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Petition for Cancellation

Notice is hereby given that the following party requests to cancel indicated registration.

Petitioner Information

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Registration Subject to Cancellation

Registration No	4863676	Registration date	12/01/2015
Registrant	Power I Productions LLC 163 West 18th Street #1B New York, NY 10011 UNITED STATES		

Goods/Services Subject to Cancellation

Class 041. First Use: 2013/12/01 First Use In Commerce: 2015/08/01

All goods and services in the class are cancelled, namely: Entertainment services, namely, an ongoing series featuring documentary films featuring modern cultural phenomena provided through the internet and movie theaters; Entertainment services, namely, displaying a series of films; Entertainmentservices, namely, providing a web site featuring photographic and prose presentations featuring modern cultural phenomena; Entertainment services, namely, storytelling

Grounds for Cancellation

The mark is merely descriptive	Trademark Act Sections 14(1) and 2(e)(1)
The mark is or has become generic	Trademark Act Section 14(3), or Section 23 if on Supplemental Register

Attachments	Fandom_Generic_Petition.pdf(2202166 bytes) Fandom Appendix pt 1.pdf(4769247 bytes) Fandom Appendix pt 2.pdf(4885778 bytes)
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Name	Elizabeth Rosenblatt, Esq.
Date	04/29/2016

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Organization for Transformative Works,	(Cancellation No.:
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PETITION FOR CANCELLATION

Petitioner Organization for Transformative Works ("OTW"), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, believes that the term FANDOM is a generic term and therefore incapable of functioning as a trademark for films and websites that feature the modern cultural phenomena of fandom, including the services identified in Registration No. 4,863,676 (the "676 Registration"); in the event that the Board determines that the term "FANDOM" is not generic, then OTW states and argues that the term FANDOM is descriptive of the goods set forth in the '676 Registration. Power I Productions LLC's ("Registrant") Registration No. 4,863,676 for FANDOM monopolizes the generic use of the term and affects the ability of OTW and others to use the term generically. OTW thus seeks cancellation of Registration No. 4,863,676, alleging the following, upon actual knowledge with respect to itself and its own acts, and upon information and belief as to other matters.

As grounds for cancellation, OTW asserts that:

1. OTW has been engaged in working with fans to provide access to and preserve the history of fandom, fanworks and fan cultures in many forms, including those inspired by films and websites, since 2007, including but not limited to providing a web site featuring

photographic and prose presentations featuring modern cultural phenomena, as well as since at least 2008, entertainment services, namely, storytelling. Exhibit A.

- 2. OTW owns a website that discusses fandom and fandom-related films. Exhibit B.
- 3. Based upon information and belief, Registrant is a Delaware limited liability company located at 163 West 18th Street #1B, New York, NY 10011.
- 4. Registrant is the listed owner of Registration No. 4,863,676, issued December 1, 2015, for the term FANDOM in connection with "entertainment services, namely, an ongoing series featuring documentary films featuring modern cultural phenomena provided through the Internet and movie theatres; entertainment services, namely, displaying a series of films; entertainment services, namely, providing a web site featuring photographic and prose presentations featuring modern cultural phenomena; entertainment services, namely, storytelling" in class 41.
- 5. "Fandom" is defined by Merriam-Webster Dictionary as all the fans (as of a sport), and the state or attitude of being a fan; Merriam-Webster further states that the term has been in use since 1903. Fandom is defined by the Oxford English Dictionary as "The world of enthusiasts for some amusement or for some artist" and includes four etymological references also dating back to 1903. Exhibit C.
- 6. The term "fandom" is, accordingly, the generic name for the services identified in Registration No. 4,863,676 and is incapable of functioning as a trademark.
- 7. There is no commonly used alternative to the term "fandom" that would effectively allow the general public or third parties to communicate the same information.
- 8. Numerous third parties, consumers and the media use and understand the term "fandom" as the generic name for the services identified in Registrant's Registration No.

- 4,863,676. Exhibit D shows dozens of articles, interviews and reviews that use the term "fandom" as the generic name for such services, as well as related services.
- 9. OTW and others have a competitive and equal right to use the term "fandom" as the generic and descriptive name of their services and in reference to their services, as well as goods. Exhibit E includes publicly distributed interviews with and articles about third parties who have in recent years used the term "fandom" in a generic manner in connection with their services.
- 10. If Registrant is allowed to maintain its registration for the term "fandom," Registrant will effectively misappropriate a generic term for Registrant's exclusive use, and cause injury and damage to OTW and others as it would give third-parties the impression that they are precluded from using "fandom" in connection with their services and goods, and would interfere with their rights to use the generic, or at least descriptive, term "fandom" in connection with their services, including precluding them from using "fandom" as in connection with their services, including in connection with entertainment services in the nature of storytelling and entertainment services in the nature of a website that hosts prose, which are services that have been rendered by OTW in connection with the term "fandom" since 2008 for the former and 2007 for the latter.
- 11. Accordingly, Registration No. 4,863,676 for the term FANDOM should be cancelled under Section 14(3) of the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1064(3), on the ground that the term "fandom" is the generic name for the identified services, and is incapable of functioning as a mark.
- 12. In the alternative, if the Board does not accept that the term "fandom" is generic when used in connection with the services set forth by Registrant, OTW alleges that the term

FANDOM is commonly used to describe the community of fans of the same interests and their attitudes and activities, and related cultural phenomena.

13. Websites, movies, stories and other services that discuss the interests of fans or are a created as a result of fans' interests, including websites and scholarly journals created by and for OTW use the term "fandom" to describe those creating such media and content, as well as to describe the community of those individuals¹; such usage is enveloped into the M-W Definition.

14. Accordingly, Registration No. 4,863,676 for the term FANDOM should be cancelled under section 2(e)(1) of the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1052(e)(1), on the ground that the term "fandom" is merely descriptive of Registrant's services.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth above, Petitioner requests that Registration No. 4,863,676 be cancelled.

This Petition for Cancellation is being filed electronically pursuant to the ESTTA system.

Date: April ____, 2016

Elizabeth Rosenblatt, Esq.
Heidi Tandy, Esq.
Organization for Transformative Works

Jekka Garner & Darlene Tzou

¹ Industry journals have discussed NFL fandom and fantasy football fandom. See Brendan Dwyer, *Divided Loyalty? An Analysis of Fantasy Football Involvement and Fan Loyalty to Individual National Football League (NFL) Teams*, 25 J. of Sports Mgmt.445 (2011); Brendan Dwyer et al., *Substitute or Complement? Fantasy Football and NFL Fandom*, 23 Marketing Mgmt.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing PETITION FOR CANCELLATION has been served via First Class Mail, postage pre-paid, on counsel for Registrant at the address below, on April ___, 2016:

Dean R. Cheley Attorney of Record Donaldson + Callif, LLP 400 S. Beverly Drive, Ste. 400 Beverly Hills, CA, 90212

Exhibit A





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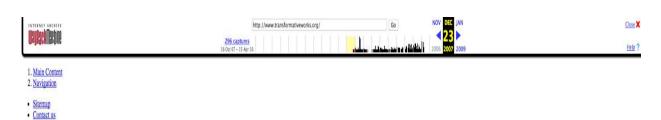
Community information! FAQ V1.0

Thank you for waiting patiently. Your mods have worked up a rough draft of your community FAQ. It has already been posted to the userinfo. For your convenience (to make it extra easy for everyone to read *G*) we thought we'd post it here.

- 0. This FAQ is still a work in progress. We're just getting off the ground, so it will be a learning process for everyone. Expect at least one major FAQ revision as time goes on. We will, of course, notify the community at large when a major change (or a culmination of smaller changes) is made. We're already 400 watchers strong and that's before we've even started.
- 1. Posting ability We're hoping to keep this as open and friendly as possible, so for now we're not going to change any of the posting options. However, your friendly neighborhood mods have discussed contingencies if it becomes evident that this community doesn't lend itself to the current setup.
- 2. Keeping it on topic We're hoping to get a list of tags and a compilation of links to the current discussions up as soon as possible. If your topic isn't covered easily in the tags or is possibly already covered in one of the current conversations, but you just can't decide if making a new post would be on or off topic, please contact us.

We're going to try and avoid duplication, but it might take a few days to get everything under control, please be patient while we hammer out the dents.

- 3. Contacting us fandomarchive@gmail.com will reach all of your mods. Please don't hesitate to use it.
- 4. I don't have an LJI We are very aware that Livejournal doesn't equal all of fandom and that more than just Livejournal users might want to step into the conversations and offer constructive comments right along side everyone else. For now, anonymous commenting is allowed. What we ask is that you sign a name, any name. Just keep it consistent. Having watched many conversations that include anonymous comments, we can tell you how easy it is to get two confused and how much trouble that can cause.



Organization for Transformative Works

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The Organization for Transformative Works (OTW) is a nonprofit organization established by fans to serve the interests of fans by providing access to and preserving the history of fanworks and fan culture in its myriad forms.

- What we believe
 Who we are

This is what we're working on:

- An Archive of Our Own;

- Legal assistance for fran;
 The academic journal Transformative Works and Cultures;
 A wiki to provide information about fandom to the general public.

If you'd like to know more, please see the FAQ or contact us. If you'd like to help, please get involved!

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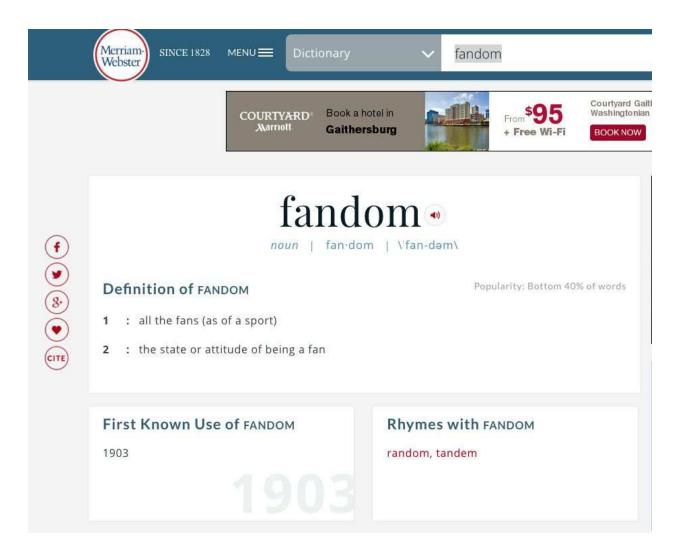
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fandom, n.

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The world of enthusiasts for some amusement or for some artist; also in extended use.

- 1903 Cincinnati Enquirer 2 Jan. 3/1 (heading) Fandom puzzled over Johnsonian statements.
- 1928 Publishers' Weekly 30 June, Ty Cobb, the idol of baseball fandom.
- 1958 Times 13 Sept. 7/6 The same editor calculates that at least half his British writers have been recruited from 'fandom'.
- 1963 Philos. Rev. 72 520 Morality has or ought to have its fandom.

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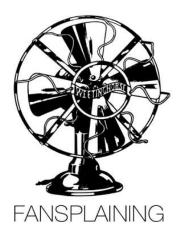




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The podcast by, about, and for fandom, hosted by Flourish Klink & Elizabeth Minkel.

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Fansplaining is a podcast about fandom; not a fandom, but fandom and fan culture in general. How are fans making an impact on pop culture? On industry? How has fandom changed over the years? And what truly is the best farvid ever? Fansplaining features fan, academic, and entertainment industry guests, and it's hosted by Flourish Klink and Elizabeth Minkel. New episodes come out every two weeks.

Elizabeth Minkel spent close to two decades lurking in fandom—Buffy, Harry Potter,
Torchwood/Doctor Who, and Sherlock, amongst others—and the past few years speaking up
about fandom as much as she could. She writes a regular column on fan culture for the New
Statesman, and she's on staff at The Millions. She's written for The Guardian, The New
Yorker, The New York Times, and The New Republic—and she's written a whole lot of fantic
(self-indulgent time-travel crossovers) that shamefully languishes in WIP Land, never
published. She also has a weekly fandom newsletter, "The Rec Center," with fellow fandom
journalist Gavia Baker-Whitefaw. She has a master's in the digital humanities, the intersection
of the humanities and computer science, where she wrote her dissertation about book
fandom and Tumbir (THE BOOKTERNETI). She lives in Brooklyn. Find Elizabeth
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John Terry's not guilty, but football's still in trouble

Everyone has to stop racism from blighting our showpiece sport.

By Steven Baxter

Football's coming back. The adverts for the new Premier League season will be hitting our screens soon, promising the usual drama, more amazing goals and plenty of action. What they won't mention is the ugly face of the game - the claims of racism which have tainted the family-friendly image of the self-proclaimed 'best league in the world'.

After several months during which ill feeling festered on both sides, the Anton Ferdinand-John Terry case has finally concluded with Terry being found not guilty of the charges. With the case coming so soon after the Luis Suarez-Patrice Evra incident, which saw the Liverpool player banned for eight matches, we have to ask the question whether this represents a crisis in the elite game or just two unfortunate, isolated incidents.

Terry's words were caught on camera and seemed to be decipherable to most amateur lipreaders – although the sound of what he said was not recorded. His defence, which was upheld, was that he was using them sarcastically, claiming that Ferdinand had wrongly accused him of racial abuse.

Both players admitted laying into each other with swearing and trash talk – not doing a great service for the sponsors and brands who attach themselves so keenly to the English Premier League, or being terrific role models for the millions of young fans who look up to their favourite stars as players (if not necessarily as people).

The incident had wider implications too. Ferdinand's brother, the former England captain Rio, found himself booded when he played against Chelsea – and there were later suggestions that the bad blood between the two was behind England's decision not to take both players to the tournament in Ukraine and Poland. Terry was found not guilty of the offence for which he was charged, so let that be an end to the matter. It shows that England's decision to keep him in the Euro 2012 squad, presuming innocence, was probably the right one.

The not guilty verdict for the former England captain will leave many - players, sponsors and those with a vested interest in seeing the game making a healthy profit - breathing a sigh of relief that the top flight wasn't tainted by this trial. Perhaps they can think that racism on the pitch can be relegated to a misunderstanding, or a vendetta. But that doesn't mean that racism is never, was never, and will never be a problem.

The Terry-Ferdinand spat came soon after the Luis Suarez-Patrice Evra affair, which poisoned what was already arguably the fiercest rivalry in the Premier League: between Liverpool and Manchester United.

The United skipper accused Suarez of making a racist remark; the Uruguayan defended himself and said it was a cultural misunderstanding of the term "negrito"; his clubmates wore T-shirts in support ahead of a match; but Suarez was found guilty. When the two sides met again in the league, at Old Trafford, Evra wildly celebrated United's at the final whistle right in front of Suarez. Again, it was hard for anyone to find the moral high ground.

Gone are the days in England when the major focus of racism in football was off the pitch, where disgraceful racist chanting, banana-throwing and abuse were a sad reality for many black players. But while that kind of behaviour has mainly been eradicated from the terraces, it's now the players who face closer scrutiny.

It's probably the case that trash-talking has spilled over into hate speech for many years, but the issue has come to a head now, and the authorities must be seen to take a stand. When there are 40 or more cameras trained on the action at top-flight games, the top players' every cough and spit is likely to be broadcast. There is no use in pretending it hasn't happened, or hoping that the problem will go away.

Some will argue that victims of racism should just - to use that horrible phrase - "man up" and get on with it rather than complaining. Some will say that psyching out an opponent is part and parcel of the game, like sledging in cricket - and there may be some merit in that. But it has to be made clear that certain lines cannot be crossed, and certain types of abuse are completely unacceptable - not on a park, not on a pitch, not in a stadium in front of 70,000 paying punters.

Don't blame the victims for coming forward. Don't blame the cameras for zooming in on the players' faces. And don't hide behind fandom and club loyalty to protect "your" players when they behave appallingly – if you do, you are just as guilty as they are. Everyone has to work together to stop racism from blighting our showpiece sport, and it starts with the fans. If some will continue to believe that 'their' players have done nothing wrong, and line up to defend those who have done indefensible things, we will get nowhere.



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POLITICS CULTURE WORLD SCIENCE & TECH OUR WRITERS LONG READS THIS WEEK'S MAGAZINE SUB-

CHRISTOPHER BRAY

CULTURE 22 OCTOBER 2001

Don't panic

Graham McCann Fourth Estate, 292pp, £16.99 ISBN 1841153087



he first person I can remember dying is James Beck - aka Private Walker, the crafty cockney type in Dad's Army. Actually, he wasn't a type at all. As with all the characters in Jimmy Perry and David Croft's sitcom, Walker seemed like, if not someor you knew, then someone it would be possible to know. Wilson, Mainwaring, Godfrey, even jonesy, were more than just a cluster of catchphrases. They might have been dummies, but they weren't stuffed dummies. They breathed their stupidity. So when James Beck died young, it registered with at least one 11-year-old.

Part of the reason why the Dad's Army mob seem so real, one learns from Graham McCann's new book, is that the actors were very similar to the characters they played. John Le Mesurier (rhymes with "treasurer") really was a laid-back lounger (although, unlike Sergeant Wilson, one with a taste for the bottle). John Laurie, who played that poet of schodenfreude, Frazer, took great delight in proving to Arnold Ridley (taunted on screen as "that old fool" Godfrey) that he was by far the fitter of the two men. And when Clive Dunn was awarded an OBE in 1975, Arthur Lowe was heard to say that "when it comes to my turn I don't want any of that bargain-basement stuff" - vintage Captain Mainwaring if I ever heard it.

So were the parts written to suit the actors, or did the parts rub off on the players? There is little way of knowing from this book, which is no more than a high-class cuts job, padded out with extracts from the Dad's Army scripts. Given the quality of those scripts, the padding is luxurious feather down, but padding it remains. There is a place for such publications, but one expects rather more from books with McCann's name on the spine. A lecturer in political theory at Cambridge, McCann has written the best biography of Cary Grant there is, a good study of Woody Allen, an intelligent analysis of method acting, and a fascinating cross-cultural look at Marilyn Monroe. Three years ago, however, he published a monograph on Morecambe and Wise which, though as assiduously researched as the present volume, felt, again like the present volume, rather longer than it needed to be.

