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[Revisited May’11] Wilson has expanded this database's scope (previous review, CH, Mar'06, 43-3737) to include more articles about contemporary art, architecture, design, and photography while also expanding its retrospective full-text coverage in these and traditional areas as well. Additionally, emphasis on European, Asian, and Latin American artists, cultures, and art forms has expanded. Translation tools allow users to translate articles into 13 languages, enhancing the usefulness of information found in the database. Further Art Full Text includes records of more than 18,000 dissertations dating from 1997. Besides such growth, Wilson boasts an additional 82 journals (270-plus total), 600 records from Sarah Carr-Gomm's The Hutchinson Dictionary of Symbols in Art, and links to more than 8,500 full-text artist biographies, including photographs, from Wilson's Biography Reference Bank(CH, Feb'05, 42-3126). Biographical entries are indicated by a red icon and link/authority record in the article's citation and can be printed, e-mailed, saved, cited, or exported by users as easily as any other Art Full Text record.

Database navigation is facile. Previews via a rollover of the cursor at the end of a citation mean that users do not need to click on the citation to read abstracts, thus saving precious time. Records indicate whether journals are peer reviewed, which makes life easier for students who know where to look. Navigation tabs across the top of a search results list order the results into full text, full-text PDF, peer reviewed, and non-peer reviewed. Wilson offers all the bells and whistles via its content discovery keys. Smart Search as well is a boon to students, giving them more information and, in many cases, more searching confidence than they would otherwise have. By choosing a basic or advanced search, users are able to manipulate the search screen depending upon their comfort levels and the level to which they need to describe the resources they seek. Information may be delimited by document type (including podcasts), physical description, dates, type of text, and whether the item appears in a peer-reviewed or non-peer-reviewed publication.

Summing Up: Highly recommended. Lower-level undergraduates through researchers/faculty.

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