

Top Living Authors, 1989 and 1997 Compared

| 1997-98 ranking | 1989# | 1989% | 1997# | 1997% | change | |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|-------|--------|----------|-------|
| 1. Morrison | 34 | 0.66% | 70 | 1.22% | +0.56% | |
| 2. Walker | 42 | 0.81% | 28 | 0.49% | -0.32% | |
| 3. Kingston | 11 | 0.21% | 24 | 0.42% | +0.21% | |
| 4. Rushdie | 7 | 0.14% | 19 | 0.33% | +0.19% | |
| 5. Pynchon | 16 | 0.31% | 17 | 0.30% | -0.01% | |
| 6. Roth | 16 | 0.31% | 16 | 0.28% | -0.03% | |
| 7. Heaney | 12 | 0.23% | 15 | 0.26% | +0.03% | |
| 8. Rich | 11 | 0.21% | 15 | 0.26% | +0.05% | |
| 9. Bellow | 16 | 0.31% | 12 | 0.21% | -0.10% | |
| 10. Lessing | 10 | 0.19% | 11 | 0.19% | -0.0016% | |
| 11. Pinter | 21 | 0.41% | 11 | 0.19% | -0.22% | |
| 12. Atwood | 10 | 0.19% | 10 | 0.17% | -0.02% | |
| 13. Gordimer | 4 | 0.08% | 9 | 0.16% | +0.08% | |
| 14. Albee | 9 | 0.17% | 7 | 0.12% | -0.05% | |
| 15. Mailer | 12 | 0.23% | 7 | 0.12% | -0.11% | |
| 16. Stoppard | 15 | 0.29% | 7 | 0.12% | -0.17% | |
| 17. Cisneros | 0 | 0.00% | 6 | 0.10% | +0.10% | |
| 18. Didion | 5 | 0.10% | 6 | 0.10% | +0.0079% | |
| 19. Dillard | 7 | 0.14% | 5 | 0.09% | -0.05% | |
| 20. Tan | 0 | 0.00% | 5 | 0.09% | +0.09% | |
| 21. Barthelme | 2 | 0.04% | 5 | 0.09% | +0.05% | |
| 22. Angelou | 3 | 0.06% | 4 | 0.07% | +0.01% | |
| 23. Wilbur | 1 | 0.02% | 4 | 0.07% | +0.05% | |
| 24. Updike | 4 | 0.08% | 4 | 0.07% | -0.01% | |
| 25. Hooks | 0 | 0.00% | 3 | 0.05% | +0.05% | |
| 26. Oates | 2 | 0.04% | 3 | 0.05% | +0.01% | |
| total citations | 270 | | 323 | | | |
| total authors | 5161 | | 5724 | | | |
| | gainers | losers | total | gain | loss | net |
| Females | 10 | 4 | 14 | 1.1679 | 0.3916 | +0.78 |
| Euro-Amer. Males | 3 | 8 | 11 | 0.13 | 0.6 | -0.47 |
| Non-Euro-Amer. Males | 1 | | 1 | 0.19 | | +0.19 |
| Total authors | 14 | 12 | 26 | | | |