Dad's Army was a television phenomenon, one of those rare moments of cultural unity in which the bulk of the nation sits down to watch something together. (Even today, as it is repeated for the umpteenth time, millions of us still tune in.) But McCann makes no

as J B Priestley, Randy Newman and Wittgenstein, he merely takes it for granted that the show was brilliant, and that's that. What is going on? How can the author who gave us the semiotics of James Dean have missed the significance of Dud's Army bursting into the mind of its creator as he watched a changing of the guard during the summer of love? Or that the show hit the screen just a couple of months after May 1968? Might it not be that this reassuring comedy about life in Blighty during the Second World War was a response to the final breakdown of the cosy postwar order? Such questions are at least worth asking.

popular culture, too many academics have been making a living writing about any old showbiz detritus, hence all those tiresome and trite books about shows such as Crossroads and Nationwide. With or without the sociological waffle, Dad's Army was a great sitcom; but if

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Why do we give robots female names? Because we don't want to consider their feelings

The story of Sam Pepper: how a British YouTuber incurred the wrath of the internet

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This book, surely the product of a commission rather than a passion that grew into an idea, ends up being no better than a dium of Dad's Army fandom. Who does he think he's kidding, Mr McCann?

Christopher Bray is an editor at the Daily Telegraph



This article first appeared in the 22 October 2001 issue of the New Statesman, a plan for the

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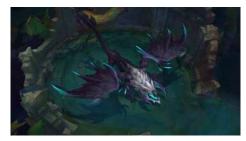
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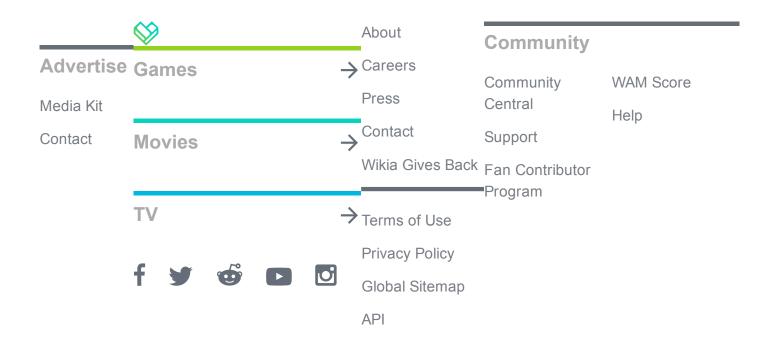
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Fandom is a term used to refer to a subculture composed of fans characterized by a feeling of empathy and camaraderie with others who share a common interest. Fans typically are interested in even minor details of the object(s) of their fandom and spend a significant portion of their time and energy involved with their interest, often as a part of a social network with particular practices (a fandom); this is what differentiates "fannish" (fandom-affiliated) fans from those with only a casual interest.

A fandom can grow around any area of human interest or activity. The subject of fan interest can be narrowly defined, focused on something like an individual celebrity, or more widely defined, encompassing entire hobbies, genres or fashions. While it is now



Harry Potter fans dressed as Hogwarts students

used to apply to groups of people fascinated with any subject, the term has its roots in those with an enthusiastic appreciation for sports. Merriam-Webster's dictionary traces the usage of the term back as far as 1903.^[1] It is formed of the word *fan* plus the suffix *-dom* (as in *kingdom*).

Fandom as a term can also be used in a broad sense to refer to the interconnected social networks of individual fandoms, many of which overlap.

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Organized subculture

Fans of the literary detective Sherlock Holmes are widely considered to have comprised the first modern fandom, [2] holding public demonstrations of mourning after Holmes was "killed off" in 1893, and creating some of the first fan fiction as early as about 1897 to 1902. [2][3] Outside the scope of media, railway enthusiasts are another early fandom with its roots in the late 19th century that began to gain in popularity and increasingly organize in the first decades of the early 20th century.

A wide variety of Western modern organized fannish subcultures originated with science fiction fandom, the community of fans of the science fiction and fantasy genres. Science fiction fandom dates back to the 1930s and maintains organized clubs and associations in many cities around the world. Fans have held the annual World Science Fiction Convention since 1939, along with many other events each year, and has created its own jargon, sometimes called "fanspeak". [4] In addition, the Society for Creative Anachronism, a medievalist re-creation group, has its roots in science fiction fandom. It was founded by members thereof; and many science fiction and fantasy authors such as Marion Zimmer Bradley, Poul Anderson, Randall Garrett, David D. Friedman and Robert Asprin are or were members of the organization.

Media fandom split from science fiction fandom in the early 1970s with a focus on relationships between characters within TV and movie media franchises, such as *Star Trek* and *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.*.^[5] Fans of these franchises generated creative products like fan art and fan fiction at a time when typical science fiction fandom was focused on critical discussions. The MediaWest convention provided a video room and was instrumental in the emergence of fan vids, or analytic music videos based on a source,



Fan art for the *Sherlock* TV series on a Dutch telephone booth

in the late 1970s. [6] By the mid-1970s, it was possible to meet fans at science fiction conventions who did not read science fiction, but only viewed it on film or TV.

Anime and manga fandom began in the 1970s in Japan. In America, the fandom also began as an offshoot of science fiction fandom, with fans bringing imported copies of Japanese manga to conventions.^[7] Before anime began to be licensed in the U.S., fans who wanted to get a hold of anime would leak copies of anime movies and subtitle them to exchange with friends in the community, thus marking the start of fansubs.



A cartoon of an "anthro vixen" furry

Furry fandom refers to the fandom for fictional anthropomorphic animal characters with human personalities and characteristics. The concept of *furry* originated at a science fiction convention in 1980,^[8] when a drawing of a character from Steve Gallacci's *Albedo Anthropomorphics* initiated a discussion of anthropomorphic characters in science fiction novels, which in turn initiated a discussion group that met at science fiction and comics conventions.

Additional subjects with significant fandoms include comics, sports, music, pulp magazines, [9] soap operas, celebrities and videogames.

Fan activities

Members of a fandom associate with one another, often attending fan conventions and publishing and exchanging fanzines and newsletters. Amateur press associations are another form of fan publication and networking. Originally using print-based media, these sub-cultures have migrated much of their communications and interaction onto the Internet, which they also use for the purpose of archiving detailed information pertinent to their given fanbase. Often, fans congregate on forums and discussion boards to share their love for and criticism of a specific work. This congregation can lead to a high level of organization and community within the fandom, as well as infighting. Although there is some level of hierarchy among most of the discussion boards in which certain contributors are valued more highly than others, newcomers are most often welcomed into the fold. Most importantly, these sorts of discussion boards can have an effect on the media itself as was the case in the television show *Glee*. Trends on the discussion boards have been known to influence the writers and producers of the show.^[10] The media fandom for the TV series *Firefly* was able to generate enough corporate interest to create a movie after the series was canceled.^[11]

Some fans write fan fiction ("fanfic"), stories based on the universe and characters of their chosen fandom. This fiction can take the form of video-making as well as writing.^[12] Fan fiction may or may not tie in with the story's canon; sometimes the fans use the story's characters in different situations that do not relate to the plot line at all.

Especially at events, fans may also partake in *cosplay* (a portmanteau between *cos*tume and *play*) – the creation and wearing of costumes designed in the likeness of characters from a source work – which can also be combined with role-playing, reenacting scenes or inventing likely behavior inspired by their chosen sources.^[13]

Others create fan vids, or analytical music videos focusing on the source fandom, and yet others create fan art. Such activities are sometimes known as "fan labor" or "fanac", an abbreviated form of the phrase "fan activity". The advent of the Internet has significantly facilitated fan association and activities. Activities that have been aided by the Internet includes the creation of fan "shrines" dedicated to favorite characters, computer screen wallpapers, avatars. Furthermore, the advent of the Internet has resulted in the creation of online fan networks who help facilitate the exchange of fanworks. [14]



Cosplayer. She-Hulk, 2012

Some fans create pictures known as *edits*, which consist of pictures or photos with their chosen fandom characters in different scenarios. These edits are often shared on social media networks such as Instagram, Tumblr, or Pinterest.^[15] In some edits, one may see content relating to several different fandoms.

Fandom is sometimes caricatured as religious faith, as the interest of fans sometimes grows to dominate their lifestyle, [16] and fans are often very obstinate in professing (and refusing to change) their beliefs about their fandom. However, society at large does not treat fandom with the same weight as organized religion.

There are also active fan organizations that participate in philanthropy and create a positive social impact. For example, the Harry Potter Alliance is a civic organization with a strong online component which runs campaigns around human rights issues, often in partnership with other advocacy and nonprofit groups; its membership skews college age and above. Nerdfighters, another fandom formed around a YouTube vlog channel, are mainly high school students united by a common goal of "decreasing world suck". [17]

In film

Feature-length documentaries about fandom (some more respectful of the subjects than others) include *Trekkies, Ringers: Lord of the Fans, Finding the Future: A Science Fiction Conversation* (http://www.findingthefuture.com), and *Done the Impossible*. "Fandom" is also the name of a documentary / mockumentary about a fan obsessed with Natalie Portman.

In books

Fangirl is a novel written by Rainbow Rowell about a college student who is a fan of a book series called Simon Snow, which is written by a fictional author named Gemma T. Leslie.

Relationship with the industry

The film and television entertainment industry refers to the totality of fans devoted to a particular area of interest, whether organized or not, as the "fanbase".

Media fans, have, on occasion, organized on behalf of canceled television series, with notable success in cases such as *Star Trek* in 1968, *Cagney & Lacey* in 1983, *Xena: Warrior Princess*, in 1995, *Roswell* in 2000 and 2001 (it was canceled with finality at the end of the 2002 season), *Farscape* in 2002, *Firefly* in 2002, and *Jericho* in 2007. (In the case of *Firefly* the result was the movie *Serenity*, not another season.) It was likewise the fans who facilitated the push to create a *Veronica Mars* film through a Kickstarter campaign. [18]

Such outcries, even when unsuccessful, suggests a growing self-consciousness on the part of entertainment consumers, who appear increasingly likely to attempt to assert their power as a bloc.^[19] Fan activism in support of the 2007 Writers Guild of America strike through Fans4Writers appears to be an extension of this trend.

Gaming fans have also recently made a big impact on content developers. In March 2012, when the most recent installment of Bioware's *Mass Effect* series was released, the fandom was so displeased with the game's available endings that they demanded there be some kind of change. Buckling under the pressure of this heated demand, BioWare released a DLC (downloadable content) packet on June 26, 2012^[20] in hopes of reconciling the game's endings and soothing the fandom's aggression. This simple change to the game's ending was a huge step for fandoms because the entertainment industry has never before taken such large steps to comply with a fanbase's desires.^[21]

In science fiction, a large number of the practitioners and other professionals in the field, not only writers but editors and publishers, traditionally have themselves come from and participate in science fiction fandom, from Ray Bradbury and Harlan Ellison to Patrick Nielsen Hayden and Toni Weisskopf; the "fan" vs. "pro" dualism does not exist in SF the way it does in the media entertainment industry.

See also

- Akiba-kei
- Anorak (slang)

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- Browncoats (fans of *Firefly*)
- Furries (fans of the furry genre)
- MSTies (fans of *Mystery Science Theater 3000*)
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- Potterheads (fans of *Harry Potter*)
- Sherlockians (fans of *Sherlock Holmes*)
- Stargate fandom
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- Trekkies (fans of *Star Trek*)
- Whovians (fans of *Doctor Who*)

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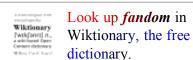
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Science fiction fandom

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Science fiction fandom or SF fandom (or Sci-Fi fandom) is a community or fandom of people actively interested in science fiction in contact with one another based upon that interest. SF fandom has a life of its own, but not much in the way of formal organization (although clubs such as the Futurians [1937–1945], the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society [1934–present], and the National Fantasy Fan Federation [1941–present] are recognized features of fandom).

Most often called simply "fandom" within the community, it can be viewed as a distinct subculture, [1] with its own literature and jargon; marriages and other relationships among fans are common, as are multi-generation fannish families.



Star Wars Celebration IV - The 501st legion guards an Obi-Wan bust at *Star Wars* Celebration IV

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Origins and history

Science fiction fandom started through the letter column of Hugo Gernsback's fiction magazines. Not only did fans write comments about the stories—they sent their addresses, and Gernsback published them. Soon, fans were writing letters directly to each other, and meeting in person when they lived close together, or when one of them could manage a trip. In New York City, David Lasser, Gernsback's managing editor, nurtured the birth of a small local club called the Scienceers, which held its first meeting in a Harlem apartment on December 11, 1929. Almost all the members were adolescent boys. [2] Around this time a few other small local groups began to spring up in metropolitan areas around the United States, many of them connecting with fellow enthusiasts via the Science Correspondence Club. In May 1930 the first science fiction fan magazine, *The Comet*, was produced by the Chicago branch of the Science Correspondence Club

under the editorship of Raymond A. Palmer (later a noted, and notorious, sf magazine editor) and Walter Dennis.^[3] In January 1932, the New York City circle, which by then included future comic book editors Julius Schwartz and Mort Weisinger, brought out the first issue of their own publication, *The Time Traveller*, with Forrest J Ackerman of the embryonic Los Angeles group as a contributing editor.

In 1934, Gernsback established a correspondence club for fans called the Science Fiction League, the first fannish organization. Local groups across the nation could join by filling out an application. A number of clubs came into being around this time. LASFS (the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society) was founded at this time as a local branch of the SFL, while several competing local branches sprang up in New York City and immediately began feuding among themselves.

In 1935, PSFS (the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society, 1935–present) was formed. The next year, half a dozen fans from NYC came to Philadelphia to meet with the PSFS members, as the first Philadelphia Science Fiction Conference, which some claim as the world's first science fiction convention.

Soon after the fans started to communicate directly with each other came the creation of science fiction fanzines. These amateur publications might or might not discuss science fiction and were generally traded rather than sold. They ranged from the utilitarian or inept to professional-quality printing and editing. In recent years, Usenet newsgroups such as rec.arts.sf.fandom, websites and blogs have somewhat supplanted printed fanzines as an outlet for expression in fandom, though many popular fanzines continue to be published. Science-fiction fans have been among the first users of computers, email, personal computers and the Internet.

Many professional science fiction authors started their interest in science fiction as fans, and some still publish their own fanzines or contribute to those published by others.

A widely regarded (though by no means error-free) history of fandom in the 1930s can be found in Sam Moskowitz's *The Immortal Storm: A History of Science Fiction Fandom* Hyperion Press 1988 ISBN 0-88355-131-4 (original edition The Atlanta Science Fiction Organization Press, Atlanta, Georgia 1954). Moskowitz was himself involved in some of the incidents chronicled and has his own point of view, which has often been criticized.

By country

Fandom in Sweden

Fandom in Sweden ("Sverifandom") emerged in the 1950s. The first Swedish science fiction fanzine was started in the early 1950s. The oldest still existing club, Club Cosmos in Gothenburg, was formed in 1954, [4] and the first Swedish science fiction convention, LunCon, was held in Lund in 1956.

Today, there are a number of science fiction clubs in the country, including Skandinavisk Förening för Science Fiction (whose club fanzine, *Science Fiction Forum*, was once edited by Stieg Larsson, a board member and one-time chairman thereof), Linköpings Science Fiction-Förening and Sigma Terra Corps. Between one and four science fiction conventions are held each year in Sweden, among them Swecon, the annual national Swedish con. An annual prize is awarded to someone that has contributed to the national fandom by the Alvar Appeltofft Memorial Fund. [5][6]

Conventions

Since the late 1930s, SF fans have organized conventions, non-profit gatherings where the fans (some of whom are also professionals in the field) meet to discuss SF and generally enjoy themselves. (A few fannish couples have held their weddings at conventions.) The 1st World Science Fiction Convention or Worldcon was held in conjunction with the 1939 New York World's Fair, and has been held annually since the end of World War II. Worldcon has been the premier convention in fandom for over half a century; it is at this convention that the Hugo Awards are bestowed, and attendance can approach 8,000 or more.

SF writer Cory Doctorow calls science fiction "perhaps the most social of all literary genres", and states, "Science fiction is driven by organized fandom, volunteers who put on hundreds of literary conventions in every corner of the globe, every weekend of the year."^[7]

SF conventions can vary from minimalist "relaxacons" with a hundred or so attendees to heavily programmed events with four to six or more simultaneous tracks of programming, such as WisCon and Worldcons.

Commercial shows dealing with SF-related fields are sometimes billed as 'science fiction conventions,' but are operated as for-profit ventures, with an orientation towards passive spectators, rather than actively involved fans, and a tendency to neglect or ignore written SF in favor of television, film, comics, video games, etc. One of the largest of these is the annual Dragon*Con in Atlanta, Georgia with an attendance of more than 20,000 since 2000.

Science fiction societies

In the United States, many science fiction societies were launched as chapters of the Science Fiction League and, when it faded into history, several of the original League chapters remained viable and were subsequently incorporated as independent organizations. Most notable among the former League chapters which were spun off was the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society, which served as a model for subsequent SF societies formed independent of the League history.

Science fiction societies, more commonly referred to as "clubs" except on the most formal of occasions, form a year-round base of activities for science fiction fans. They are often associated with an SF convention or group of conventions, but maintain a separate existence as cultural institutions within specific geographic regions. Several have purchased property and maintain ongoing collections of SF literature available for research, as in the case of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, the New England Science Fiction Association, and the Baltimore Science Fiction Society. Other SF Societies maintain a more informal existence, meeting at general public facilities or the homes of individual members, such as the Bay Area Science Fiction Association.

Offshoots and subcommunities

As a community devoted to discussion and exploration of new ideas, fandom has become an incubator for many groups that started out as special interests within fandom, some of which have partially separated into independent intentional communities not directly associated with science fiction. Among these groups are comic book fandom, media fandom, the Society for Creative Anachronism, gaming, and furry fandom, sometimes referred to collectively as "fringe fandoms" with the implication that the original fandom

centered on science fiction texts (magazines and later books and fanzines) is the "true" or "core" fandom. Fandom also welcomes and shares interest with other groups including LGBT communities, libertarians, neo-pagans, and space activist groups like the L5 Society, among many others. Some groups exist almost entirely within fandom but are distinct and cohesive subcultures in their own rights, such as filkers, costumers, and convention runners (sometimes called "SMOFs").

Fandom encompasses subsets of fans that are principally interested in a single writer or subgenre, such as Tolkien fandom, and *Star Trek* fandom ("Trekkies"). Even short-lived television series may have dedicated followings, such as the fans of Joss Whedon's *Firefly* television series and movie *Serenity*, known as Browncoats.

Participation in science fiction fandom often overlaps with other similar interests, such as fantasy roleplaying games, comic books and anime, and in the broadest sense fans of these activities are felt to be part of the greater community of SF fandom.

There are active SF fandoms around the world. Fandom in non-Anglophone countries is based partially on local literature and media, with cons and other elements resembling those of English-speaking fandom, but with distinguishing local features. For example, Finland's national gathering Finncon is funded by the government, while all conventions and fan activities in Japan are heavily influenced by anime and manga.

