

**RESEARCHING KEN KESEY, *ONE  
FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST*,  
THE 1960s & MENTAL HEALTH  
AT THE BOROUGHS LIBRARY,  
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Ventura College One Book, One Campus, One Community celebration of Ken Kesey's 1962  
work, [One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest](#)*

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## FINDING BACKGROUND INFORMATION

For help on finding literary criticism or keeping plots and characters in order, try using these library databases:

- ❖ [Magill's Masterplots](#)
- ❖ [Literature Resource Center](#)

For help on finding biographical or historical information, try using these library databases:

- ❖ [Biography Resource Center](#)
- ❖ [History Database Center](#)

For help on finding health and medical information, try using these library databases:

- ❖ [Health Reference Center](#)
- ❖ [ProQuest](#)
- ❖ [CINAHL](#)

## FINDING JOURNAL ARTICLES

Sometimes you need to find **journal articles** in addition to finding books about a topic. Journal articles are oftentimes more up-to-date than books or focus on narrower topics. Finding good journal articles can be tricky. Begin your search for journal articles by using the following databases:

- ❖ [Literature Resource Center](#)
- ❖ [ProQuest](#)
- ❖ [JSTOR](#)

*Note: JSTOR can only be accessed inside the Library.*



## SOME STARTING POINTS WEBSITES

### *INTRODUCTORY SITES*

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (Kingwood College Library)  
<http://kclibrary.nhmccd.edu/kesey.html>

Kesey's One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (John Fitzsimmons, Central Queensland Univ.)  
<http://www.cqu.edu.au/arts/humanities/litstud/naff/naffch6kesey.html>

The parts that were left out of One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (Red House Books)  
<http://www.redhousebooks.com/galleries/cuckoo.htm>

## **SOME STARTING POINTS WEBSITES (Cont'd)**

### ***KEN KESEY & THE MERRY PRANKSTERS***

Kesey & The Merry Pranksters (Univ. of VA)  
<http://www.lib.virginia.edu/small/exhibits/sixties/kesey.html>

The Official Ken Kesey Site (Zane Kesey)  
<http://www.key-z.com/>

Intrepid Trips (Ken Kesey Homepage)  
<http://intrepidtrips.com/>

Ken Kesey, the *Far Gone* Interview  
<http://www.fargonebooks.com/kesey.html>

Prankster History Project  
<http://www.pranksterweb.org/frontdoor.htm>

### ***THE 1960S***

The Psychedelic '60s (Univ. of Virginia) <http://www.lib.virginia.edu/small/exhibits/sixties>

American Cultural History: The 1960s (Kingwood College Library)  
<http://kclibrary.nhmccd.edu/decade60.html>

The Sixties Project (Kalí Tal, Univ. of AZ)  
<http://www3.iath.virginia.edu/sixties/>

Sixties Fashion (Victoria & Albert Museum)  
<http://www.vam.ac.uk/collections/fashion/1960s/sixtiesfashion/>

The History of Fashion, 1960-1970  
<http://www.vintageblues.com/history6a.htm>

### ***ELECTROCONVULSIVE THERAPY***

Electroconvulsive Therapy (APA)  
[http://www.psych.org/research/apire/training\\_fund/clin\\_res/index.cfm](http://www.psych.org/research/apire/training_fund/clin_res/index.cfm)

Electroconvulsive Therapy (NIH)  
<http://consensus.nih.gov/1985/1985ElectroconvulsiveTherapy051html.htm>

### ***MENTAL HEALTH & ILLNESS***

National Institute of Mental Health  
<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/>

National Mental Health Information Center  
<http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/>

California Dept. of Mental Health  
<http://www.dmh.cahwnet.gov/default.asp>

County of Ventura Behavioral Health Dept.  
<http://www.vhca.org/bh/index.htm>

Mental Health Dictionary  
<http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/resources/dictionary.aspx>

The New Asylums (PBS Frontline)  
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/asylums/>

## **SOME STARTING POINTS WEBSITES (Cont'd)**

### *MENTAL HEALTH & ILLNESS (CONT'D)*

Medline Plus: Mental Health

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/mentalhealth.html>

Medline Plus: Schizophrenia

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/schizophrenia.html>

Merck Manual: Depression

<http://www.merck.com/mrkshared/mmanual/section15/chapter189/189b.jsp>

National Mental Health Association

<http://www.nmha.org/>

Consensus Project Report

[http://consensusproject.org/the\\_report/](http://consensusproject.org/the_report/)

Mental Health History Timeline <http://www.mdx.ac.uk/www/study/mhhtim.htm>

Mental Health: A Report of the Surgeon General

<http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/mentalhealth/home.html>

Culture, race and ethnicity: A supplement to Mental Health: A Report of the Surgeon. . .

