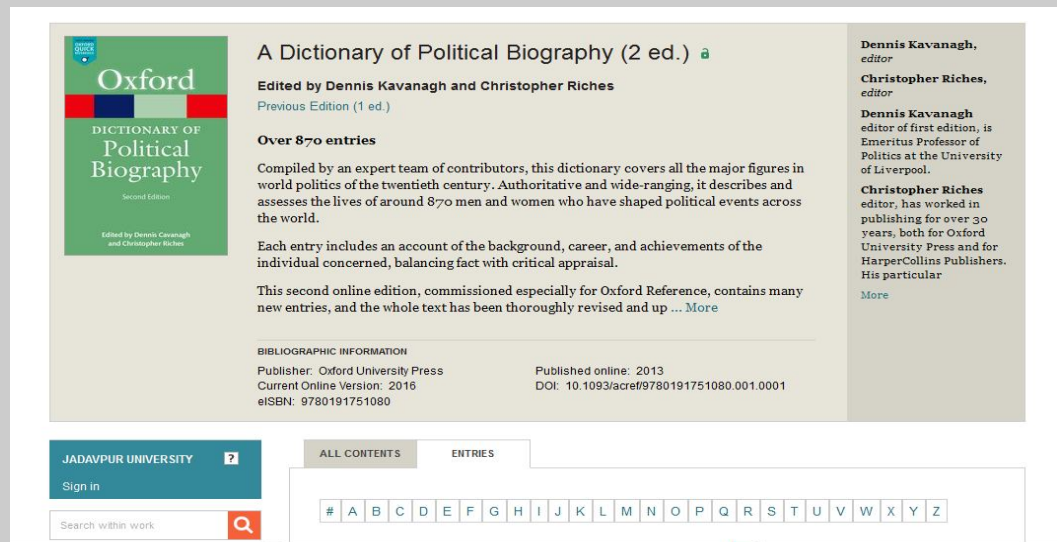


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(b. Baltimore, 9 Nov. 1918; d. Berlin, Maryland, 17 Sept. 1996)

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