Fanspeak

Science fiction and fantasy fandom has its own slang or jargon, sometimes called "fanspeak" (the term has been in use since at least 1962^[9]).



See the Fanspeak appendix in Wiktionary, the free dictionary

Fanspeak is made up of acronyms, blended words, obscure in-jokes, and standard terms used in specific ways. Some terms used in fanspeak have spread to members of the Society for Creative Anachronism ("Scadians"), Renaissance Fair participants ("Rennies"), hacktivists, and internet gaming and chat fans, due to the social and contextual intersection between the communities. Examples of fanspeak used in these broader fannish communities include **gafiate**, a term meaning to drop out of SF related community activities, with the implication to Get A Life. The word is derived via the acronym for "get away from it all". A related term is **fafiate**, for "forced away from it all". The implication is that one would really rather still be involved in fandom, but circumstances make it impossible.

Two other acronyms commonly used in the community are FIAWOL (Fandom Is A Way Of Life) and its opposite FIJAGH (Fandom Is Just A Goddamned Hobby) to describe two ways of looking at the place of fandom in one's life.

Science-fiction fans often refer to themselves using the irregular plural "fen": man/men, fan/fen.

In fiction

As science fiction fans became professional writers, they started slipping the names of their friends into stories. Wilson "Bob" Tucker slipped so many of his fellow fans and authors into his works that doing so is called tuckerization [10][11]

The subgenre of "recursive science fiction" has a fan-maintained bibliography at the New England Science Fiction Association's website; some of it is about science fiction fandom, some not.^[12]

In Robert Bloch's 1956 short story, "A Way Of Life", [13] science fiction fandom is the only institution to survive a nuclear holocaust and eventually becomes the basis for the reconstitution of civilization. The science fiction novel *Gather in the Hall of the Planets*, by K.M. O'Donnell (aka Barry Malzberg), 1971, takes place at a New York City science fiction convention and features broad parodies of many SF fans and authors. A pair of SF novels by Gene DeWeese and Robert "Buck" Coulson, *Now You See It/Him/Them* and *Charles Fort Never Mentioned Wombats* are set at Worldcons; the latter includes an in-character "introduction" by Wilson Tucker (himself a character in the novel) which is a sly self-parody verging on a self-tuckerization.

The 1991 SF novel *Fallen Angels* by Larry Niven, Jerry Pournelle and Michael Flynn constitutes a tribute to SF fandom. The story includes a semi-illegal fictional Minneapolis Worldcon in a post-disaster world where science, and thus fandom, is disparaged. Many of the characters are barely tuckerized fans, mostly from the Greater Los Angeles area.

Mystery writer Sharyn McCrumb's *Bimbos of the Death Sun* and *Zombies of the Gene Pool* are murder mysteries set at a science fiction convention and within the broader culture of fandom respectively. While containing mostly nasty caricatures of fans and fandom, some fans take them with good humor; others consider them vicious and cruel.

In 1994 and 1996, two anthologies of alternate history science fiction involving World Science Fiction Conventions, titled *Alternate Worldcons* and *Again, Alternate Worldcons*, edited by Mike Resnick were published.

Fans are slans

A.E. van Vogt's 1940 novel *Slan* was about a mutant variety of humans who are superior to regular humanity and are therefore hunted down and killed by the normal human population. While the story has nothing to do with fandom, many science fiction fans felt very close to the protagonists, feeling their experience as bright people in a mundane world mirrored that of the mutants; hence, the rallying cry, "Fans Are Slans!"; and the tradition that a building inhabited primarily by fans can be called a slan shack.

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- James Blish
- John Boardman
- Walter Breen
- Charles N. Brown
- Kenneth Bulmer
- Terry Carr
- Russ Chauvenet

- Lee Hoffman
- Ted Johnstone
- Earl Kemp
- Roy Kettle
- Virginia Kidd
- Damon Knight
- Samuel Edward Konkin III
- Cyril M. Kornbluth
- David Kyle
- David Langford
- Steig Larsson

- Frank M. Robinson
- Milton A. Rothman
- William Rotsler
- Don Sakers
- Christoffer Schander
- Julius Schwartz
- George Scithers
- Bob Shaw
- Larry Shaw
- Clifford Simak
- Ken Slater

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- Willis Conover
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- Leslie Fish
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- Richard A. Lupoff
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- Michael Moorcock
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- Ted White
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See also

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- Anime and manga fandom
- Birmingham Science Fiction Group
- British Science Fiction Association
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- The Eye of Argon
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Anime and manga fandom

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Anime and manga fandom (otherwise known as fan community) is a worldwide community of fans of anime and manga. Anime includes animated cartoons, films and videos, while manga includes comic books, graphic novels, drawings, and related artwork. They have their origin in Japanese entertainment, but the style and culture has spread worldwide since its introduction into the West in the 1990s.

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Otaku

Otaku is a Japanese term for people with obsessive interests, including anime, manga, or video games. In its original context, the term *otaku* is derived from a Japanese term for another's house or family (お宅, *otaku*), which is also used as an honorific second-person pronoun. The modern slang form, which is distinguished from the older usage by being written only in hiragana (おたく) or katakana (オタク or, less frequently, ヲタ 2), or rarely in rōmaji, appeared in the 1980s. In the anime Macross, first aired in 1982, the term was used by Lynn Minmay as an honorific term. [1][2] It appears to have been coined by the humorist and essayist Akio Nakamori in his 1983 series An Investigation of "Otaku" (『おたく』の研究 "Otaku" no Kenkyū), printed in the Iolicon magazine Manga Burikko. Animators like Haruhiko Mikimoto and Shōji Kawamori used the term among themselves as an honorific second-person pronoun since the late 1970s.^[2] After its wild spread usage by other Japanese people, however, it became pejorative and increasingly offensive in the 90's, implying that a person is socially inept. *Otaku* can be seen as being similar to the English terms *geek* or *nerd*. However, the term started to be used by anime and manga fans themselves again starting in the 2000s, in a more general and positive way, and today it is often used by those outside of the fandom to refer to fans of anime or manga. However, older generation otaku, like *Otaking*(King of Otakus) Toshio Okada, in his book Otaku Wa Sude Ni Shindeiru(オタクはすでに死んでいる) said the newer generation of selfproclaimed otakus are not real otakus, as they lack the passion and research sense into a particular subculture subject, and are only common fans which only over spent in buying products.

History of the community

Although there have always been those with an interest in anime, the fandom as a community started in the 1970s. One early instance of fans uniting themselves as a fandom came with the anime Space Battleship Yamato; when it stopped airing on Japanese television, the fans banded together to get it back on the air.^[3]

In Japan, anime and manga are referred to collectively as the content industry: anime, video games, manga, and other related merchandise are different types of media focused around the same content.^[4]

However, the manga market in Japan is beginning to decline. In 2007, the manga industry showed a 4% decrease in sales from the previous year, its fifth consecutive year of decline. Japanese and American researchers have proposed that this may be due to the decrease in the young population in Japan and a lack of interest in reading. The manga critic and translator Matt Thorn stated that there was a growing dissatisfaction with the lack of originality found in many manga. All Kahn, CEO of 4Kids Entertainment, stated that "Manga is a problem because we are in a culture that is not a reading culture" and that "Manga is dying in Japan." Liza Coppola, vice president of Viz Media, said that the widespread availability of cell phones and ability to view anime and manga on cell phones is likely the cause of decline in demand for anime and manga.

English-language Fan communities

The fan community in the English-speaking world began in the 1970s and steadily grew. According to Japanophile Fred Patten, the very first fan club devoted to Japanese animation was the Cartoon/Fantasy Organization, which began in Los Angeles in 1977.^[8] Its growth characterized by waves that Gilles Poitras as well as Bruce Lewis and Cathy Sterling name as specific "generations", often instigated by a singular work ^[9]

In the Philippines, GMA-7 began airing Voltes V in 1978. It was the first exposure of Filipinos to Japanese animation. Voltes V soon became very popular between children all around the Philippines which led to the sudden popularity of other anime series' related to the Super Robot genre in the Philippines. It was soon banned in 1979 by then president Ferdinand Marcos, five episodes before the end of the series, along with the other anime series' airing at the time, for its violence and warlike themes. This however, did not hinder the Filipinos' growing love of anime, leading to the large popularity of anime and manga throughout the Philippines.^[10]

Poitras identifies the first generation as the "Astro Boy Generation". Despite being the first and most popular animated Japanese television series, *Astro Boy* did not create many hardcore fans, but it exposed viewers to the medium and increased their receptivity towards it later on. The "Early Fans" or "Old Timers" generation that consumed titles like *Speed Racer*, *Eighth Man*, and *Battle of the Planets* as staples. These fans were much more aware that what they were consuming was Japanese and took the initiative to search for more. The "Yamato" or "Star Blazers" generation originating from the series *Space Battleship Yamato* that originally aired in 1979–80. Poitras states that this generation was so loyal because *Star Blazer's* strong narration required viewers to never miss an episode. The Poitras dubs the next generation the "Robotech Generation", after the 1985 television series *Robotech*, is the earliest major generation in the USA and is distinguished by fans clearly recognizing anime as a Japanese product with significant differences from American animation. Fans from this generation and the Yamato Generation were to make up the significant

portion of organized fandom throughout the 1980s. The film *Akira*, which played in art theaters in December 1989, produced a cult following that Poitras names the "Akira Generation". *Akira* inspired some to move on to other works but stalled many becoming an isolated work in their eyes, overshadowing the creative context of anime and manga it represted.^[9]

Then in the 1990s, Poitras states that "something new happened in the U.S.", the "Sailor Moon Generation" was born. Previous generations consisted mostly of college age fans, however in 1995 *Sailor Moon* was adapted into English and caught the attention of people even as young as grade school in age, many of them female. In the span of a few months, the fan demographic changed dramatically and as their interests diversified, so did the titles adapted into English. Poitras, Lewis and Sterling describe current generation of fans as the "Otaku Generation", however not necessarily applying the word "otaku" to current fans. For this generation, the release of a title onto the television in the past was unusual enough that fans often remember their first anime experience as something special. Poitras remarked that as of the "Otaku Generation", the influx of fans into the fandom is better characterized by a continuous stream than as waves as it was in the past. [9]

In the United States, the fan community began as an offshoot of science fiction fan community, with fans bringing imported copies of Japanese manga to conventions.^[11] Before anime began to be licensed in the U.S., fans who wanted to get a hold of anime would leak copies of anime movies and subtitle them, thus marking the start of fansubs. By 1994, anime had become more common in the U.S., and had begun being translated into English and shown on television, most commonly shonen series such as Pokémon and Astro Boy.^[9]

According to Mike Tatsugawa, the founder and CEO of the Society for the Promotion of Japanese Animation, the first milestone for anime in the U.S. was in the 1980s with the advent of the Internet. With the Internet, fans were able to more easily communicate with each other and thus better able to exchange fan-subtitled tapes and higher quality versions of anime. [12] Some experts, such as Susan Napier, a Professor of Japanese Language and Literature, say that *Akira* marked the first milestone. [13] However, most experts agree that the next milestone was in 1992 when U.S. Renditions, a film importer, released the first English-subtitled anime videotape that year, entitled *Gunbuster*. According to Tatsugawa, the success of *Gunbuster* triggered a flurry of releases. [12]

Due to the localization process, many people who grew up watching anime did so not realizing that it originated in Japan. After the success of *Power Rangers* (which first aired in 1993), U.S. television companies began broadcasting *Sailor Moon* and *Dragon Ball Z* in 1995 and 1996 respectively. However, due to the relative failure of the latter two (both shows brought success when aired at a later time on Cartoon Network), anime did not seem like it would become mainstream.^[4] However, the anime boom in the U.S. began with the airing of the anime series *Pokémon*^[4] in syndication in 1998, which served as proof to U.S. broadcasters and distributors that Japanese media could succeed in the U.S. market. It was only after *Pokémon* and *Power Rangers* left the mainstream that U.S. audiences became aware of anime's Japanese origins.^[4]

European Fan communities (France, Italy, Spain and Germany)

In the '70s, Japanese Animation reached Europe mainly with productions aimed at European and Japanese children with the main results being *Heidi*, *Vicky the Vicking* and *Barbapapa*. However these works were not recognized as Japanese productions and did not earn much of a dedicated fanbase. However Italy, Spain and France grew an interest for more Japanese animation for their television programming, due to success of previous co-productions, Japan's productive output and cheap selling price in comparison to US animation. [14] Particularly Italy imported the most anime outside of Japan. [15] Like in the Philippines, the Super Robot Genre became very popular with series such as *UFO Robot Grendizer* and *Mazinger Z*. However many more genres got added to the mix, with space opera such as *Captain Harlock*, shojo shows like *Candy Candy* and *Rose of Versailles*, sports like *Captain Tsubasa* and more. Germany however largely rejected Anime other than western literature adaptations of Nippon Animation, with *Speed Racers* and *Captain Future* proving to be problematic. It was only during the rise of cable television during the '90s that Japanese series such as *Queen of the Millennia*, and *Rose of Versailles* went on air. A strong affinity for unique Japanese productions was developed among a generation of German children during this period. [16]

Appeal of anime and manga

One major appeal of anime is its artwork; some fans claim that its visual quality is superior to that found in most cartoons made in the United States^[12] and many ignore all non-Japanese animation. One fan described enjoying anime because "there is no dividing line between special effects and what is real...it's just the way somebody imagined it. The content editor of *Anime Fringe*, Holly Kolodziejczak, described being amazed by anime's depth that was unlike the cartoons she had seen before: "the characters had real personalities, their own feelings and motivations for their actions, strengths and flaws that enhanced their characters. They were more like real people, and thus people could much more readily identify with them."^[17] Larry Green of Nausicaa.net agreed and added that anime discusses subjects for both adults and children whereas in the United States animation is traditionally for children. He also stated that any viewer would be able to find something to their liking due to anime's large scale of production.^[18]

Susan J. Napier, a Professor of Japanese Language and Literature, stated that anime fans "find refuge in a culture that diverges from the typical American way of life." She pointed out that fascination with Japanese culture is not a new concept and has existed since the mid-19th century. For example, an 1876 painting by Claude Monet entitled *La Japonaise* depicts Monet's wife wearing a kimono, with Japanese hand fans shown in the background. Napier described this interest in Japan as an "escape from the Industrial Revolution ... a pastoral utopia" for many Europeans.^[13]

Fan service

Fan service is material in a series which is intentionally added to please the audience. Although fan service usually refers to sexually provocative scenes, ^[19] it also refers more generally to events of little plot value designed to excite viewers or simply make them take notice, such as big explosions and battle scenes. ^[20] When anime and manga are translated into English by U.S. companies, the original work is often edited to remove some of the fan service to make it more appropriate for U.S. audiences. Mike Tatsugawa explained this change as a result of a difference between cultural values of Japan and the U.S. ^{[9][12]} In fact, some anime seem to feature little else other than fan service as their selling point. ^[21] Some believe that the

prevalence of fan service indicates a lack of maturity within the fandom; an editor of Del Rey Manga joked that manga *Negima!*, which contained fan service, should be rated as "for immature readers 16+" rather than for "mature readers 16+".^[19]

Learning about Japan

Language

Anime and manga have stimulated many young people to learn the Japanese language. In the 1970s, Naoka Takaya's Saskatoon Japanese Language School was founded with a student body consisting of primarily Japanese-Canadians interested in polishing their language skills for their return to Japan. [22] However, popularity for the language began to rise; the Japanese Language Proficiency Test was first held in 1984 in response to growing demand for standardized Japanese language certification. [23] Yuki Sasaki, who works for the Japanese language program at the University of Georgia, noted that when she first started in the program in 1994, most students were interested in Japanese for internal business majors; however, in 2004, students are more interested in "translating Japanese pop-song lyrics and talk excitedly about the Japanese cartoon character Card Captor Sakura." [24] Echoing this sentiment, Takaya also stated that about 60% of her students are studying Japanese because of anime. [22]

Despite some fansubbers declaring (due to fansubbing's illegality) that they will stop distribution once a series is licensed, many fansubbed versions of anime are produced because of the stiff localization process in official translations. [4] According to one survey only 9% of fans prefer dubbing over subs; some fans believe that the localization process degrades the quality of anime and thus look to fansubs for the purer form of Japanese culture, feeling that something is lost in translation. [4] Most hardcore fans are motivated by the desire not to miss the jokes and puns present in Japanese anime and manga. [22] In fact, most people interested in anime express at least a passing desire to learn Japanese, but usually choose not to, due to either time constraints or rumours about the difficulty involved in learning Japanese. [4] Japanese terms are so well integrated into the anime and manga fan culture that during a Fanime convention, a newcomer expressed confusion at some of the announcements because she was unable to understand the Japanese words used. [4] As fans become more proficient at Japanese; they often also become more critical toward the quality of various translations; some critique the different translations of a single series by different fansub groups. [4]

Some fans even decide to translate professionally. In fact, fluent English speakers who know sufficient Japanese are often preferred for translating over fluent Japanese speakers who know sufficient English, as the syntax of the latter group tends to be stiff. Del Rey Manga's editor finds much of their talent through conventions.^[25]

Culture

Anime and manga have also inspired many young people to learn about Japanese culture, and the anime fan community in fact encourages people to do so. Fans often learn about Japanese honorifics from anime and manga. Companies such as Del Rey Manga and GoComi add explanatory notes describing honorifics and other words and concepts that do not translate well between languages.^[19]

Technology and the Internet

Developments on the Internet have had profound effects on the anime fan community and the way in which anime is consumed. Additionally, fan interest in anime has inspired many developments in technology. Roughly 68% of fans obtain anime through downloading from the Internet or through their friends, a much larger proportion than in any other medium. As a result, fans have made some of the most sophisticated advances in peer-to-peer software in order to make searching for and downloading anime online faster. Other fans have created websites that uses a custom server to search the internet for video mirrors and new episodes, similar to Google on how they crawl each website and saves the information gathered to the database. The search engine keeps every episodes up to date. VirtualDub, a video capture and processing utility, was first created for use on an anime film adaptation of Sailor Moon. The desire to simulate all forms of media that anime and manga comes in has caused PyTom to create Ren'Py, an open-source software engine that allows for the creation of visual novels without the need for a programming background.

Several online communities have been formed where fans can come together to share and interact. Sites that offer file sharing services are popular and influential where people can gain easy access to anime and manga. Fandom has also resulted in the creation of anime and manga fan communities on sites where people can share fan art, one of the most common ways for fans to express their love of anime. These communities tend to do more than just share files. Like most forums on the internet, they discuss topics that they are interested in and want to know more about. These anime forums are becoming places for people to discuss the plot, characters, and styles of anime and manga.