<http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/mentalhealth/cre/>

## **BROWSING *for* BOOKS**

Browsing through the library's stacks can often be the most interesting way to find a book. Look in the following sections of the library in order to find books related to *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*:

**BF 1-940** (Psychology)

**E 840** (United States in the 1960s)

**ML 421.G72** (Grateful Dead)

**PS 3561.E667 O5** (Literary criticism about *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*)

**RA 790** (Mental health)

**RC 450** (Mental illness)

**RC 320-570** (Neurology & Psychiatry)

### **RESERVE BOOKS**

Check the shelf of books placed on reserve for "One Campus, One Book." Many helpful resources may be found on reserve that are not listed in this guide. All reserve books are Library-use only and are shelved next to the Reference Desk.

## SUBJECT HEADINGS

The best way to find books on a topic is to use **subject headings**. Subject headings are words used by librarians to describe a book. Your life becomes a lot easier once you discover the most appropriate subject headings used to describe the concepts that interest you. This list of subject headings will get you started on your research:

- ❖ Mental health
- ❖ Kesey, Ken. *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*
- ❖ Electroconvulsive therapy
- ❖ Control (Psychology)
- ❖ Drug abuse
- ❖ Psychiatric hospitals
- ❖ Mentally ill
- ❖ Mental illness
- ❖ People with mental disabilities
- ❖ United States—History—1961-1969
- ❖ Grateful Dead

## SOME STARTING POINTS BOOKS

### *PLOT OVERVIEWS & LITERARY CRITICISM*

Kesey, Ken. *One flew over the cuckoo's nest: Text and criticism*. Edited by John Clark Pratt. New York: Penguin, 1996.

**\*RESERVE SHELF \*PS 3561 .E667 O5 1996**

“Ken Kesey.” In *A Library of Literary Criticism: Modern American Literature*, Vol. 4, Dorothy Nyren, et al, 254-259. New York: Ungar, 1976.

**REF PS 221. C8 1969 vol. 4**

Kappel, Lawrence. *Readings on One flew over the cuckoo's nest*. San Diego: Greenhaven, 2000.

**\*RESERVE SHELF \*PS 3561 .E667 O538**

“One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest.” In *Masterplots*, rev. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Frank N. Magill, ed., 4710-4713. Pasadena: Salem Press, 1996.

**REF PN 44 .M33 1996 vol. 8**

Porter, M. Gilbert. *One flew over the cuckoo's nest: Rising to heroism*. Boston: Twayne, 1989.

**\*RESERVE SHELF \*PS 3561 .E667 O537**

Tanner, Stephen L. *Ken Kesey*. Boston: Twayne, 1983.

**\*RESERVE SHELF \*PS 3561 .E667 Z88**

———. “The Western American Context of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*.” In *Biographies of Books*, James Barbour and Tom Quirk, ed., 291-320. Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Press, 1996.

**\*RESERVE SHELF \*PS 25 .B58 1996**

## **SOME STARTING POINTS**

### **BOOKS (Cont'd)**

#### ***KEN KESEY & THE MERRY PRANKSTERS***

Kesey, Ken. *The Further inquiry*. New York: Viking, 1990.

**\*RESERVE SHELF\* PS 3561 .E667 F8**

Perry, Paul. *On the bus: The complete guide to the legendary trip of Ken Kesey and the Merry Pranksters and the birth of the counterculture*. New York: Thunder's Mouth Press, 1990.

**\*RESERVE SHELF\* PS 3561 .E667 Z78**

Wolfe, Tom. *The electric kool-aid acid test*. New York: Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1968.

**\*RESERVE SHELF\* HV 5825 .W56**

#### ***THE 1960S***

Albert, Judith C. and Stewart E. Albert. *The sixties papers: Documents of a rebellious decade*. New York: Praeger, 1984.

