

Bibliography: T. S. Eliot, agrégation 2024

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This bibliography does not aim at being comprehensive, given the vast amount of material available on Eliot, his work, and his contexts. Instead, it offers selected recommendations, focusing on texts relevant to the set corpus of poems, and to the likely needs of those teaching and preparing for the *agrégation*. Works marked with an asterisk are suggested as particularly helpful.

A larger bibliography – to which the author of this one is indebted – can be found on the site of the International T. S. Eliot Society:

<https://sites.lsa.umich.edu/tseliotssociety/resources-and-projects/bibliography-of-eliot-scholarship/>

Set text

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This bibliography is divided into five parts:

- A. Editions of Eliot's work
- B. Biography
- C. Criticism: general and reference
- D. Criticism of the whole corpus, and section by section
- E. Contexts and poetics

A. Editions of Eliot's work

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The periodization adopted in sections 2-8 is that of the Faber set edition.

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