Sightseeing in Japan

Many anime fans dream of one day visiting Japan.^[30] A large number of well-known travel agencies from Japan have begun offering anime tours.^[31] In 2003, the company Pop Japan Travel was founded to help customers experience Japan's content industry (including anime, games, food, and fashion) by allowing them to visit studios and meet artists, among other activities.^[32] Many different museums dedicated to the industry exist throughout Japan, such as the Suginami Animation Museum in Tokyo and the Tezuka Osamu Manga Museum in the Hyogo Prefecture. Other popular locations include places where people can enjoy anime-related activities, such as shopping for related merchandise or singing anime theme songs. Additionally, fans enjoy visiting real-life locations that serve as settings for some anime, and locations where live-action movies were filmed.^[33] For example, the popularity of *Lucky Star* brought many of its fans to the real-life settings of the anime, beginning in April 2007.^[34]

A popular location for anime fans to visit is Akihabara, located in Tokyo. Known as the Electric Town, it is a major shopping area where people can buy manga, anime, and other assorted otaku merchandise.^[35] The Tokyo Anime Center is one of the most popular spots in Akihabara, where a diverse set of events take place, such as the display of new anime films, related exhibitions, talk shows featuring voice actors, and public recordings of radio programs.^[33]

See also

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- Anime convention
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"We have done the impossible, and that makes us mighty."

As suddenly as it came on the air, "Firefly" was gone.

Between Sept. 20 and Dec. 20, 2002, the FOX show, produced by Joss Whedon ("Buffy the Vampire Slayer") and Tim Minear ("Angel"), accrued a devoted fanbase, which, following the series' release on DVD, only expanded to the cult phenomenon it is today.

The show, once a prematurely cancelled series consisting of only 14 episodes of darkly funny, space Western glory, has now branched off to include a film, several comics, a series of five short promotional videos and a role-playing game.

But let us go aboard the good ship Serenity—this is one of the fandoms I call home.

Subject: "Firefly", "Serenity"

In late 2002, FOX began airing "Firefly".

In late 2002, FOX cancelled "Firefly".

In 2012, 10,000 fans line up outside Ballroom 20 at the San Diego Comic-Con for the 10th Anniversary reunion panel.

Although promoted as an action-comedy by FOX, I prefer to think of of the show as a cornucopia of dark-comedy-space-opera-spaghetti-western-action-drama goodness. It details the lives of the crew of the Firefly-class spaceship, "Serenity", lead by Captain Malcolm Reynolds (Nathan Fillion, currently on "Castle"), his sergeant Zoe Washburne (Gina Torres, currently on "Suits"), her husband and the ship's pilot "Wash" Washburne (Alan Tudyk, "Suburgatory"), hired gun Jayne Cobb (Adam Baldwin, "Chuck"), ship mechanic Kaylee Frye (Jewel Staite, "The L.A."), Sean Maher and Summer Glau as fugitives Dr. Simon Tam and his moon-brain sister River, Ron Glass as Shepherd Derrial Book, a wandering pastor and Morena Baccarin (currently on "Homeland") as Inara Serra, a Companion (the equivalent of a courtesan in the 2500s).

Part of the immediate draw to the series was the characterization—the crew makes its living through smuggling and a collection of other generally frowned-upon activities. Characters are often portrayed as immoral or unsympathetic to immoral actions, killing or

threatening to torture without hesitation, all with the overlay of wisecracks and banter that make an otherwise dark scenario considerably lighter. Each character, in addition, has individual motives and flaws that make them human, and more sympathetic.

Before the start of the series, humans had to leave the "Earth-That-Was" to colonize a star system, using technology to make the land more hospitable (but resulting in arid terrain similar to that featured in classic Western films). Some time later, a civil war between the unifying governing force, "The Alliance", and the anti-unification Independents broke out, with the former achieving unification. Mal and Zoe were Independents in the Unification War, not unlike Confederates from the American Civil War, and now use Serenity as refuge and escape from the Alliance's policies.

The series features a blend between Western culture, complete with settlers, bandits, horses and cattle and plenty of gunfire, and pan-Asian culture, as evidenced by the use of Chinese phrases scattered throughout the series.

It's violent; it's funny; it's dark and it's awesome.



If it seems like the cast is perfect, it's because it is and if you disagree, you're wrong, and that's that.
(Flickr/RavenU)

But it was cancelled, partly due to the fact that FOX aired the episodes out of order, leaving the pilot, "Serenity", a two-hour introduction to the world, crew and plot, was the last to air, on Dec. 20. FOX changed the airdates periodically, particularly for sports events, eventually landing it in the Friday Night Death Slot. As viewership waned, cancellation was decided, airing only 12 out of the 14 completed episodes, much to the disappointment of cast, crew and fans.

And yet, the fandom is still going strong. Much like their namesake, the Browncoats retain that determined independent streak that allows the fanbase to continue to grow in number with each year, leading to that 10,000 person line ten years later.

Fandom name: Browncoats, also called "flans", mostly by accident

The Independent soldiers, characterized by their sweeping brown longcoats, gave birth to the fandom name. Even during the show's run, there was a devoted fanbase of Browncoats dedicated to analyzing and discussing "Firefly" through forum activities. The forum, still active, is called "The Original Board" or "OB"; members attempted to save the show by raising money for an ad in "Variety" magazine and a postcard campaign encouraging UPN (now The CW) to pick up the show. Although the show was still axed, the fan activity encouraged the 2003 release of the series on DVD, including the two unaired episodes.

During an interview, star Nathan Fillion misspoke, saying "Firefly 'flans'" instead of "Firefly fans", which gave birth to a whole 'nother nickname. In his defense, saying "Firefly fans," five-times fast or otherwise, is fairly difficult.

The cross-section of fans has been diverse. Some were the prototypical "sci-fi" fan, who was encouraged to view because of the show's premise. Others were inspired to watch after viewing Whedon's "Buffy" and "Angel". Through word-of-mouth and heavy Internet presence, the show has only grown in fanbase. (I took up ranks with the Browncoats on the suggestion of my older sister and have never looked back.) In fairness, there is a bit of something for everyone—even my mom, otherwise known as she-who-consumes-soaps-by-the-dozen, asked if we could re-watch within a month.

(Mom, don't be mad that I mentioned you or your soap operas.)

If my mom can be a Browncoat, a flan—what have you—so can you.

<u>Fandom activity</u>: Conventions or "shindigs", cosplay, fan-made media, charitable organizations, fan activism, going to the International Space Station (you know, the usual stuff)

On Sept. 30, 2005, the feature-length film "Serenity" was released to the public, encouraged by the increasingly active fanbase. While the film was less successful than hoped, fans organized to buy copies of "Firefly" and "Serenity" DVDs on June 23, 2006 (nicknamed "'Serenity' Day") in order to encourage a sequel.

Browncoats have, in the past, been exceedingly organized and charitable. During the "Serenity" Day DVD campaign, "Serenity" was also screened for charity in 47 cities, calling the events "Can't Stop the Serenity", after the tagline "Can't stop the signal" from the movie. The fans donated the proceeds to Whedon's charity of choice, Equality Now, which focuses on female equality and empowerment worldwide. It has also donated to Fillion's charity Kids Need to Read, which he co-founded with author PJ Haarsma. Since 2006, the project has raised over \$600,000.

Fan-made media is also commercially available, including a 2006 documentary called "Done the Impossible", a documentary featuring interviews from fans, cast and Whedon, and donating a part of the proceeds to Equality Now. In 2010, an unofficial, not-for-profit sequel was sold on DVD and Blu-Ray through the film's website; all proceeds (a total of more than \$115,000) were distributed to five charities.

Conventions or "shindigs", after the title of an episode, are quite common, and may be centered around a release of creative fanwork, charity and/or "Firefly" and "Serenity" screenings.

As for cosplay, the costumes are largely based off American Civil War and World War II clothing, with some Asian influences to reflect the pan-Asian/Western dual culture in the 26th Century. A lot of breeches, braces, boots and bustles—not that I'm complaining. If a Civil War re-enactor happened to wander into a convention wearing a brown longcoat, he'd probably feel right at home.



A model of the good ship herself, "Serenity". She's a beauty. (PopCultureGeek)

The most famous cosplayer might just be Richard Castle, Nathan Fillion's character on the ABC show "Castle". During the 2000 Halloween special, Castle exits wearing a costume matching the outfit from "Firefly", with Castle's daughter remarking that he "wore [the costume] five years ago".

On that note, the season five episode "The Final Frontier" is basically "Firefly Reference-a-thon", which was very much appreciated.

Also, "Firefly" is on the International Space Station, because of lovely Browncoat/NASA Astronaut Steven Swanson. (I assume that

"Browncoat" is listed as his occupation and his hobby happens to be spacewalking, but that's not verified). His mission was presumably to deliver the DVDs, with the ostensibly less-important repair and construction work he was also tasked with, resulting in four spacewalks.

The crew (or "good people to know"): Cast members, Tim Minear, Joss Whedon and a collection of well-known Browncoats

The crew of "Serenity" is listed above, but some recurring characters include Christina Hendricks ("Mad Men"), whose role I will not mention for fear of spoilers, Richard Brooks, who plays bounty hunter Jubal Early and has the honor of speaking the last lines of the show, and Mark Sheppard, who plays businessman-of-ill-repute Badger, but also is notable because Sheppard just keeps showing up in shows that will be covered by my fandom guides, including "Supernatural" and "Doctor Who".

Tim Minear worked with Whedon on "Angel" and "Dollhouse" and has most recently written several episodes for "American Horror Story".

Joss Whedon, director, writer and producer, also created "Buffy the Vampire Slayer", "Angel" and "Dollhouse", among others, and directed and wrote the ridiculously successful 2012 movie "The Avengers", which probably had FOX executives crying on the inside for a few weeks.

Some notable Browncoats, aside from Swanson, include writers from "Warehouse 13" and "Battlestar Galactica", makers of several video games (going by to the references they continuously insert), and "Doctor Who's" David Tennant, making the Tenth Doctor's brown longcoat all the more intriguing.

Some wise words (and phrases) to know:

Want to feel at home in the "Firefly" world? Throw grammar out into the black. Use slang, "ain't", "don't", malformed verbs and double negatives. When you're in the middle of the barren vacuum of space, grammatical institutions become much less important.

'Verse: shorthand for "the universe"

Shiny: slang in the "Firefly" 'verse for "cool"

Purple-belly: A derogatory term used to refer to Alliance members or soldiers, based off the purple armor of their uniforms.

Ruttin': Used as an expletive. Be creative with it.

Gorram: More family-friendly, network-okayed expletives for your convenience.

The black: The barren wasteland of space.

Reavers: Cannibalistic, sadistic space pirates who will use your mutilated bodies as hood ornaments for their spaceships. I say "pirates" in the not-fun way, and not to imply that they plunder for treasure because they quite literally have no objective other than to destroy and maim.

The Rim: Outlying frontier planets, usually far from Alliance influence.

Terraform: To make planets and moons into Earth-like habitats using technology; in the "Firefly" 'verse, this makes the planets basic, forbidding and arid unless the Alliance has further developed the planet.

Wave: communication via audio, video, text or holographic. The Google Wave was named as such because of "Firefly".

There are some Chinese phrases peppered throughout which can be pretty hilarious. A bilingual bonus, as these are translatable. My favorite is personally "stupid son of a drooling whore and a monkey", but to each his own, I suppose. Most of these are also incredibly inappropriate, so proceed with caution.

Dead in the water? Check out these sites: fireflyfans.net, browncoats.com, still-flying.net, the "Firefly" Wikia, and the Twitter accounts for Nathan Fillion, Jewel Staite, Tim Minear, Sean Maher, Adam Baldwin and Morena Baccarin.

Some quick tidbits, including my favorite quotes:

Several notable TV characters have been "Firefly" fans, including Troy and Abed from "Community", who made a pact that if one died unexpectedly, the other would stage the death to look like a suicide caused by the show's cancellation in the hopes of prompting FOX executives to renew. Several characters on "The Big Bang Theory" are also fans; in 2002, they decided that Friday would be "Firefly" night until it was cancelled, thereby branding Rupert Murdoch as a traitor forevermore.

JAYNE'S HAT.

"I am a leaf on the wind; watch how I soar": Just...just don't. I don't want to talk about it. The phrase actually is a potent reminder that Joss Whedon is a cruel, cruel man who plays with your heart and then shreds it in two by killing off characters you love with extreme prejudice. Rude.

"Curse your sudden but inevitable betrayal!" If you play with T-Rex, he will probably befriend you and then eat you. (This is otherwise known as "Wash plays with dinosaur figurines when bored and alone".)



"I swear by my pretty floral bonnet, I will end you" is acceptable if someone is harassing you in any way. Ladies, take note.

"A man walks down the street in that hat, people know he's not afraid of anything." It's Jayne's hat, nothin' more to it. (Joits)

"I'll be in my bunk" is a phrase that should be used only when referring to the sexiest of sexy situations.

Two words: Captain Tightpants.

In the episode "Safe", Zac Efron played a younger version of Sean Maher's character, Simon Tam, in a flashback.

"Firefly" and "Serenity" spawned six original tropes: <u>Big Damn Heroes</u> (you know the ones); <u>The Firefly Effect</u> (not watching something for fear of the inevitable heartbreak you'll endure when it gets cancelled); <u>"I Call It Vera"</u> refers to naming inanimate objects, particularly weapons; <u>Train Job</u>, for the classic Western trope that refers to any heist pulled on a train; <u>"I'll Be In My Bunk"</u> as above; and, <u>"Earth-that-was"</u>, referring to the once-and-only Earth of days long past.

There is so much more to "Firefly" and the Browncoats that I can't even begin to cover. In many ways, it did more in 14 episodes than most shows do in eight seasons (although I might be a bit biased).

Next week, let's take on a challenge. We're tackling the "Homestuck" fandom. Until then, we'll keep flying. It's not much, but it's enough.

You can reach columnist Christine Bancroft $\underline{\text{here}}$ or on Twitter $\underline{\text{here}}$. According to her friends, she is the "Wash" of her group, which is probably a fair point.



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LIST: FAN FACTION - FIVE DOCUMENTARIES ABOUT NERD CULTURE

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By Matt Singer

In honor of the new documentary "We Are Wizards," about people who take Harry Potter way beyond simply reading the books or watching the movies, we take a look this week at obsessive fan culture and the documentaries that chronicle their fandom. Fanaticism in these films takes on many different forms. Some fans only want to take what their idols give them; others want to give back by creating derivative works of their own, like fan fiction or fan songs. Some become unable to distinguish between fantasy

and reality. Some — like a dentist who turned his office into a "Star Trek" tchotchke paradise called "Starfleet Dental" — willfully reject the distinction altogether. Some love to become lost in escapism; others obsess about it until they are trapped by it. On this list, we'll look at what makes these fans tick and find the exact point when their inevitable weirdness begins to tick us off.

Trekkies (1997) Directed by Roger Nygard



When George Takei (a.k.a. Lt. Sulu) attended his first "Star Trek" convention in the early '70s, he had only one thought as he looked around and saw people crammed into every available inch of the hotel ballroom, some of whom had traveled thousands of miles: "These people are foolish!" A reasonable reaction, though fandom's most famous nerds don't endure much additional skepticism in Roger Nygard's exceedingly affectionate documentary. Between commentary from Takei and a raft of other "Star Trek" creators, Nygard and host/producer Denise Crosby (a "Star Trek: The Next Generation" alum herself) introduce us to all sorts of nutty Trekkies (or is that "Trekkers?" — nobody seems entirely sure). One of them is 14-year-old Gabriel Köerner who's designing the special effects for his very own "Star Trek" film. Years later, Köerner actually became a digital effects artist who worked on the finale of "Enterprise," though he now describes the person he was during that period of his life as "snide, condescending...and so damned whiny."

We also meet Barbara Adams, who wore her "Star Trek" uniform when she served as an alternate juror on a trial in Arkansas related to the Whitewater investigation in 1996. Explaining her unusual decision, Adams, who runs a fan club called "The Federation Alliance," explains, "I don't want my officers ever to feel ashamed to wear their uniform," and compares wearing her "Trek" costume to court to a football player wearing his jersey during the offseason. Let's take her at her word and assume that football players do this (even though they don't). Adams' comparison illustrates the belief held by many of the Trekkies that they are more than simply viewers of "Star Trek." In their eyes, they are full-fledged participants, and the universe displayed on the show is more than a piece of speculative science fiction, but rather a tangible and achievable future.

Things get creepy when... one female fan describes herself as a "Spiner Femme," a woman infatuated with actor Brent Spiner, who played the android Data on "Star Trek: The Next Generation." She keeps her memorabilia under lock and key in a fireproof safe in her closet and particularly treasures her collection of Data erotica.

KISS Loves You (2004) Directed by Jim Heneghan

In the mid-'90s, fans of KISS essentially rejected the image the band was presenting at the time for the one they preferred. While the real band limped along with half its original lineup and a fashion sense borrowed from the '80s hair metal

scene, their increasingly nostalgic following recreated the old school KISS they loved, with all the makeup, stagecraft, fireworks and fake blood that entailed. By 1995, unauthorized KISS conventions began sprouting around the country along with a host of lookalike cover bands: there's Strutter, who boast the definitive Gene Simmons interpreter, Bill Sabetta, and Hotter than Hell, featuring the a lineup comprised mostly of disillusioned Strutter members who complained that Sabetta paid them on salary instead of sharing the band's profits with them. (Maybe Sabetta had gotten a little too deeply into his role as Gene; KISSers Ace Frehley and Peter Criss have both accused Simmons of acting in a similar fashion.)

Director Heneghan's story doesn't come into focus until the climax, when KISS bows to the fan pressure and brings Frehley and Criss back into the fold so the quartet can reapply their signature garb and head out on the road for a reunion tour. The KISS Army is ecstatic, but before you can call Dr. Love, the fans learn a brutal lesson in being careful what you wish for. In Heneghan's view, it's not so much that the fans clamored for the return of the old KISS and the band obliged, but that the band saw too many people making money off the old KISS and they got jealous and territorial. In the doc's final act, Simmons and Paul Stanley shut down fan conventions (in order to dry up competition for their own official cons) and even publicly confiscate memorabilia they claim belongs to them. The KISS reunion tours

made the band tens of millions of dollars at the cost of much of the fan culture that demanded them. This image of greedy, heartless rock stars subsisting on a diet of their listeners' obsessions (and paychecks) that Heneghan paints reached an odd culmination when the band fired Frehley again and replaced him with Tommy Thayer, the guy who was playing Frehley in the KISS cover band Black 'N Blue.

