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writers. The links include literary agents, professional organizations, and a list of genre publishers. Overall, a well-designed, easily navigated site with much to offer the fan of these genres.

Since July 1997, the SF Site editors have posted book reviews, editorials, interviews, excerpts, reading lists, updated twice monthly. Links to fan tribute sites, genre conventions, related media events, and print and online publications, are among the other easily navigated offerings on this well-designed site. Author photos and interviews with thumbrail reviews make picking and deciding what to read first a delightful chore. Home to such notable author Websites as Charles De Lint, Harlan Ellison, and Stephen King, newcomers to the site will know they are truly in the fantastic kingdom, where all inhabitants hold forth in the royal court of the Science Fiction/fantasy genre.

The Website for the cable TV station the SciFi Channel is more than a sophisticated cyber program guide. The Science Fiction Weekly magazine, geared toward young adults, offers reviews of new releases and classics; it boasts a genre-related site of the week, games, and other "cool stuff," which feature reviews of the latest deadly electronic toy. SciFi Wire reports the latest goings-on in the media and the bulletin board (BBboard) offers topics of discussion from movies to books to authors to "Left Field" topics such as "Gender and SciFi," "Science Fiction," and "Culture and SciFi." Oh, and if you aren’t hip to the latest Stargate technology or Firefly escapades, let the complete series’ episode guides and introductions keep you on the cutting edge.

Selected Science Fiction/Fantasy Bibliography sites

8) The Science Fiction and Fantasy Book List Site — http://www.sffbooklist.co.uk/
This is a simply designed but large bibliography of more than 4,000 science fiction and fantasy authors and titles. The database has links to existing official and fan sites for favorite authors and is updated monthly. Simple alphabet link arrangement makes the site easy to use.

9) Fantastic Fiction — http://www.fantasticfiction.co.uk/
The database lists more than 3,000 science fiction, fantasy, and horror authors and titles. Search functions are slightly more sophisticated than the Science Fiction and Fantasy Book List Site above. Users can search titles or authors alphabetically or by search box. Price comparisons, cover art, texts, and brief author bios make this site worthwhile.

10) Science Fiction and Fantasy for Children: An Annotated Bibliography for Educators — http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/SF/Fbib/index.htm
Created by Linda Day at the University of Guelph, Canada, this is a useful, if somewhat limited, tool for educators and young readers of the genres. The Search function is sophisticated in that the Help function provides users with good search tools. The flaw in this well-annotated collection is that there is no way to view the contents of the database other than using the Search function—a not uncommon flaw in some Internet search technology.

Selected Children’s Science Fiction and Fantasy Authors Websites

This deliciously illustrated Website contains an encyclopedia of Redwall, crossword puzzles, an online gift shop, interviews with the author, and a gallery of sumptuous illustrations from the novels. The excellent navigation will make this site a quick favorite link for fans and newcomers alike.

Renowned and beloved, Jane Yolen is to fantasy literature for children what A.A. Milne is to honey pots and bears. Yolen’s site is a treasure trove of information for teachers, would-be writers, and fans of her many books. After twenty-five years of classroom visits, Yolen has retired from her role as visiting author, but she is still doing the convention and lecture circuit in the U.S. and abroad. Popular titles include Sword in the Dark, The Rightful King, A Sending of Dragons, and the Tartan Magic Book series.

The author of the ever-popular futuristic novels The Giver, and Gathering Blue, is also known for the zany Anastasia series, starring Anastasia Krupnik, whom we meet at the tender age of ten and who, in the inimitable way of fiction, has, since 1979, only aged three years!), and Caroline and J.P. Tate, siblings who bicker their way from New York City to Iowa and right into readers’ hearts.

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Anatomy

"It is possible to learn the nature of such an epiphany whenever part of... any young animal is put on the dinner table." So Vesalius admonishes his readers to be alert to the study of anatomy. Despite the fact that most health sciences students have seen or studied his famous anatomical drawings, whether in books or as art, first-hand knowledge of Vesalius’ writings is in "hideously difficult" Latin has been restricted to a tiny circle of experts until now. De Humani Corporis Fabrica, volume 1, has now been translated into English, augmented, and made more accessible to those interested in human anatomy. Professors Daniel Garrison and Malcolm Hast of Northwestern University have labored for ten years to produce this valuable tool. The other six volumes will be available over the next several years. — http://vesalius.northwestern.edu/

Confidentiality

Need to know how to protect your confidential patient data? Tap into guidelines, recommendations and other information on safeguarding confidential health and other electronic data at the American Statistical Association’s Privacy, Confidentiality, and Security Website. In addition to locating specific guidelines for government agencies, there is also a section on statistical tricks for ensuring anonymity, such as inserting noise into measurements to blur their origin. — http://www.amstat.org/comm/entepe/

History of Medicine

“As it is no easy matter to root out prejudices...it became requisite to exhibit a full and impartial view of what had hitherto been published...” So notes James Lind in his 1753 work Treatise of the Scurvy. Although Lind is best noted for establishing lemons and oranges as remedies for scurvy, his astute recognition of the need for fair tests that weigh all pertinent evidence and account for chance and bias are celebrated on The James Lind Library created by the Library and Information Services Department of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. In addition to images of each page of Lind’s landmark treatise, readers can explore the history of fair tests through book excerpts, papers, bibliographies, and expert commentary. — http://www.jameslindlibrary.org/

Reference

Everything you always wanted to know (and then some) about everything — or so it may appear! Wikipedia is an ambitious “people’s encyclopedia” project with content in over forty languages, developed by everyone for everyone. Anyone can contribute an article on any topic to the Website, and anyone else can edit any page. Talk about peer review — easily bruised egos need not apply! With over 60,000 articles already available, the site is growing by more than 300 articles per day with no signs of slowing down. There is no formal executive committee overseeing the project; just a server, someone who pays the bills, and a structure in place for the peoples of the world to contribute their own individual knowledge to their own language, expert or not. Much of the strength of this resource comes from the open structure, but alas so does much of its weakness. A number of features were disabled because use slowed the server down to a crawl. Caveat emptor! It is a fascinating browse, nonetheless, and has great potential. — http://www.wikipedia.com

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