM: DISCovering Authors: Modules
 DRAM: Dramatists Module; MST: Most-Studied Authors Module;
 MULT: Multicultural Authors Module; NOV: Novelists Module;
 POET: Poets Module; POP: Popular Fiction and Genre Authors Module
 DC: Drama Criticism
 DFS: Drama for Students
 DLB: Dictionary of Literary Biography
 DLBD: Dictionary of Literary Biography Documentary Series
 DLBY: Dictionary of Literary Biography Yearbook
 DNFS: Literature of Developing Nations for Students
 EFS: Epics for Students
 EXPN: Exploring Novels
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EW: European Writers
FANT: St. James Guide to Fantasy Writers
FW: Feminist Writers
GFL: Guide to French Literature, Beginnings to 1789, 1798 to the Present
GLL: Gay and Lesbian Literature
HGG: St. James Guide to Horror, Ghost & Gothic Writers
HLC: Hispanic Literature Criticism
HLCS: Hispanic Literature Criticism Supplement
HW: Hispanic Writers
IDFW: International Dictionary of Films and Filmmakers: Writers and Production Artists
IDTP: International Dictionary of Theatre: Playwrights
LAIT: Literature and Its Times
LAW: Latin American Writers
JRDA: Junior DISCovering Authors
LC: Literature Criticism from 1400 to 1800
MAICYA: Major Authors and Illustrators for Children and Young Adults
MAICYA: Major Authors and Illustrators for Children and Young Adults Supplement
MAWW: Modern American Women Writers
MJW: Modern Japanese Writers
MTCW: Major 20th-Century Writers
NCFS: Nonfiction Classics for Students
NCLC: Nineteenth-Century Literature Criticism
NFS: Novels for Students
NNAL: Native North American Literature
PAB: Poets: American and British
PC: Poetry Criticism
PFS: Poetry for Students
RGAL: Reference Guide to American Literature
RGEL: Reference Guide to English Literature
RGSF: Reference Guide to Short Fiction
RGWL: Reference Guide to World Literature
RHW: Twentieth-Century Romance and Historical Writers
SAAS: Something about the Author Autobiography Series
SATA: Something about the Author
SFW: St. James Guide to Science Fiction Writers
SSC: Short Story Criticism
SSFS: Short Stories for Students
TCLC: Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism
TCWW: Twentieth-Century Western Writers
WCH: Writers for Children
WLC: World Literature Criticism, 1500 to the Present
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