Things get creepy when... a particularly obsessive fan gives Paul Stanley a plaque at a KISS convention, ostensibly from his son, that reads on the front "I Love KISS. I Love You." and on the back includes a handwritten letter announcing "I would like to see you in concert...and your home." You can just imagine the guy at the inevitable trial: "But your honor! Paul Stanley told me personally that he was made for lovin' me!"

Cinemania (2002) Directed by Angela Christlieb and Stephen Kijak

Cultists are notoriously ravenous collectors; it's not enough to consume, they've got to own, save and preserve everything for future study. That becomes tricky when your obsession is cinema — how do you

"collect" an ephemeral experience like going to the movies? The denizens of the New York art house scene featured in "Cinemania" go about it in different ways. Jack sees at least three movies a day — four or five, ideally — and prizes his stacks of notebooks containing lists of every movie he's seen for decades. Roberta has saved every ticket to every screening she's ever attended (one former Museum of Modern Art employee recounts a story where Roberta strangled her after she unknowingly soiled her stub by ripping it in half). Harvey has a remarkable library of old movie soundtracks on vinyl — and no turntable to play them on.

The cinemaniacs, who support their jobless existences with disability paychecks and inheritance money, are less connoisseurs than compilers — they have no aspirations to write about movies professionally or create their own films. At times, they don't even seem particularly concerned with what

they see as long as they are constantly watching something. All cinephiles have felt that buzz at the back of their spine when they miss a movie to spend time with loved ones or take a walk in the park. Not the cinemaniacs, who do their best to reject the life around them for the one they watch on the screen. At one point, Jack says "there's no reason why reality should be privileged." At another, he hypothesizes that going to the movies is "better than sex," noting that he wouldn't even bed Rita Hayworth in real life because it wouldn't be in black and white like in the movies. Somewhere the ghost of Rita Hayworth is breathing a deep sigh of relief.

Things get creepy when... Jack observes how much he's always enjoyed watching people, even before he became a compulsive movie watcher. He suggests that someday he'd like to invest in surveillance equipment to further his voyeuristic interests.

Ringers: Lord of the Fans (2005) Directed by Carlene Cordova

Given that author J.R.R. Tolkien once referred to his legions of fans as "my deplorable cultists," it's no surprise that the fan documentary devoted to "The Lord of the Rings" features more interviews with experts, artists, and filmmakers than average readers. To

be sure, the film has more than its share of lunatics — one woman proudly declares that she sold her house so she could attend "The Return of the King"'s gala world premiere in director Peter Jackson's hometown of Wellington, New Zealand — but the focus is squarely on the series' historical legacy. Led Zeppelin and the darkest depths of Mordor get discussed, as do "Frodo Lives" buttons, the animated adaptations by Ralph Bakshi and Arthur Rankin and Jules Bass, and Jackson's epic live-action trilogy. "Ringers," as the documentary calls them, distinguish themselves from other fan groups with their political activism (they campaign on the environment's behalf) and with their unexplained ability to take weeks at a time off from work so they can camp outside theaters in anticipation of the movies' release.

Director Carlene Cordova knows her stuff and interviews all the major players in the "LOTR" saga — though I'm still not entirely sure why that includes "Kung Fu"'s David Carradine — but of all the fan docs, this one most feels like some kind of recruitment video. Several minutes of the film is turned over to a Latin-themed music video celebrating "Rings" toys that looks suspiciously like a commercial; song lyrics include the line "If you are a fan of rings / Then you must collect these things!" Cardova never makes clear who, exactly, the "lord of the fans" is; maybe it's the guy cashing all the merchandising checks.

Things get creepy when... a female fan confesses to the camera that she wishes she could take a vacation to Middle-Earth "because it is more home than this realm of reality." The filmmakers should have set her up with another one of their subjects, a bearded dude in a homemade suit of armor named Grimlock, who admits his "Lord of the Rings" fanaticism was fermented in the midst of "a real dry spell from women."

We Are Wizards (2008) Directed by Josh Koury

There are only seven Harry Potter novels and five movies. For some fans, that just wasn't enough. Josh Koury's documentary looks at how content-starved fans expand fictional universes on their own, paying particularly attention to a creative strain of Pottermania that expresses its love for J.K. Rowling's work in an entirely new genre of music they term "Wizard Rock." The movement began as a lark in 2002 when two musically inclined brothers played an impromptu gig in their family's backyard as Harry and the Potters. The band built up a following playing at local libraries and sharing their music on the Internet; soon others were joining in, including the more punkish Drago and the Malfoys, a hardcore band named Grop, even a band comprised of two small children who sing (or, more accurately, yell at the top of their lungs) about dragons. The Wizard Rock sound is loose and very D.I.Y.; several of the bands share a drummer and, failing his availability, rely on drum machines for backing.

Koury isn't particularly interested in why the wizard rockers love "Harry Potter" — with hundreds of millions of copies of the series in print, they're not exactly on the fringe of popular culture — and there are few interviews with academics or scholars (Rowling herself is nowhere to be seen). Instead, like "KISS Loves You," Koury explores the fractious relationship between copyright owners and fans (some even went so far as to organize a "PotterWar" and boycott after Warner Brothers threatened some fansite owners with lawsuits). He's also curious about the way fans, especially on the Internet, have begun to idolize other, more knowledgeable readers. As Melissa Anelli, creator of the Potter site The Leaky Cauldron, puts it, "there are fans of the book; now there are fans of the fans." That secondary group can now count amongst its number Rowling herself, who announced last week she is writing an introduction to Anelli's upcoming book about all things Harry Potter.

Things get creepy when... a staunch supporter of fan rights points out that Warner Brothers gets particularly litigious in the face of slash fiction (fanwritten stories about characters engaging in same sex romances) while Harry Potter himself, Daniel Radcliffe, publicly flaunted his naked body on two different continents in a revival of Peter Shaffer's play "Equus."

[Photos: "Trekkies," Paramount Classics, 1999; "KISS Loves You," Music Video Distributors, 2004; "Cinemania," Wellspring Media, 2002; "Ringers: Lord of the Fans," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, 2005; "We Are Wizards," Brooklyn Underground Films, 2008]

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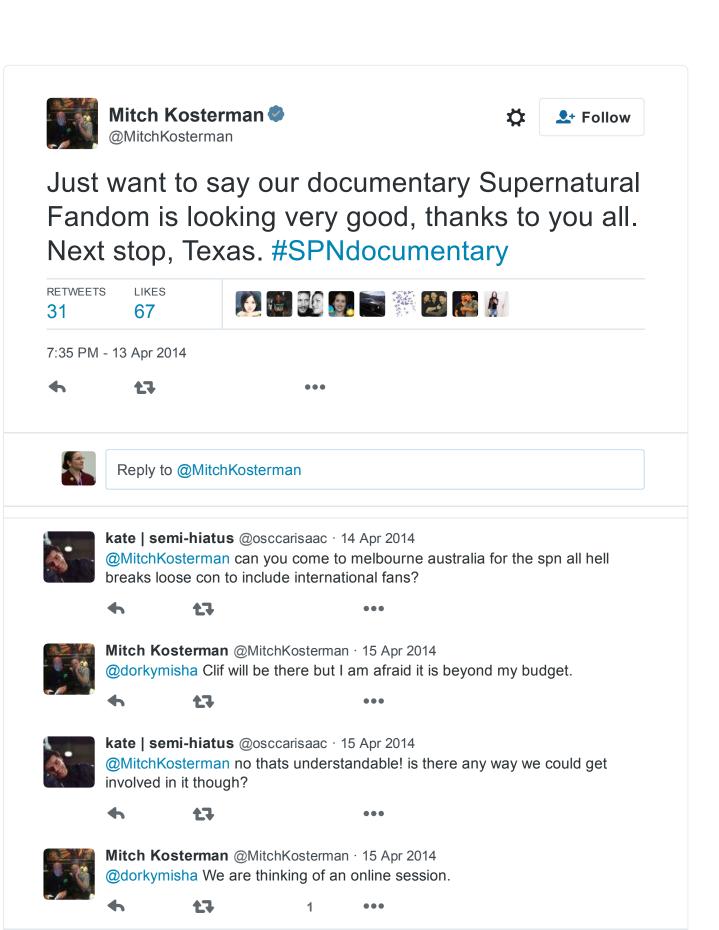








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There's another new *Ghostbusters* movie on the way. In addition to the official reboot arriving in theaters next summer, there's a documentary also aiming for a 2016 release. It's called *Ghostheads*, and it's the latest in a long line of fandom-based docs that have taken over a chunk of the nonfiction film market. Surprisingly, this one is not raising awareness and money through a crowdfunding platform like Kickstarter or Indiegogo (not yet anyway). I heard about this one from the writer and director of the reboot, **Paul Feig**, who retweeted the new teaser trailer for the doc last week.

There's an interesting synergy involved in that simple social media support. Feig is obviously helping the doc by blasting its existence to his 1.44m followers. But the doc is also helping Feig and his movie by ensuring and celebrating the fanbase for the property they're resurrecting. In his tweet, Feig admits that he's a member of that fanbase, that he's a "Ghosthead," which is all about him selling himself as the right man for the job specifically to its most hardcore fans. He loses me, though, by saying the doc — which seems the sort primarily just highlighting fans of something saying they love that something — looks great. If he genuinely believes that, I'm worried about his Ghostbusters movie.

Ghostheads is described as being about fans and made by fans. It should also say it's specifically for fans, because that's a large demographic. The thing about Ghostbusters is that it's not a cult film. It was the second-highest-grossing movie of 1984. And last year it was re-released and, at three-decades old, was still one of the top 200 movies of 2014, taking in more money than Veronica Mars, The Raid 2 and Obvious Child. The movie has a lot of fans. It's just not all of them dress up in costume let alone belong to a region-specific fan club charter, which is part of the focus of the doc. There's no need for a film to uphold its popularity.

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When the king of fandom docs, *Trekkies*, came out in 1997, *Star Trek* was still a relatively niche property, or so it seemed based on its representation through its most loyal and participatory enthusiasts. For better or worse (i.e. for the sake of ridicule), the doc was more geared to audiences who didn't attend conventions or understand why people wore costumes based on their favorite sci-fi program. That was before cosplay, Comic-Con, geekdom and especially nostalgia rose up into the mainstream, or close to it, in part through the internet. Trekkies were a real, bewildering phenomenon then. Ghostheads are a subculture at best, but they're not a phenomenon any more than sports fandom is.

When you look at the kinds of fandom docs making their way to audiences now, mainly through crowdfunding, they're not about obscure movies and their cult fan bases. They're for *Back to the Future* and *Star Wars*. And I'd include docs that are part of the trend of spotlighting unmade movies, such as those about *Superman Lives* and *George Miller*'s *Justice League*, because they're similarly geared to the fans. A common thing about these docs is they can be easily linked to actual *Star Wars*, *Superman* (possibly including a *Man of Steel* sequel directed by Miller, due to the resurrected interest in his take on the DC universe), *Justice League* and *Ghostbusters* movies on the horizon. *Back to the Future* can't get another movie, but its rights owners have had plenty of other things to sell lately thanks to it turning 30 this year. The more cameras covering the occasion the better.

Of course, these docs do better than others because they get written about more, because their subject matter is an easy sell to readers. But when they are covered on the movie sites and they can be connected to a highly anticipated upcoming Hollywood product, they wind up serving as part of the hype. To write this new *Ghostheads* teaser without also mentioning Feig's reboot, maybe even (preferably, to Sony) including the release date, would be bad reporting. It becomes another way of reminding people about next year's *Ghostbusters* or *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice* on the days we don't have a new trailer or set photo to share.

Other than that, *Ghostheads* doesn't seem to have much of a reason to exist. Like too many other fandom docs, it's not likely to reach or be appealing to the millions of non-extreme fans let alone total outsiders. It will tell a number of hardcore *Ghostbusters* fans things they already know about themselves and their beloved movie. It will give a lot of them screen time in a way that's basically a form of selfie cinema, especially if they've also contributed to the production (while not on a crowdfunding site, the filmmakers are currently selling t-shirts to raise money for their film). That's fine for them, as extreme fans do like the familiar when it comes to the things they're fans of.

Don't be surprised if soon we hear about new fandom documentaries related to other 2016 movies — *X-Men* and *Harry Potter* seem obvious choices. And maybe we'll find out there are Troll Doll conventions so the DreamWorks Animation feature *Trolls* can have a doc equivalent the way *The Lego Movie* has *A Lego Brickumentary*. I also wouldn't be surprised if the studios start encouraging, maybe even secretly contributing to the crowdfunding of docs that in turn foster and support fans and enthusiasm for their upcoming slates. If nothing else, they might later on be cheap pickups to throw onto their Blu-ray releases of the original or new version of their respective properties.

Check out the teaser for *Ghostheads* below. The *Ghostbusters* reboot hits theaters July 15, 2016.

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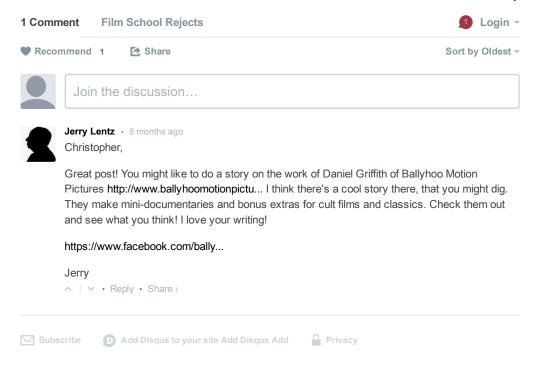
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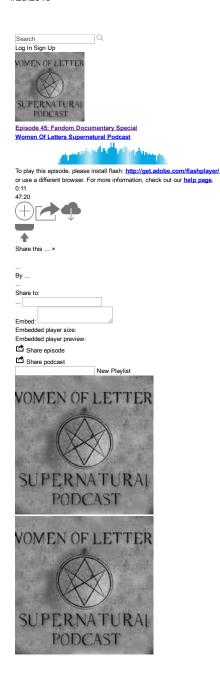
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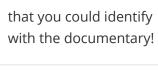


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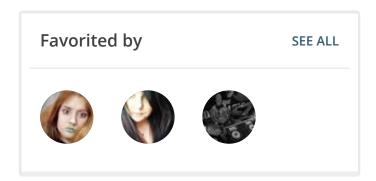


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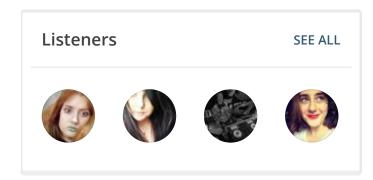
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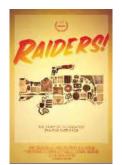
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This entirely new ALIEN documentary is a tribute to the cast and crews of the Alien films by the audience themselves - the fans... (85 mins.)

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As voice actor Ashleigh Ball prepares to visit Bronycon, the unusual fandom of My Little Pony: Friendship Is Maqic is explored. (79 mins.)

Director: Brent Hodge

Stars: Ashleigh Ball, David Beckingham, Mike Bernstein, Phoe Of Equestria

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A documentary about the changing face of the fans of Doctor Who, the hit BBC science fiction drama series. (81 mins.)

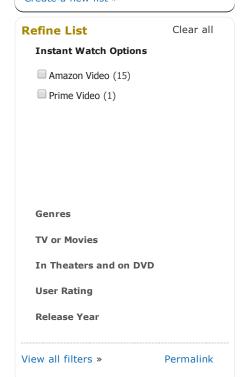
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5. **FANomenon** (2013 Documentary)

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Fanomenon follows rural retail worker Suzie as she goes on a quest to meet her hero, a fictional space explorer... (51 mins.)

Director: Lynne Carter

Stars: John Barrowman, Susan Beckner, Dan Carroll, Lynne Carter

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6. Legends of the Knight (2013 Documentary)

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A documentary about the power of storytelling to create positive change in our lives and around the world, expressed through the lens of one of the most popular stories of our time - the Batman. (76 mins.)

Director: Brett Culp

Stars: Petaluma Batman, Gotham Chopra, Brett Culp, Brian Elliott

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7. My Other Me: A Film About Cosplayers (2013

Documentary)

8.3/10

Teens and young adults discovering their true identities while dressing up as fictional characters. (85 mins.)

Director: Josh Laner

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8. Springsteen & I (2013 Documentary)

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For 40 years Bruce Springsteen has influenced fans from all over. His songs defined more than a generation. This film gives the fans just as much time as The Boss himself, with never shown footage and live performances from his last tour. (124 mins.)

Director: Baillie Walsh

Stars: Bruce Springsteen, Mitchell A. S. Hallock, Koichi Murakami

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9. America's Parking Lot (2012 Documentary)

8.2/10

Take a front row seat as Cy and Tiger, two die-hard fans of 'America's Team' and leaders of the legendary 'Gate 6' tailgate party... (70 mins.)

Director: Jonny Mars

Stars: Ken Belson, Chris Berman, Cy Ditmore, Jerry Jones

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Backyard Blockbusters (2012 Documentary)

7.4/10

Batman versus the Predator? It happened. Raiders of the Lost Ark remade by kids? It happened. For years... (95 mins.)





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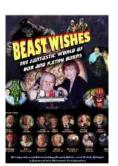
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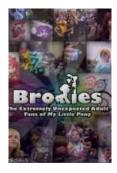


11. Beast Wishes (2012 Documentary)

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A documentary about Bob and Kathy Burns, the goodwill ambassadors of science fiction film fandom. (63 mins.)

Director: Frank Dietz, Trish Geiger
Stars: Rick Baker, Bob Burns, Kathy Burns, Joe Dante
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12. Bronies: The Extremely Unexpected Adult Fans of My Little Pony (2012 Documentary)

5.8/10

Profiling the cross-demographic fanaticism for the ostensibly girl-orientated television series, <u>My Little Pony: Friendship Is Magic</u>. (90 mins.)

Director: Laurent Malaquais

Stars: John de Lancie, Alex Tibcken, Tim Star, Lauren Faust

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13. **Get a Life!** (2012 Documentary)

6.6/10

An EPIX Original documentary directed by William Shatner, based on his hugely popular book, in which he examines the cultural phenomena of STAR TREK, its fan-following and his own role within it. In HD. (60 mins.)

Director: William Shatner

Stars: William Shatner, Rene Auberjonois, John Cho, James Darren

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14. American Juggalo (2011 Documentary)

6.9/10

A look at the often mocked and misunderstood subculture of Juggalos, hardcore Insane Clown Posse fans, who meet once a year for 4 days at The Gathering of the Juggalos. (24 mins.)

