

The Poetry of Emily Dickinson: Further Reading

Editions of Dickinson's Poetry

The Complete Poems of Emily Dickinson, edited by Thomas H. Johnson ([Purchase](#))

The Poems of Emily Dickinson, Reading Edition, edited by R.W. Franklin ([Purchase](#))

Emily Dickinson's Poems, As She Preserved Them, edited by Cristanne Miller ([Purchase](#))

Introduction to Dickinson Criticism

Morgan, Victoria N. ***The Poetry of Emily Dickinson***. Bloomsbury Publishing, 2023.

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This is a fantastic place to start if you're interested in reading more about the scholarship of Emily Dickinson. Morgan presents a concise and easy-to-follow summary of the many ways of scholars have approached the study of Dickinson over the years. Chapters are organized thematically, so you can follow your interests. (Really can't recommend this enough if you're interested in diving deep in Dickinson literary criticism!)

Critical Essays

The following volumes are collections of essays on Dickinson's life and work by some of the top scholars in the field. Because they're written by scholars for scholars, they will often use specialist language and assume a high level of familiarity with Dickinson and her work. But don't let that scare you away! You can apply the same skills you've practiced reading some of Dickinson's more challenging poetry to challenging academic articles, too. ☺

Kohler, Michelle, editor. ***The New Emily Dickinson Studies***. Cambridge University Press, 2019.

([Purchase](#))

Martin, Wendy. ***The Cambridge Companion to Emily Dickinson***. Cambridge University Press, 2006.

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Miller, Cristanne, and Karen Sánchez-Eppler, editors. ***The Oxford Handbook of Emily Dickinson***, Oxford University Press, 2022. ([Purchase](#))

Digital Resources

Dickinson Lexicon

In this open-access dictionary, you can search for definitions of words from Dickinson's contemporary dictionaries. If you create a free account, you can do even more exploring.

<https://edl.byu.edu/>

The Emily Dickinson Collection at Harvard's Houghton Library

Explore digitizations of parts of Dickinson's fascicles; the books in her family library, many of which have her notes and underlines in them; and her herbarium.

<https://library.harvard.edu/collections/emily-dickinson-collection>

The Emily Dickinson Collection at Amherst College

Explore even more digitizations of Dickinson's poetry and correspondences and Mabel Loomis Todd's transcriptions of Dickinson's poetry in preparation for the collections she edited with Thomas Wentworth Higginson.

<https://acdc.amherst.edu/view/EmilyDickinson>

The Emily Dickinson Museum

Emily Dickinson's family home, the Homestead, is now a museum. This website has info about the museum and lots of high-quality images that can help you get a sense for what Dickinson's home looked like.

<https://www.emilydickinsonmuseum.org/>

Emily Dickinson Archive

Provides high-resolution images of Dickinson's manuscripts with transcriptions, editorial information, and the option to create an account and take notes.

<https://www.edickinson.org/>

Dickinson Electronic Archive 1 & 2

1: Includes links to transcriptions of Dickinson's correspondences. (The website is old, so it can sometimes be glitchy.) **2:** An updated version of DEA that includes collections of scholarly essays. Click through to "Exhibitions" for these themed essay collections and "Links" for a more exhaustive list of other online Dickinson resources.

1. <https://archive.emilydickinson.org/>
2. <https://www.emilydickinson.org/>

White Heat: Emily Dickinson in 1862

Dartmouth professor Ivy Schweitzer and her students posted weekly blogs in 2018 that, in their words, "aim...to immerse users in a cumulative temporal experience of the atmosphere, networks, and associations for Dickinson's writing around 1862." The posts provide historical, biographical, and literary context for specific poems written and events that occurred in 1862. It's a fun read, and it looks like Dr. Schweitzer will still respond to comments.

<https://journeys.dartmouth.edu/whiteheat/>