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Publishers unite to provide users with seamless access to major literary reference resources

Oxford University Press is delighted to announce a new partnership with ProQuest Information and Learning which brings together two of the most authoritative and respected electronic resources for literary study, offering significant benefits to students and scholars alike.

From 15 December 2006, as a result of an innovative linking agreement, more than thirty prestigious literary reference titles from the Premium and Literature Collections of **Oxford Reference Online** can be cross-searched from **ProQuest's Literature Online** interface. This means that users at the many thousands of institutions worldwide that subscribe to both resources will be able to click through to the full-text of entries in *Oxford Reference Online* direct from a *Literature Online* search results page.

Titles on offer in **Oxford Reference Online** include a prestigious range of multi-volume literary reference works such as the new 5-volume *Oxford Encyclopedia of British Literature*, the new 4-volume *Oxford Encyclopedia of Children's Literature*, and the 4-volume *Oxford Encyclopedia of American Literature*. Other titles include Margaret Drabble's acclaimed *Oxford Companion to English Literature*, and Oxford Companions to literary periods (such as Edwardian Fiction and Twentieth Century Literature), genres (such as Fairy Tales, and Crime and Mystery Writing), areas (such as German, French and Italian Literature), and writers (such as Chaucer and Shakespeare).

Casper Grathwohl, Reference Publisher at Oxford University Press says "*Our partnership on this project with Proquest is a bold gesture. It represents exactly how publishers should be interlinking resources to provide users with the most powerful tools. The publishing and library communities have been talking about interoperability for years but I see too few moves in that direction. I hope it serves as a model for what librarians have been asking for and publishers have within their power to give them.*"

David 'Skip' Prichard, President of ProQuest Information and Learning, says "*In combination with essential collections like Oxford Reference Online, Literature Online becomes an even more indispensable resource for literary studies.*"

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Notes for editors

About Oxford University Press

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About Oxford Reference Online

Launched in 2003, *Oxford Reference Online* (www.oxfordreference.com) is firmly established as the reference database of choice in universities, colleges, schools and public libraries across the world. It provides comprehensive coverage of the full subject spectrum and, following the launch of the specialist Literature Collection in 2005, offers unrivalled access to an authoritative range of acclaimed multi-volume reference works.

"Oxford Reference Online is the embodiment of the high-quality, authoritative ready-reference book in electronic format... suited to virtually any library setting."

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About Literature Online

Launched in 1996, *Literature Online* (lion.chadwick.com) is now the world's leading academic full-text and reference resource for English language literature. Its comprehensive digital library includes more than 350,000 works of literature with a vast pool of criticism and reference. Unique offerings such as 800 videos of poetry readings and links to more than 5,250 expertly selected literature web sites help *Literature Online* stand apart as the first port of call for students and scholars of literature.

“A powerful portal for researching English and American literature...*Literature Online* succeeds impressively at integrating a wide range of literary information. Highly recommended.”

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