Director: Sean Dunne Stars: Vanilla Ice Add to Watchlist

Back to Space-Con (2011 Documentary)

8.8/10

On February 22, 1975, Northern California's very first Star Trek convention was held at Lincoln High School in San Francisco... (74 mins.)



15. Director: Tom Wyrsch
Stars: Joe Ferrara II, Ernie Fosselius, Robert Napton, John Stanley



16. Comic-Con Episode IV: A Fan's Hope (2011

Documentary)

7.1/10

A behind-the-scenes look at the fans who gather by the thousands each year in San Diego, California to attend Comic-Con, the world's largest comic book convention. (88 mins.)

Director: Morgan Spurlock

Stars: Kevin Smith, Stan Lee, Eli Roth, Seth Rogen

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17. ComicCosplay (2011 Documentary)

5.0/10

Documentary which follows the lives of "Cosplayers" from making their costumes, to attending the comic conventions. (118 mins.)

Director: Dave Edwards

Stars: Phoebe Price, Alicia Arden, Rena Riffel, Mary Carey

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18. **Cosplayers UK: The Movie** (2011 Documentary)

-/10

The movie followed a small selection of talented cos-players as they took part in May 2011 MCM Expo and showcased their costumes in the Masquerade. (83 mins.)

Director: Ed Hartwell, Johnnie Oddball

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19. Out of the Crowd (2011 Documentary)

-/10

Interweaves the stories of three music fans, representing different generations and genres. These fans... (28 mins.)

Director: Anna Gilpatrick

Stars: Garrett Deming, Kriss Marchena, Hansi Oppenheimer

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Jedi Junkies (2010 Documentary)

5.4/10

A film about the world's most dedicated Star Wars fans. From lightsaber wielding martial arts academies... (75 mins.)

Director: Mark Edlitz



20. Stars: Ray Park, Peter Mayhew, Jeremy Bulloch, Linda Papadopoulos

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21. The People vs. George Lucas (2010 Documentary)

6.7/10

An examination of the widespread fan disenchantment with <u>George Lucas</u>. (93 mins.)

Director: Alexandre O. Philippe

Stars: Joe Nussbaum, Daryl Frazetti, Doug Jones, Damian Hess
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22. Trek Nation (2010 Documentary)

7.4/10

The son of the creator of "Star Trek" explores his father's famous creation and how it has effected people. (88 mins.)

Director: Scott Colthorp

Stars: J.J. Abrams, Indira Addington, Sallie Baliunas, Majel Barrett

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23. The Way He Makes Them Feel: A Michael Jackson Fan Documentary (2010 Documentary)

8.8/10

Documentary chronicling the lives of Michael Jackson fans, and how one man impacted the world in so many unexpected ways. (75 mins.)

Director: Joelle Arqueros, Todd Lampe

Stars: Alex Bartosch, Teresa Tayag, Bechir Sylvain, Pierre Dulat

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24. The Achievers: The Story of the Lebowski Fans

(2009 Documentary)

5.8/10

The Achievers: The Story of the Lebowski Fans by director Eddie Chung, follows the intertwining lives and sub-culture of "Achievers," fans of "The Big Lebowski." (70 mins.)

Director: Eddie Chung

Stars: Joe Blevins, Jeff Bridges, Lu Elrod, Jerry Haleva

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Ladies in Blue (2009 Documentary)

6.0/10

In the 1960s, young women fainted during the shows of Quebec crooner Michel Louvain, who has been a heartthrob for 52 years... (88 mins.)



25. Director: Claude Demers

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26. Lost in Fansubs (2009 Documentary)

-/10

Documenting the growing trend in American Cosplay (Costume Play). (60 mins.)

Director: William Jimenez Jr.

Stars: Lisa Adams, Anime Next Cosplayers, Jasmine Denise, William Jimenez Jr.

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27. Macheads (2009 Documentary)

5.0/10

A exploration of the fanaticism that surrounds the Apple brand, featuring interviews with Mac evangelists and members of the Mac community. (54 mins.)

Director: Kobi Shely

Stars: Shawn King, Galen Brandt, Bruce Damer, Daniel Kottke

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28. Indyfans and the Quest for Fortune and Glory

(2008 Documentary)

5.3/10

The definitive look at the legacy left behind by everyone's favorite Archaeologist, Indiana Jones. (79 mins.)

Director: Brandon Kleyla

Stars: Jeff Anderson, Vic Armstrong, Bob Baranick, Tony Baxter

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29. It's Only Rock'n Roll (But I Like Keith) (2008

Documentary)

-/10

A documentary about adults behaving like teenagers. Two years of shooting for a film dedicated to passion/obsession... (68 mins.)

Director: Piergiorgio Gay

Stars: Big Jagger, Marcross, Max Stone, Vanni

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The Posters Came from the Walls (2008 Documentary)

7.1/10

Turner Prize-winning artist Jeremy Deller and collaborator Nicholas Abrahams explore the trans formative power of music through stories of faith and devotion from Depeche Mode fans



30. across the globe. (72 mins.)

Director: Jeremy Deller, Nicholas Abrahams

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31. The Secret World of Superfans (2008 Documentary)

6.8/10

A documentary on people obsessed with pop-culture heroes. (89 mins.)

Director: Sam Okun

Stars: Rick Baker, Xander Berkeley, John Carpenter, Roger Corman

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32. Song Sung Blue (2008 Documentary)

8.1/10

An inspiring account of Milwaukee's Neil Diamond tribute band/husband and wife singing duo, Lightning & Thunder, and their tragic love story. (85 mins.)

Director: Greg Kohs

Stars: Mike Sardina, Claire Sardina, Eddie Vedder, Dana Cartwright

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33. We Are Wizards (2008 Documentary)

5.6/10

This documentary looks at Harry Potter fans and the musical acts inspired by the novels. (79 mins.)

Director: Josh Koury

Stars: Melissa Anelli, Paul DeGeorge, Joe DeGeorge, Henry Jenkins

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34. The Wizard Rockumentary: A Movie About Rocking and Rowling (2008 Documentary)

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Banding together to enjoy Harry Potter and promote literacy and indie music, these young musicians perform across the U.S.... (92 mins.)

Director: Mallory Schuyler, Megan Schuyler

Stars: Devon Bennett, Christian Caldeira, Alex Carpenter, Chase Danielle

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Heart of an Empire (2007 Documentary)

9.0/10

"Heart Of An Empire" is a documentary about the global Star Wars fan group and Stormtrooper costume enthusiasts known as the "501st". (113 mins.)



35. Director: Jay Thompson
Stars: Scott Allen, Dave Anderson, Keith Arbeeny, Ashley Balch



36. IRL (In Real Life) (2007 Documentary)

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The first feature-length documentary to take on the subject of online relationships, IRL (In Real Life) chronicles the life... (55 mins.)

Director: Stephanie Tuszynski

Stars: Christine Aitchison, Asim Ali, Allyson Beatrice, Paula Carlson

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37. Mathematically Alive: A Story of Fandom (2007

Documentary)

7.8/10

Mathematically Alive - A Story of Fandom Joseph Coburn & Katherine Foronjy This engaging documentary... (94 mins.)

Director: Joseph Coburn, Katherine Foronjy

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38. Done the Impossible: The Fans' Tale of 'Firefly' and 'Serenity' (2006 Documentary)

6.9/10

Firefly and Serenity have grown beyond the genius of Joss Whedon. The words Firefly and Browncoat have come to symbolize a sense of community... (79 mins.)

Director: Tony Hadlock, Jason Heppler

Stars: Morena Baccarin, Kevin Bachelder, Adam Baldwin, Michael Boretz

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39. For the Love of Dolly (2006 Documentary)

7.6/10

This documentary, filmed over the course of a year, focuses on the lives of five of Dolly Parton's biggest fans...

Director: Tai Uhlmann

Stars: Sarah Jayne Crust, Harrell Gabehart, Judy Ogle, Patric Parkey

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Galaxy's End: Revenge of the Myth (2006

Documentary)

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"Seven years ago, fans were giddy with anticipation for the Prequel trilogy, but now that there aren't any new theatrical



40. films to look forward to... (72 mins.)

Director: Jeff Cioletti

Stars: James Addams, AJ!, Carl Cunningham, Ginger Dzerk



41. **Ringers: Lord of the Fans** (2005 Documentary)

'Ringers: Lord of the Fans' is a feature-length documentary that explores how "The Lord of the Rings" has influenced Western popular culture over the past 50 years. (97 mins.)

Director: Carlene Cordova

Stars: Dominic Monaghan, Elijah Wood, Peter Jackson, Viggo Mortensen

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42. Star Wait (2005 Documentary)

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The new Star Wars film arrived on May 16 - so why not line up on the streets 6 weeks before? Hundreds of people in Hollywood did just that...

Director: Michael Rotman

Stars: Art Douglas, Matthew C. Egan, Peter Genovese, Russell Howell

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43. **Kiss Loves You** (2004 Documentary)

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Ten years in the making, KISS Loves You is a film that began back in 1994 when the band KISS was at... (73 mins.)

Director: Jim Heneghan

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44. Otaku Unite! (2004 Documentary)

6.5/10

Otaku Unite! is a feature-length documentary on the history of Japanese animation fandom in the United... (70 mins.)

Director: Eric Bresler

Stars: Steven R. Bennett, Stephanie Brown, Jonathan David Cook, Robert Dejesus

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Trekkies 2 (2004 Documentary)

6.4/10

Denise Crosby takes another look at the huge Star Trek fans and how the series from around the world has affected and shaped their lives. (93 mins.)



45. Director: Roger Nygard
Stars: Vaughn Armstrong, Richard Arnold, Robert Meyer Burnett,
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46. Cult Culture: The Poseidon Adventure (2003

Documentary)

8.2/10

Well done documentary on the fans of The Poseidon Adventure. First half features the 30th anniversary... (60 mins.)

Director: Douglas Blush, Lisa J. Klein
Stars: Genemichael Barrera, Mark Beltzman, John Bosley, Justin Brinsfield
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47. Fanalysis (2002 Documentary)

7.7/10

Actor/cult icon <u>Bruce Campbell</u> examines the world of fan conventions and what makes a fan into a fanatic. (20 mins.)

Director: Bruce Campbell
Stars: Bruce Campbell, Meri Hazlewood, Harry Jay Knowles, Tim League
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48. Fans and Freaks: The Culture of Comics and Conventions (2002 Documentary)

8.7/10

Fans and Freaks: The Culture of Comics and Conventions is a romp through the fantastic world of science fiction, anime, fantasy, and horror fandom. (80 mins.)

Director: Suzie Lackey, Stephen Lackey
Stars: Karen Black, Gabriel Köerner, Jerry Only, Dick Warlock
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49. The PhanDom Menace (2002 Documentary)

8.3/10

The PhanDom Menace presents the definitive look at the most devoted fans on the planet. Follow the lives... (62 mins.)

Director: Warwick Holt, Craig E. Tonkin
Stars: Don Bies, Chris Brennan, Karen Fletcher, Dylan Lewis
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A Galaxy Far, Far Away (2001 Documentary)

5.3/10

A cross country exploration into the forces that attracts so many to the Star Wars mythos. (62 mins.)

Director: Tariq Jalil



50. Stars: Tariq Jalil, Roger Corman, James Duval, Andy Garcia
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51. Starwoids (2001 Documentary)

5.9/10

Noah might have traveled for 40 days and nights in search of land, but did he ever wait 42 straight days and nights for a movie... (80 mins.)

Director: Dennis Przywara

Stars: Daniel Alter, Phil Brown, Cecil Castellucci, Scott Chernoff

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52. **Tribute** (2001 Documentary)

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Tribute is a feature rockumentary about music's strangest subculture: tribute bands. Tribute bands go... (90 mins.)

Director: Kris Curry, Rich Fox

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53. Millennium's End: The Fandom Menace (2000

Documentary)

5.3/10

Millennium's End: The Fandom Menace is a documentary chronicling the anticipation for Star Wars, Episode...

Director: Jeff Cioletti

Stars: James Addams, AJ!, John Benson, Jeremy Bulloch

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54. A Regular Frankie Fan (2000 Documentary)

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The fans speak out about their favorite obsession. (72 mins.)

Director: Scott Mabbutt

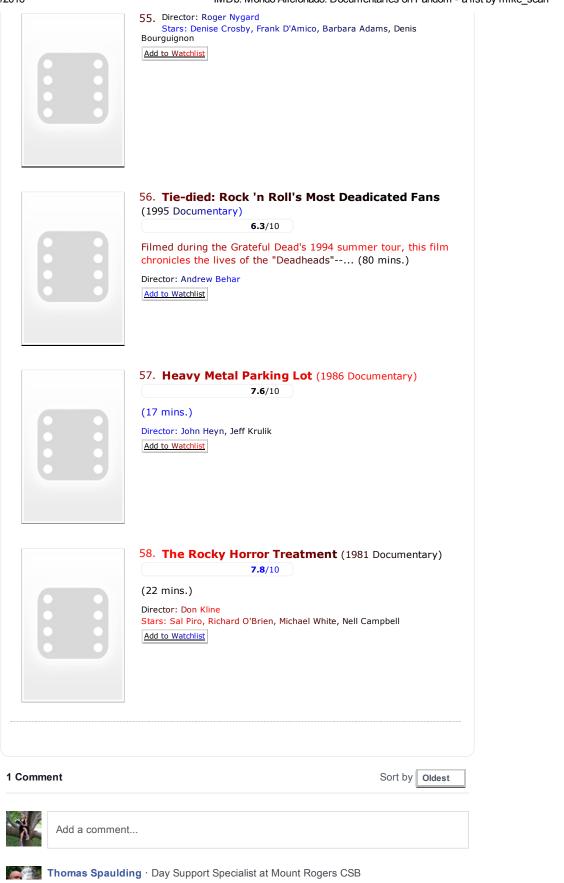
Stars: Paul Williams, Barely Legal, Midnight Insanity, Rocky's Whores

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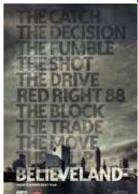
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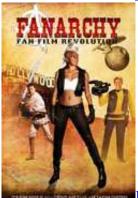
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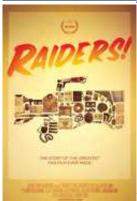
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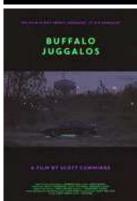
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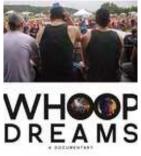
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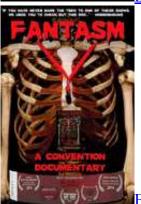
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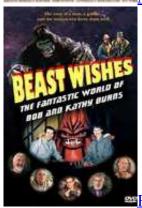
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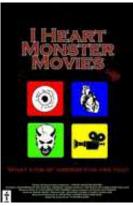
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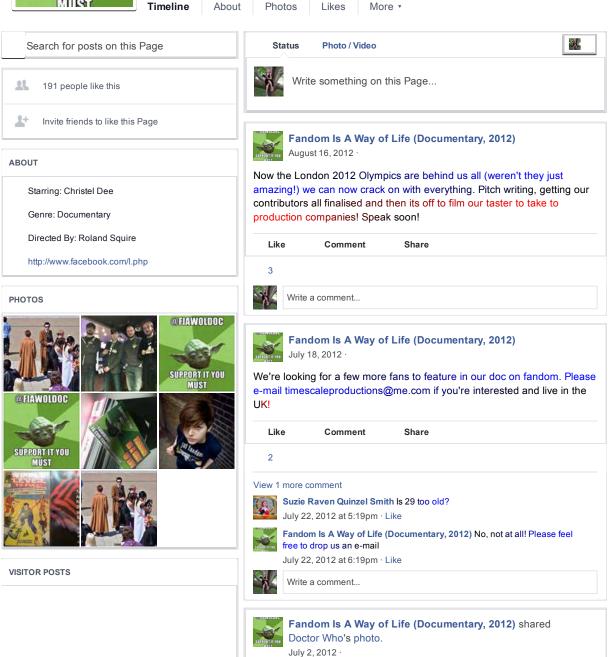
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Tom Felton obviously has a pretty vested interest in nerdery, and now the former Malfoy is joining forces with the BBC to channel that passion into a documentary on *Harry Potter* and fan culture.

The one-hour documentary will air on the BBC in April before being released online, and feature interviews with Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, and J.K. Rowling as well as countless fans, collectors and cosplayers. The project will reportedly be "a road trip journey" narrated by Felton, who describes it as an "in depth look at the world of super fans and these people that have followed franchises."

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SNL'S ONE-DIMENSIONAL FEMALE CHARACTER GETS LESS SCREEN TIME IN MOVIE WITH As The Daily Dot points out, the term "superfan" is unnecessarily hierarchical (cough cough, MTV's Fandom Awards), and in lesser hands, a documentary about geek subcultures might exploit fans' passion for comical effect. That being said, considering the impact Harry Potter has had on Felton's life and his past interactions with the fandom (I mean, he still uses Pottermore, guys) I'm pretty confident the project will be handled respectfully. In speaking about his experiences working on the documentary, Felton certainly sounds appreciative:

It was a massive insight for me, going behind the ropes and seeing what people actually do to stand behind a railing at an event. You don't really think about the three hours it took them to stand there and get the best spot.

What do you think, gang?

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I was really worried clicking that link and discovering some horrible person making an actor's life hell ... what I actually saw was a relief.

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Thanks for adding this reassurance for anyone anxious about the link. :)

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Aww, that's...a lot nicer than I was expecting!

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Alex Gladwin • a year ago

I'm glad he's exploring his passions, but the present description makes this documentary sound like it's completely without bite. I hope he takes the time to consider the problems of fandoms; exclusion and obsession namely. I'm not saying those terms define fandoms by any means, but they're absolutely a problem, and I'll be confused if they don't appear in at least a somewhat healthy capacity in this documentary.

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Ironwoman Tasali → Alex Gladwin • a year ago

This is just one of those celebrations of the fandom. Firefly did one that's on Netflix. Adam Baldwin is in it. He might have hosted it in fact, I can't remember. I saw it before I realized what a douchecanoe he is.

They don't talk about any issues because they don't want or feel like it's a forum for negativity. They just want to make a feel-good documentary appreciating the fans.

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wind you, I certainly wish someone would make a documentary about the problems in fandom. But this doesn't sound like it's it.

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Alex Gladwin → Ironwoman Tasali · a year ago

That just sounds so...bland and purposelessly selfserving. Why would you want to watch a documentary about being a fan of something with no real insight into the complexity of it?