**HN 65 .S563 1984**

Holland, Gini. *The 1960s*. San Diego: Lucent Books, 1999.

**E 841 .H65 1999**

McConnell, William S., ed. *The Counterculture Movement of the 1960s*. Farmington Hills, MI: Greenhaven, 2004.

**HN 59.C57 2004**

Miles, Barry. *Hippie*. New York: Sterling, 2004.

**\*RESERVE SHELF\* HQ799.7.M54 2004**

#### ***MENTAL HEALTH & ILLNESS***

Corsini, Raymond J. , ed. *Encyclopedia of psychology*. New York : Wiley, 1994.

**Ref BF 31 .E52 1994 4 vol.**

*Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders: DSM IV TR*. Washington, DC: APA, 2000.

**Ref RC 455.2 .C4 D536 2000**

Beers, Mark H. *The Merck manual of medical information*. Whitehouse Station, NJ: Merck Research Laboratories, 2003.

**Ref RC81 .M535 2003**

Bell, Leland V. *Treating the mentally ill: From colonial times to the present*. New York: Praeger, 1980.

**RC 443 .B42 1980**

Berger, Lisa. *Under observation: Life inside a psychiatric hospital*. New York: Ticknor & Fields, 1994.

**RC 445 .M4 B448 1994**

Dowdall, George W. *The eclipse of the state mental hospital*. Albany : State University of New York Press, 1996.

**\*RESERVE SHELF\*RC 443 .D68 1996**

Millon, Theodore. *Masters of the Mind: Exploring the Story of Mental Illness from Ancient Times to the New Millennium*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley, 2004.

**RC 438 .M557 2004**

## **SOME STARTING POINTS**

### **BOOKS (Cont'd)**

#### *MENTAL HEALTH & ILLNESS (CONT'D)*

Neugeboren, Jay. *Transforming madness: New lives for people living with mental illness*. New York: Morrow, 1999.

**RC 439.5 .N46 1999**

Scull, Andrew. *Madhouse: A Tragic Tale of Megalomania and Modern Medicine*. New Haven: Yale, 2005.

**RC 443 .S395 2005**

Shorter, Edward. *A history of psychiatry: From the era of the asylum to the age of Prozac*. New York: John Wiley, 1997.

**\*RESERVE SHELF\* RC 438 .S54 1997**

Szasz, Thomas S. *The manufacture of madness*. New York: Harper & Row, 1970.

**\*RESERVE SHELF\* RC 438 .S929 1970**

———. *A lexicon of lunacy*. New Brunswick: Transaction, 2003.

**\*RESERVE SHELF\* RC 455 .S929 2003**

#### *ELECTROCONVULSIVE THERAPY*

Abrams, Richard. *Electroconvulsive therapy*. Oxford: Oxford Univ. Press, 2002.

**\*RESERVE SHELF\* RC 485 .A27 2002**

Morgan, Robert F., ed. *Electroshock : the case against*. Fair Oaks, CA: Morgan Foundation Publishers, 1999.

**\*RESERVE SHELF\* RC 485 .E42 1999**

Ottosson, Jan-Otto and Max Fink. *Ethics in electroconvulsive therapy*. New York: Brunner-Routledge, 2004.

**\*RESERVE SHELF\* RC 485 .O88 2004**

Kneeland, Timothy W. *The use of electricity to treat mental illness in the United States, 1870 to present*.

**\*RESERVE SHELF\* RC 485 .K53 1996**

#### *PERSONAL NARRATIVES & BIOGRAPHIES*

Cameron, Julia. *Floor sample: A creative memoir*. New York: Penguin, 2006.

**PS 3553 .A4333 Z466 2006**

Duke, Patty and Gloria Hochman. *A brilliant madness: Living with manic-depressive illness*. New York: Bantam Books, 1992.

**RC516 .D85 1992**

Jamison, Kay Redfield. *An unquiet mind*. New York: Knopf, 1995.

**RC 516 .J363 1995**

Kaysen, Susanna. *Girl, interrupted*. New York: Turtle Bay Books, 1993.

**RC 464 .K36 A3 1993**

Kirk, Connie Ann. *Sylvia Plath: A biography*. Westport: Greenwood, 2004.

**PS 3566 .L27 Z747 2004**