

LitFinder Fact Sheet

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<p>Positioning statement LitFinder, which Thomson Gale acquired from Roth Publishing in June 2004, is an online literary database that includes more than 125,000 full-text poems, 850,000 poem citations and excerpts, and thousands of full-text stories, essays, speeches, and plays. It is international in scope, covers all time periods, and includes biographies, work summaries, photographs, and a glossary. LitFinder includes a wealth of primary content that is becoming increasingly vital to literature and language scholarship and only complements and enhances our existing print and electronic literature references.</p>	
<p>Products acquired from Roth Publishing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LitFinder (academic/public), LitFinder for Schools, PoemFinder for Schools
<p>Discontinued products</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All fiche and CD-ROM products, including the World's Best Poetry on CD, 20th-Century Poetry on CD, and CoreFiche
<p>Key content components of LitFinder</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 125,000 full-text poems, 25,000 of which are copyrighted (contemporary) and 850 of which are in Spanish with English translations • 850,000 additional poem citations and excerpts, including indexed poems from 5,500 book anthologies, 6,500 single-author books, and over 100 journals • 5,000 full-text stories, including both classic and contemporary • 2827 full-text essays published in the 16th-20th centuries and focusing on humanities, social science, biography, and literary criticism • 1,000 full-text plays, including one-act plays, puppet plays, tragedies, comedies, religious plays, and more • 1835 full-text speeches, including the best-known speeches from antiquity to the present times • Glossary of poetry terms • Exploring Poetry essays covering such topics as African-American poetry, British poetry, War poetry, Nature poetry and more • 850 work explanations • Author biographies • Illustrations
<p>Key content components of LitFinder for Schools and PoemFinder for Schools</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LitFinder for Schools includes full-text poetry only--no poem citations or excerpts--as well as the full-text short stories, essays, plays, and speeches included in LitFinder. • PoemFinder for Schools contains the full-text poetry module of LitFinder for Schools.
<p>Relationship to other Gale literature products/bundling opportunities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRC: LitFinder focuses on making authors' original works electronically available, while LRC provides biographical, bibliographical, and critical information that provides context to LitFinder's primary texts. Therefore, there is no or little overlap of material. By bundling LitFinder with LRC, customers get both primary and secondary materials to round out their literary

	<p>reference collection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literary Criticism Series (including <i>Poetry Criticism</i>, <i>Short Story Criticism</i>, and <i>Drama Criticism</i>): Titles in the Literary Criticism Series include reprinted full-text criticism, brief author biographies, principal works lists, and further readings, but they do not include full-text primary documents (or the text of the poems, stories, essays, plays, or speeches discussed in the criticism.) Therefore, there is no or little overlap of material. By bundling LitFinder with these print products, customers get both primary and secondary materials (criticism) to round out their literary reference collection. • For Students series (including <i>Poetry for Students</i>, <i>Short Stories for Students</i>, and more): Titles in the For Students collection contain in-depth information on individual poems, stories, plays, and nonfiction works, including an overview essay on the work, analysis of the work (including characters, themes, style, etc.), discussion of the historical and cultural context of the work, selected criticism, brief biographies, and lists of media adaptations. The For Students products do not include the actual works being discussed/analyzed. To date, the For Students products cover approximately 420 poems, 420 stories, 378 plays, and 90 works of nonfiction, including essays. In comparison, LitFinder includes 125,000 full-text poems, 5,000 full-text stories, 1,000 full-text poems, and 2,827 full-text essays. Therefore, there is little overlap of material. By bundling LitFinder with these print products, customers get both primary and secondary materials to round out their literary reference collection. • Discovering Collection (including <i>Exploring Poetry</i>, <i>Exploring Short Stories</i>, <i>Exploring Shakespeare</i>, and <i>Exploring Novels</i>): The literature component of the Discovering Collection features four major Shakespeare plays, 252 full-text poems, and 300+ work explanations, many of which come from <i>Exploring Poetry</i>. In comparison, LitFinder includes 125,000 full-text poems, 5,000 full-text stories, 1,000 full-text poems, and 2,827 full-text essays. Therefore, the collection of primary sources in LitFinder is much more extensive. By bundling LitFinder with the Discovering Collection, customers get a wealth of primary documents in a variety of literary genres.
Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See The Columbia Granger's World of Poetry (Columbia University Press) and Literature Online's (LION) Poetry Collection (ProQuest) on separate competition sheet. Because both Granger's and the LION poetry collection tend to be more academic products, they do not pose a significant threat to LitFinder's main base in public libraries and its potential in school libraries. LION is the bigger threat, but its higher price point and academic focus often keeps it from competing head to head with LitFinder.

Features	Benefits
New user interface launched in March 2004	Provides customers with an attractive, easy-to-use interface that all users can navigate

Coverage of more than 70,000 authors from all time periods	Researchers can access information from a broad, deep research database
Includes 125,000 full-text poems from all time periods and representing all important schools and movements	The poems in LitFinder comprise the largest, most inclusive collection of full-text poems available in a literary database
International scope, including coverage of more than 600 nationalities/ethnicities, including Australian, African American, Algerian, English, Finnish, French, French Canadian, Iraqi, South African, Vietnamese--and more. Also includes 844 Spanish-language poems with English translations	Meets and exceeds customer expectations for international coverage, aligning with research emphasis on international and multicultural authors and literature
Includes approximately 27,000 women writers	Provides comprehensive coverage of women writers and women's literature, aligning with research emphasis on gender and women's studies
Focus on contemporary content, including more than 3,500 contemporary, full-text poems that are published for the first time in the current year	Forms a new anthology of the best and latest work of established and emerging poets (currently 1998-2004)
New content loaded on a quarterly basis	Ensures that LitFinder remains the most comprehensive online collection of both contemporary and renowned literary works available
Subject navigator that organizes over 10,000 specific subject headings	Allows users to browse by broad subject category, such as the arts, science, and religion and then drill down to more specific subject headings such as paintings and painters, genetics, and theology
Extensive search limiters and refine search options	Allows for fast, efficient, and targeted searching so that users can find exactly what they want

Where to go for more information:

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