Maybe I'm being cynical or short-sighted. People enjoy what they enjoy and I don't want to criticize anyone's completely harmless personal tastes. I just feel like making those kinds of things seems a tinge pointless, unless they provide some form of insight. Even if the insight is wholly positive and uncritical of the fandom, insight would be necessary to make me feel like I'm not wasting my time. Maybe Felton will find some.

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Ironwoman Tasali → Alex Gladwin • a year ago

Well, I mean the Firefly one wasn't like, life-changing or anything, but it was cute and mildly entertaining. Basically they just interviewed fans about what the show meant to them (this is close as you get to what you're talking about, and I promise there isn't any "Firefly ruined my life!" type of interviews... if such exists, they only kept the positive ones), why they are still loyal to it after all these years, they talk to the creators and the actors, they show people in cosplay, they show excited fans at conventions getting autographs, etc.

I would imagine that Harry Potter has a lot more material. Tom Felton will interview psyched fans, there will be cosplayers, they will probably showcase the Universal Orlando Harry Potter stuff likely with Tom Felton on some of the rides,

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Alex Gladwin → Ironwoman Tasali • a year ago

Thanks for the in-depth reply. :) You definitely gave me some more perspective on the topic.

I don't even know if the negative aspects of fandom would have to hit social justice (although I imagine that would be implicit in a lot of cases), just tapping into issues of obsession and how that manifests in cases of self-destruction, stalking, and exclusion.

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Ironwoman Tasali → Alex Gladwin • a year ago

Oh, addendum to my long post: Star Trek has had several documentaries of the like done, although a couple smack a little of the "look at these nnnneeeerrrdddds haha!" variety.

There's a Star Wars floating around too, I think, although I haven't seen it. The hubby caught it on Netflix and told me about it, but I never bothered.

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Seychelles • a year ago

I hope to see a part about cosplay. Speaking of which I'm going to need to start work on my Sanageyama Uzu cosplay.

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kinoumenthe · a year ago

You go Tom! You do like this other guy in GoT and you show them you're more than a loathsome face ! :D



supersqueak . • a year ago

I would watch it. Tom Felton certainly goes to enough conventions to have a good idea about what fandom is all about.



Sarah Brockman • a year ago

Please make this a worldwide thing and stop at Whimsic Alley in LA. Not because it's near me or anything.



Stephen "Soup" Strange • a year ago

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Aug 14, 2015 Contact Mandira Banerjee



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Pal later discovered that the kids were fans of popular Indian actor Rajnikanth, who played the role of a computer engineer in one of his blockbuster action films.



Still from the documentary For the Love of a Man, produced by Joyojeet Pal. Credit: Joyojeet Pal

A year later, Pal read about a sweet shop owner in the southern state of Tamil Nadu who planned to

climb more than a thousand stairs on his knees to pray for the success of a new movie starring Rajnikanth, who only uses one name.

Pal shared the news with Rinku Kalsy, a childhood friend and filmmaker in Amsterdam. They went to see the villager and the idea of a film on fandom was born.

"I wanted to find out more about these men whose devotion, obsession and fandom for the actor stopped at nothing," said Pal, an assistant professor at U-M's School of Information.

For the love of a daughter







The documentary, "For The Love of a Man," produced by Pal and directed by Kalsy, will premiere at the Venice Film Festival in September. Pal's belief in the film goes beyond time and research—he has invested his life's savings in the film that follows the fans of Rajnikanth, who has been in more than 200 movies.

The actor is a 64-year-old balding man known to thousands of his fans as a beloved leader. His life is a true rags-to-riches story—he rose from bus conductor to India's top-earning film star. During some of his most successful years, he was the highest paid actor in Asia after Jackie Chan.

Rajanikanth has made a career of playing the everyman in Tamil cinema. His characters are virtuous, and at times, they fight the system. His acting style has a dose of comedy, romance and action thrown together.

There are more than 150,000 fan clubs dedicated to Rajanikanth, and they span the globe from rural Tamil Nadu villages to cities in Japan. For the past four-and-a-half years, Pal



and his team have tracked the lives of some of these fans.

Along the way, they found ordinary men who sold their homes to fund fan clubs, held prayer meetings for the success of the actor's films, and even looked for wives based on whether they were Rajnikanth fans or not.

Among the fans featured in the documentary is a peanut seller—Mani, a former gangster and a small-time local politician. But he is also a Rajnikanth fan and organizes events around the release of his films. Then there are people who make a living mimicking Rajnikanth songs, dialogues and dances.

"The documentary shows us that there is no one way to be a fan. It is a look at the lives of real people to explore why they do what they do," said Pal, the primary researcher for the film.

The fandom has grown on Pal as well. In fact, on one of his first dates with his wife, the couple attended the opening of a Rajnikanth film.

"It has worked out all right," Pal said, laughing.

The documentary won some early awards in India when Pal and Kalsy screened some portions for funding. In addition, Pal raised about \$7,000 on the Indian crowdsourcing website Wishberry last year—funds that helped him finish the film editing.

"I've enjoyed making this film," Pal said. "I love telling stories about aspirations of people in



contemporary India. It is the thread that ties all my work together, whether it is a research paper or a documentary."

After all the hard work, Pal said a world premiere at the Venice Film Festival feels great.

"I would like to get a theatrical release for the film," he said. "I want it to be accessible to everyone."

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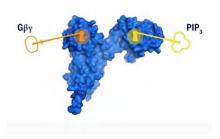
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In 1998, during the heyday of dial-up connections, Internet Relay Chat, and online forums, EarthBound fans banded together to popularize Shigesato Itoi's MOTHER video game series in North America. They worked to convince Nintendo of America to release the two MOTHER games that never left Japan, and in the process, created friendships that changed their lives.

Help fund this project on Kickstarter!

Jeff Benson of <u>UbseyMovies</u>, known to fans as one of the main creative forces behind the <u>EB</u> Saga series, is producing the EarthBound, USA documentary.

Jeff says about the project, "I think the story of EarthBound fandom (in the West) is unlike anything else. The community came out of the 1990's, when the internet was far less organized than it is today. It's magnificent to see people carrying their childhood passions into adulthood. Making this documentary has been for me like watching EarthBound come to life."

Current/upcoming interviewees include:

- Anthony Carboni (former Revision 3 host)
- Ashly Burch (voice actor)
- Clyde Mandelin (founder of EarthBoundCentral.com and co-founder of Stamen.Net)
- Frank Cifaldi (game developer, former editor at Gamasutra and 1Up)
- Fraser Agar (host of Video Games Awesome)
- Lindsay Nelson (Japanese translator)
- Marcus Lindblom (Localization director for EarthBound)
- Reid Young (co-founder of Starmen.Net and Fangamer)
- Shigesato Itoi (creator of the MOTHER / EarthBound series)
- Tasha Sounart (Costume Quest project lead)
- Tim Schafer (game developer and founder of Double Fine)
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For a year now, <u>Jeff Benson</u> has been interviewing MOTHER fans, <u>Starmen.Net</u> users, and members of the EarthBound team in an attempt to document the space between a bunch of kids coming together on a message board and the reemergence of a cult classic—not to mention the formation of <u>Fangamer</u>, the business <u>Starmen.Net</u> played a major role in founding.

The documentary is called EarthBound USA, and it's about how EB fans have fought to popularize the Mother series in North America since the 1990's.

We've been keeping this project quiet, but our last interviewee has a lot of Twitter followers.



Just finished an interview with some American MOTHER 2 fans who came to see me. Some of them were in elementary school when they played it but are now married with children, and still have a love for the game to this day. I've had all sorts of projects in my time, but this game is definitely in a league of its own.

-Shigesato Itoi

Our time talking with Shigesato Itoi about the overseas **fandom** was strange, beautiful, and fascinating.

A Kickstarter is planned for later this year; we're hoping to release the movie in 2015. We hope you like it.

- Fangamer

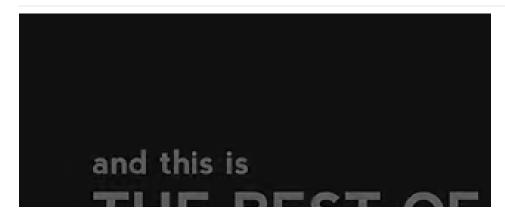
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kforkate 1 year ago

great beginning! I can't wait for more! I live in New Zealand and hear your Ozzie accents... any chance you're coming to NZ anytime soon? :)

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The Rest of Us Doco 1 year ago

+kforkate There is a plan to include more people from more countries (including NZ and places like Brazil, Argentina and Japan), but it will take time. Getting to visit all those people costs A LOT of money.

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Sheryl Ong 3 months ago

I just happened across this on tumblr and I'm so glad I did. This was such a great video, thanks for making and sharing it!

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Leonie Kiamo 1 year ago

the girl at 3:29 just totally nailed it, now i'm even more excited for the upcoming parts:)

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Mareike R. 1 year ago

+Alison Swift I was squealing Daniiii at my screen:)

This documentary is a dream come true. I cannot wait for the next parts! I am going to show this to my sister right now! :)

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Kaname Kuran 1 year ago

+Alison Swift oh really it was? Niceeeeee

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Bianca B. 1 year ago

I'm just done with people judging us for being a fan of them. We're just "obsessed teenage girls" in so many people's eyes and seeing that someone makes a documentary about our fandom that shows how it really is is just amazing! There were so many documentaries about us in which they have shown us as some totally obsessed teenagers. We are so Read more

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oopstohishi x 1 year ago

Oh lord I started crying so hard at the LGBTQIA+ part.. I'm so thankful for this docu already.

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Giselle Acevedo 1 year ago

F*ck it up you two!!!!!!!

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The Rest of Us Doco 1 year ago

+Giselle Acevedo We're not sure if this is a threat or encouragement, but we appreciate the enthusiasm!

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Giselle Acevedo 1 year ago

+The Rest of Us encouragement!!! f*ck it up!!

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IWill SingWithYou 1 year ago

This was really good! A perfect little introduction. I can't wait for next month!!

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Natti Ewert 1 year ago

can't wait for the next part ♥♥

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Msjewnicorns 1 year ago

We are by far the best and interesting fandom! I can see why you were genuinely interested to document us. One Direction is such a fenomenon because of this fandom. I recognize a lot of Tumblr fans but I wish I could hear some Twitter and Facebook fans too! Are you coming to Italy?

Reply • 1



The Rest of Us Doco 1 year ago

+Msjewnicorns Before we toured, Twitter wasn't particularly responsive to the documentary. It's really only since we've started releasing the episodes that big twitter accounts have started to notice. We aren't returning to Italy unfortunately, but there is still an option to submit a video. Our tumblr page has more info:

Reply •



Msjewnicorns 1 year ago

+The Rest of Us So you came to Italy? I'm very active both on Twitter and Tumblr and I didn't hear anything about it while you were making it. Anyway I hope to see more from you soon!

Reply •

Lelanie De Beer 1 year ago

Love it! Love it! Love it!

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Olivia Griggs 1 year ago



Thank you so much for making this! I am sure you both have your own lives and you're very busy with work/school/other engagements so I think it's really great that you're taking time out to make this. Thank you for portraying the fandom properly and not like the media does as crazed hooligans haha I am really excited for the rest of the installments and Read more

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M'Kayla Wilson 1 year ago

This is so so so wonderful! Thank you so much for doing this and I can't wait for the upcoming parts!

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Michelle Chapman 1 year ago

everything is already being flawlessly explained and I'm so excited for the rest of this documentary

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Florina Radu 1 year ago

This is so cool...i love it...keep making more videos

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melina 1 year ago

I AM IN THIS

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Oops it's Dasia 1 year ago

You deserve so many awards for this v.v

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rayna lee 1 year ago

So looking forward to watching the rest of this:)

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Angel B 1 year ago

it's jut suck that there isn't subtitles lol, they talk too fast ahaha but this seems very interesting, im glad you two made up this

Reply •



The Rest of Us Doco 1 year ago

+Angel B Hi! Subtitles are coming. Hopefully we'll have them available later today (it's the morning in Australia right now). Hopefully that will help.

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Angel B 1 year ago

Thank you, it's really appreciate.

Reply • 1



Jenny Nevers 1 year ago

Ohhhhh, this looks VERY, VERY promising. Thank you so much for portraying this fandom as we really are. I can't wait to see more of this documentary. And I sincerely hope that 1D themselves will watch this as well. I'm sure they'll be proud of how well you managed to show what we're really like.

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Christine T 1 year ago

This is amazing! I'm so excited to see the full documentary! Incredible so far.

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Fresh off his 2014 documentary "I am Santa Claus" and winning a Philadelphia Geek Award for Feature Length Indy Film of the Year, Tommy Avallone is already getting back in the filmmaking game.

The Haddon Heights native is turning his attention to ghostheads — fans of the "Ghostbusters" film franchise, serving as producer for a new fan documentary.

"Ghostheads" tells the tale of the culture and impact the franchise has on fans.

Avallone, 32, has always been a fan. He said he connected with the humor and the merchandise as a child.

"Making this documentary has been fun for me because I got to take out all my old 'Ghostbusters' action figures from my parents' attic," said Avallone. "When I went to the theaters to see the 25th anniversary re-release, the movie still holds true as one of the funniest movies ever."

Avallone said the premise of the "Ghostheads" documentary reminded him of "I Am Santa Claus," which explored the lives of people who portray Old Saint Nick.

"I like being helpful to other independent filmmakers," Avallone said. "I wanted to help produce because I understand who these people are and how they make a positive impact on society."

Canadian filmmaker Brendan Mertens is the director/writer of "Ghostheads. He has been involved with the online Ghostbusters community for some time, hosting a Ghostbusters-themed podcast.

"The fans just have this enormous heart that I don't think I've even seen in any other fandom," Mertens told the Courier-Post.

"The idea came to me two years ago, but technology hadn't caught up to me yet. There is now this sub-genre in the documentary world that explores people's obsession or love of certain pop culture properties. I figured it was their time to shine, especially with a new film in 2016 that will open the door for another entire generation of children who will view the film that will be their version of 'The Wizard of Oz."

Mertens and Avallone started shooting interviews for the documentary in May.

Mertens said Avallone reached out to him after seeing a short teaser clip on finding "Ghostbusters" fans interested in collaborating on the project.

Mertens and Avallone meet weekly to complete the documentary.

Recently, the duo launched an Indigogo campaign (https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/ghostheads#/) to raise money for the final touches of the documentary.

Mertens says making the documentary has shaped his life, from learning new filmmaking skills, to establishing new friends.

Mertens interviewed Ryan Kemp of the Kentucky Ghostbusters fan club for the documentary. Eighteen days later, Kemp died in a car crash.

"I spent hours in tears over his loss as Ryan was a terrific ambassador for the Ghostbusters fans, going out of his way to make people smile and to bring joy to the world while dressed up as a Ghostbuster," Mertens said.

"It made me fight harder to get this film seen by a wider audience, just so they can see this kind soul on their screen."

Thomas Gebhardt is considered the heart of the NJ Ghostbusters franchise — a group of fans based in the Garden State. NJ Ghostbusters consists of five districts, from North Jersey to the Jersey Shore.

One of the highlights of "Ghostheads" will be Gebhardt driving his custom Ecto-1 to the set of the 2016 "Ghostbusters" remake.

Gebhardt — the public relations director of <u>NJ Ghostbusters (http://gbnj.net/)</u> — and his fellow busters, attend parades, conventions, children's hospitals, Halloween celebrations and charity events throughout the state.

Watching the films as a child, Gebhardt dreamed of making his own proton packs and blasting ghosts.

"It's just something I have always loved and is still a huge thing in my life."

Gebhardt met Avallone on Comic Book Day at the Haddon Heights comic book store, Comic Station. When he heard about the documentary, Gebhardt knew he had to be involved.

"I think all of us Ghostbuster fans deserve to have a light shed on who and what we are and what we do in a positive manner," Gebhardt said.



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Gebhardt is the owner of a 1963 Cadillac Miller Meteor ambulance decked out like Ecto-1 — the vehicle the Ghostbusters used to travel throughout New York City. He also personalized his 2014 Mazda 3 hatchback to look like Ecto-1 as well.

Gebhardt gets a thrill out of loading up one of his Ecto-1 vehicles to visit a children's hospital.

"There is nothing like being there to put smiles on faces and give joy to those who enjoy the films as much as I do."

For Gebhardt, it's easy to see why so many people are "Ghostheads."

"Other than the fact that it gives people the chance to dress up, I think people can relate in comparison to the personalities portrayed by the actors and actresses, the ups and downs, the disbelief, the trial-and-error and overcoming those

obstacles played out on screen."

Avallone and Gebhardt are encouraged by the growing trend of fandom documentaries.

Some of the more recent ones include "Batkid Begins" (2015), "The People vs. George Lucas" (2010), "Springsteen & 1" (2013) and "A Brony Tale" (2014).

"The people who make and who are featured in fan docs have this whole new way of meeting new friends and connecting to people who share a similar passion, whether it's Santas or Ghostbusters or anything else," Avallone said.

"It gives people an identity."

Gebhardt believes social media is to thank for the growth of fandom documentaries.

"With so many different outlets to share via social media, Facebook, YouTube, fans really have the opportunity to put their view on what they love and share it; it really keeps the candle lit, the torch passed on," Gebhardt said.

"I love when I come across another fan group franchise and watch their twist on how they take their love of 'Ghostbusters' and turn into their own present time and storyline and portray the premise of such an iconic film."

Gebhardt enjoys seeing how the franchise impacts people throughout the world. He feels it's what makes "Ghostbusters" one of the most popular movie franchises in history.

"At the end of the day when you set aside our personal dilemmas, tripes, good, bad, we share one common interest and love that draws us all to the same united outcry when asked, 'Who ya gonna call?' Ghostbusters!"

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Reviews 'Ghostheads', a New Documentary Coming Out Next Year on

'Ghostbusters' Fandom



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There are many classic sci-fi franchises out there this day and age, many films and TV shows which, over the years, have generated fan bases whose numbers might seem rather insane. In 1984, director Ivan Reitman's

(http://www.themovienetwork.com/moviedb/people/ivan-reitman/profile) Ghostbusters (http://www.themovienetwork.com/moviedb/movie/ghostbusters-1984/profile) took the world by storm and since then, legions of fans have flocked to Comic Cons, parades and charity events. The number of fans keeps growing and with the film turning 30-years-old last year and an upcoming reboot currently in production, the franchise seems to be stronger than ever. A new documentary, courtesy of filmmaker Brenden Mertens, is also being released next year and it promises to highlight the fandom that Ghostbusters has unleashed. Ghostheads is due out next year and with the participation of fans across the planet, it is looking to be guite a film event.

