

## Ideas for finding Short Story Collections

### 1. PHS Library:

The good news is that we have many short story collections! The challenge is that many short story collections contain works by multiple authors rather than a single author. So you may need to look at a few collections to find titles by the same author. To access short story collections, do a power search for short stories. This will bring up a long list of titles; note the varying call numbers and have fun hunting a few down. Please ask for help if you can't find what you need.

### 2. Oakland Public Library:

The online catalog (accessible via <http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/>) distinguishes short story collections from other types of literature, but does not enable you to limit your searches to single-author story collections. It is possible to bring up rough lists that include many of these collections at OPL, though, by using the search box labeled "EXACT TITLE - Use exact beginning of title" and entering, for example, COLLECTED STORIES OF; STORIES OF; and TALES OF as your search terms.

You can try this technique on the PHS catalog as well.

### 3. A very extensive index that you might find useful is available at the website of bookseller Barnes & Noble. At <http://tinyurl.com/3k4kl> you can enter a sortable list of "Short Story Collections (Single Author)" that includes more than 8,000 titles.

Also, on the left side of that page are links to subsets of the list, including African short stories, American short stories from various centuries, horror stories, and several other categories and genres.

Barnes & Noble is trying to sell books, of course, so the book covers are available to preview. By clicking on a title you will have access to a synopsis by the publisher and also excerpts from printed reviews.