

***The Letters of Ambrose Bierce* table of contents and index of correspondents**

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Ambrose Bierce's witty letters are crucial tools for anyone wanting to learn more about him. Two major collections of Bierce's letters have been published:

- *The Letters of Ambrose Bierce*, edited by Bertha Clark Pope with (uncredited) the poet and playwright George Sterling (Book Club of California, 1922), and
- *A Much Misunderstood Man: Selected Letters of Ambrose Bierce*, edited by S. T. Joshi and David E. Schultz (Ohio State University Press, 2003), which is now out in paperback.

153 letters plus extracts from seven more appear in the Pope-Sterling volume, and 209 letters appear in the Joshi-Schultz collection. Only 49 letters appear in both books, so a serious researcher will want to consult both.

Three potholes make the Pope-Sterling collection difficult to use: The volume has no table of contents, no index of correspondents, and no general index. For my own projects, I compiled a table of contents and an index of correspondents. I prepared this document so my fellow researchers can leverage these tools.

In the table of contents, I have underscored the 49 letters appearing in both *The Letters of Ambrose Bierce* and in *A Much Misunderstood Man: Selected Letters of Ambrose Bierce*.

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