If you didn't already know, there exists Ghostbusters franchises all over the world. Fans dress up and meet up to delight fans, wether it's at parade, charity event or children's hospital. It is through this simple work, that people (not just kids) are treated to quite a show. Many of the Ghostheads who suit up and gear up were once children who found great joy in watching the movies, animated series, ate the cereal and played with the toys. Now, these super fans can put on a show for the children of today and it is really quite a beautiful concept.

Narrated by Robin Shelby (Slimer from Ghostbusters II (http://www.themovienetwork.com/moviedb/movie/ghostbusters-ii-1989/profile), Ghostheads pays homage to not only fans of today but of the original crew portrayed by Bill Murray $\underline{\text{(http://www.themovienetwork.com/moviedb/people/bill-murray/profile)}}, \underline{\text{Dan Aykroyd}}$ (http://www.themovienetwork.com/moviedb/people/dan-aykroyd/profile), the late great Harold Ramis (http://www.themovienetwork.com/moviedb/people/harold-ramis/profile), Ernie Hudson (http://www.themovienetwork.com/moviedb/people/ernie-hudson/profile), Rick Moranis (http://www.themovienetwork.com/moviedb/people/rick-moranis/profile), Annie Potts (http://www.themovienetwork.com/moviedb/people/annie-potts/profile) and Sigourney Weaver (http://www.themovienetwork.com/moviedb/people/sigourney-weaver/profile). This fine group of actors brought life to the characters that fought malevolent spirits and in many occasions, got slimed. Ghostheads is a salute to these films and the unforgettable memories they gave not just to one generation but to many generations after it. Here's to another 30 years, who ya gonna call?

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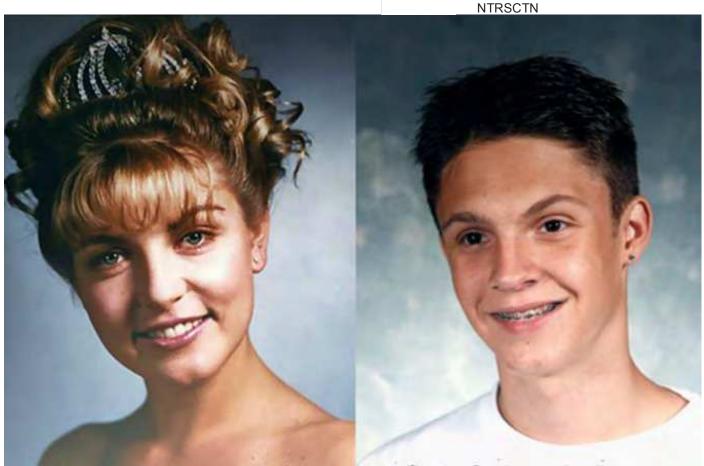


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— for **David Lvnch** fans. After a **bumpy** development and announcement process ies is **definitely making a proper** return thanks to **Showtime**. Additionally, *Twin Peaks* co-creator **Mark Frost** is **releasing a book** covering the 25-year lapse between the original series and the new.

Northwest Passage, named after the original working title for *Twin Peaks*, adds to the current wave of *Peaks* resurgence via a compelling alternative to the masterful fiction of the Lynchian universe — reality. The documentary follows the journey of **Travis Blue**, a **Snoqualmie Falls** resident who inserted himself into the **Laura Palmer** narrative in an effort to cope with the cruelty and abuse he weathered as a gay teenager.

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Director **Adam Baran** describes *Northwest Passage* as "an incredible story of life imitating art that's especially relevant today," adding that he and the other filmmakers have been interviewing Blue for the past four years. Baran, alongside executive producers **Jonathan Caouette** and **The Ebersole Hughes Company** (known for the *Shining* documentary *Room 237*), has taken to **Kickstarter** to **finish funding the film**.

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#FilmedHere: Netflix Documentary On TV And Movie Fandom Shot In "Twin Peaks"

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"It's a documentary about how people connect with shows, like Twin Peaks," director **Tracey Smith** tells the <u>Snoqualmie Valley Record</u>. Her film crew has been traveling the country for two weeks, interviewing fans of movies and TV shows on the locations where they were originally filmed.

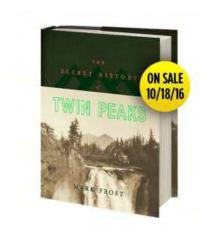
Commissioned by San Francisco ad agency MUH-TAY-ZIK | HOF-FER, Tracey and her team spent a sunny November 11th in North Bend and Snoqualmie, WA together with Twin Peaks Fest organizers Rob and Deanne Lindley, and fellow fans Barb and Richard Koefod (the couple who famously recreated the Welcome to Twin Peaks sign back in 2010), Marry Hutter and costume extraordinaire Chris Mathews (left and middle in the first photo below). They shot at Snoqualmie Falls, Twede's Cafe (the Double R Diner) and the Welcome to Twin Peaks road sign spot.

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THE SECRET HISTORY OF TWIN PEAKS BY MARK FROST (BOOK/AUDIO)



TWIN PEAKS ON TWITTER



Chris Mathews From Another Place dances on the original spot of the Welcome to Twin Peaks sign (Photo: <u>Twin Peaks Festival</u>).

TWIN PEAKS. WHALK WITH ME

Behind the scenes of the Netflix documentary on Twin Peaks and other TV and movie fandoms (Photo: <u>Twin Peaks Festival</u>).

Other iconic places visited by the crew include the houseboat from **Sleepless in Seattle**, the "**Rocky** Steps" of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the **Breaking Bad** filming locations in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

It's not clear yet when the finished documentary will be added to the Netflix Instant line-up, but **Welcome to Twin Peaks** will keep you posted.

UPDATE: Check out a few trailers for the **#FilmedHere** campaign:

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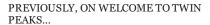






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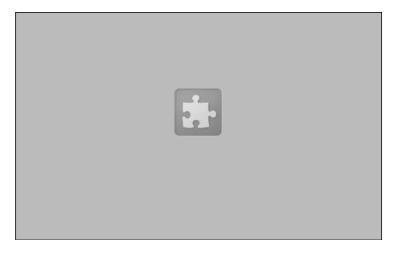
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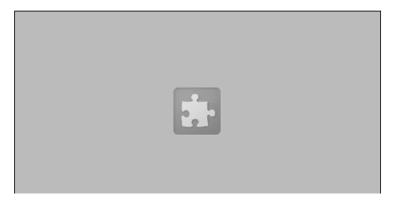
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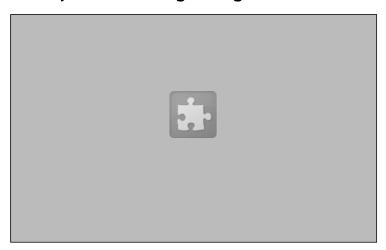




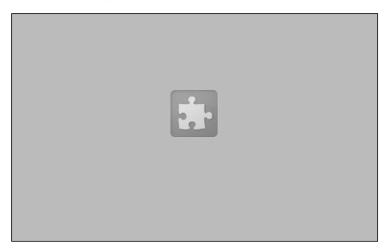
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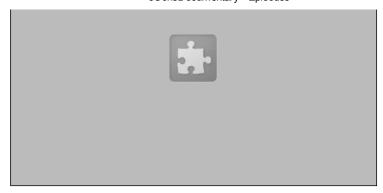


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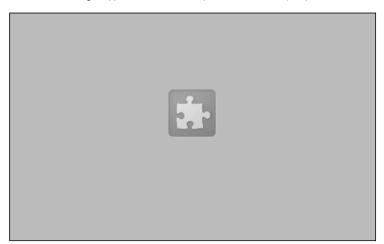




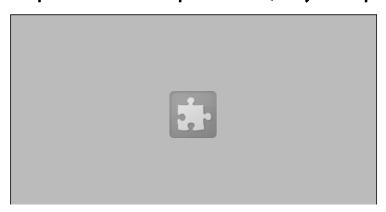
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The Nova Albion Steampunk Exhibition - Episode 1 - So, Why Steampunk?







So, we're 13 years in the 21st Century, and despite our best efforts, Fandom still remains! And every year, there are new traditions, old feuds renewed, controversies, and fun. What once was a monolith has now fractured into dozens of fannish city-states, trading people and concepts, and occasionally warring with one another.

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traveling conventions! (http://www.westercon66.org/). Every year, the Hugos are awarded at the Grand-daddy of all SF cons: WorldCon, with 2013's edition coming straight from San Antonio, Texas (www.lonestarcon3.org/ (http://www.lonestarcon3.org/). Finally, we'll be examining UK fans and pros at the World Fantasy Convention held in Brighton. (www.wfc2013.org/ (http://www.wfc2013.org/)). Through interviews and footage gathered at these conventions, along with historic materials, audio, photos, and funkiness, we'll help you figure out what Fandom is, has been, and maybe even what it'll become!

In the end, this will form a document of what fandom is today, at a time when the last of those first generation fans are still with us, legendary fans are still participating, when we're seeing Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram change the ways people fan, and when fandom happens in so many different forums. This is an interesting time for an interesting group of people.

So, what're we askin' for?

To make this, it's gonna take a little bit of money. We're estimating that our costs will be somewhere between 5 and 7 grand, but we've got to have our own skin in the game, no? So we're settin' our goal at 3500 dollars to cover some travel, a couple of equipment upgrades, random things you never expect like shipping fees for photos, burgers for those nights you get yourself stuck on the road at 2am, and most importantly, gallons and gallons of Pibb Xtra for Chris while he's editing. We're shooting to get this out to you, yes YOU!, by December 31st, 2013, which is a tight timeline, but we know that you'll be happy with what you get!

Through IndieGoGo (Oddly enough, http://www.indiegogo.com/), we're raising the money, and out team is so ready to make it happen! Everyone who donates 25 dollars or more will get a copy of the project. For various levels, we're offering Associate Producer, Assistant Producer, and Executive Producer credits.

And, of course, if you've got photos or videos from cons, old or recent, we'd love to get a look at 'em! Audio recordings? Love 'em! We want to make this as participatory as possible!

If you can't manage any moneys, we're also happy to accept any equipment donations you might have. We could always use another digital camera, especially older ones you might be looking to clear out (Oh, how I love the old XL-1s!), or scanners, or laptops, or MP3 recorders, whatever. If you can spare it, we can probably use it to create this document of a year in fandom.

And, of course, you might want to help out. Always lookin' for help, especially at the conventions we're going to be at. Just drop us a line and we'll talk with ya.

So, Who Are You Going To Be Talkin' To?

So Far, among the folks we've talked to are...

- John Picacio 2012 Hugo Winner (Best Professional Artist)
- Mary Robinette Kowal Multi-Hugo winner writer
- Mo Starkey 2012 Hugo Winner (Best Fan Artist)
- Howard Tayler Artist (Schlock Mercenary) and 2013 Hugo Winner (Best Related Work Writing Excuses)
- Bob Madle Attendee of the first science fiction convention EVER!
- Roger Simms Long-time fan and attendee of the Greatest Room Party Ever!
- Dave McCarty Chair of the 2012 WorldCon
- Michael J Martinez (author The Daedalus Incident)
- Teresa Nielsen Hayden Editor at Tor and Long-time Fan
- Brandon Sanderson Hugo winning Author
- Lawrence Schoen Hugo and Campbell Nominee and damn funny fellow

- Mike Kennedy Long-time fan
- Bradley Denton World Fantasy Award winner
- Milt Stevens 1984 WorldCon Chairman
- Norman Spinrad Science Fiction Legend (author Bug Jack Baron)
- Kat Templeton Writer / Fanzine Fan
- Randy Byers 2007 Hugo Winner (Best Fanzine)
- John Trimble Fannish Legend
- And Many More Fans and Pros!

We've got a great line-up of interviewees started!

- Kevin Standlee Chair Con Jose, the 2002 WorldCon
- John 'The Rock' Coxon 2011 TransAtlantic Fan Fund winner
- · And many more to be announced!

So, Who Exactly Are You?

Director - Christopher J Garcia Producer - Linda Wenzelburger

Chris Garcia has been around fandom all his life. And he's produced, directed, and edited docs of all lengths. He's won a Hugo with James Bacon (Best Fanzine 2011 - The Drink Tank) and loves Tim Powers and DC Comics.





Linda's a long-time fan. She digs Lovecraft! And Star Trek! And Steampunk! And Comics! And on and on... She's also a helluva costumer. She's worked cons, and is a beloved member of Bay Area fandom.

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Suicide rumors spread after documentary about One Direction fandom

By Gavia Baker-Whitelaw

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Crazy About One Direction. With a title like that, this British TV documentary about 1D fandom was

unlikely to win much support among the fans themselves. Nobody likes to be called "crazy," but the online reaction from fans of the popular boy band went far beyond what anyone might have expected.

Following the documentary's first showing on British television last night, #RIPLarryShippers began trending worldwide on Twitter. It's a reference to 14 1D fans who had allegedly killed themselves after viewing the documentary.





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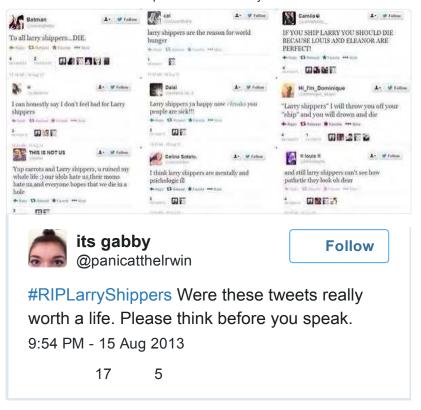
Lets just share this candle in remembrance of our 14 angels we lost today #riplarryshippers 10:48 PM - 15 Aug 2013

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"Larry shippers" are fans who believe that band members Louis Tomlinson and Harry Styles ("Larry Stylinson") are in a relationship, and they make up a significant proportion of the band's fanbase. There's a lot of conflict between them and fans who support Louis Tomlinson's relationship with his real-life girlfriend Eleanor, with both sides regularly accusing each other of cyberbullying.

Crazy About One Direction not only inspired anger from 1D fandom in general, but it also led to a new wave of hateful tweets and Tumblr messages directed at Larry shippers. The intensity of the hate mail received by Larry shippers on Twitter and Tumblr is part of the reason why so many fans found it plausible that multiple fans might have taken their own lives.



One Direction fandom is no stranger to unsubstantiated suicide rumors, which to spread in a pretty similar fashion each time. First, someone will tweet a number of "suicides" (in this case, 14), which will then be passed along via Twitter and Tumblr, occasionally developing into a trending hashtag—as we saw last night with #RIPLarryShippers. Last night's number appears to originate from a tweet made on August 7:



Although this tweet refers to an unsubstantiated number of *total* suicides from previous rumors, the number 14 was somehow transferred to the new rumor regarding last night's documentary. Soon, that number rose to 28, and then 42, with some fans even tweeting a death toll of over 90 people. Eventually even the TV channel that aired the documentary had to respond, although they were also unable to find any evidence that these suicide rumors were true.

Cyberbullying is rife in 1D fandom, and with a high-profile cyberbullying-related suicide currently making headlines in the U.K., the topic is not far from anyone's mind. However, while 1D fans have had to deal with plenty of online harassment in the past, there's no evidence of any fans ever killing themselves as a result of fandom flame wars. In fact, 1D fandom rallied in support of one suicidal teen last year, helping to save her life by calling 911 and contacting her family.

The startling thing about the #RIPLarryShippers hashtag is that vanishingly few fans are actually asking for evidence before retweeting the current number of suicides. Suicide and self harm are very serious issues, particularly in a high-risk community of teenage girls who regularly face

cyberbullying in their online lives, but few seem concerned about discovering the real identities of the ever-growing number of fans mentioned in the "RIP" tweets.

After some investigation, we were only able to find the Twitter accounts of three fans who are alleged to have taken their own lives: @LovinLarry17, @larrystylincum_, and @harryisatwerk. But while none of these three fans have tweeted in the past twelve hours, there's nothing to suggest that this isn't a case of "pseuicide" ("killing" or deleting an online persona), a phenomenon that one sees fairly often in online fandom.

It may seem callous to say so, but if multiple One Direction fans had indeed taken their own lives as the result of a TV documentary, this would be front page news rather than a Twitter rumor. Suicide is a tragedy, and spreading false rumors like this is harmful, both to One Direction fandom and to people who are dealing with real suicidal thoughts themselves.

UPDATE: One of the Directioners rumored to have died, @lovinlarry17, is alive according to her Twitter account. A series of posts apparently from the user's sister claim that she did attempt suicide, and is now recovering in the hospital. These tweets haven't been independently confirmed.

Another alleged victim, @larrystylincum_, has also tweeted about surviving an attempt at suicide.

UPDATE 2:

A third suspected suicide victim, @craichood, has begun tweeting again as well. Tweets from the account were signed by a friend claiming that the account's owner had attempted suicide, but was recovering in the hospital. Again, none of the Twitter reports from survivors have been independently verified.



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This documentary gives an inside perspective on the strange and interesting subculture known as the furry fandom. The fandom is explained by furries in their own words.

Furry fandom refers to the fandom for the furry genre of literature, art and entertainment. Furry fandom is also used to refer to the community of artists, writers, role players and general fans of the furry art forms who

gather on the net and at conventions.

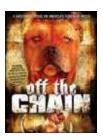
Members of the furry fandom, known as furry fans, particularly enjoy media that includes fictional anthropomorphic animal characters with human personalities and characteristics.

Examples of anthropomorphic attributes include exhibiting human intelligence and facial expressions, the ability to speak, walking on two legs, and wearing clothing.

Characters that morph between human and animal form are also considered by some to be part of the genre. Even certain superheroes with animal derived powers are considered of furry interest by some fans.

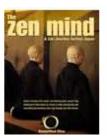
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'furr'ociusly boring!



Kateye70

Playing World of Warcraft, I made a new avatar on an RP (role-playing) realm,

where people write and act stories out using their game characters. The realm also functions as a regular realm in that the usual questing, dungeons, etc. are there, along with the community of players one interacts with on an MMO.

One of the first questions I was asked, via private whisper, was: "Are you a furry?" And...uh...they didn't mean the innocuous "my spirit guide is an animal" kind of furry. Oh no. It was much more...primal...than that. LOL! Needless to say, I had to do a bit of quick internet research on all the ramifications of 'furries'. It was quite an education!



dewflirt

Furballs;)



Pysmythe

You just said what I was getting ready to say... Don't you just know they have all kinds of weird sex in these ridiculous get-ups? Barking at the moon, waving their tails around in the air, what the hell is wrong with these people? I saw an episode once of some documentary program or other that featured some furries out in the woods doing the wild thing, and they got attacked by a bear! I hate to say it, but I thought that was one of the funniest things I'd ever seen. I'd imagine that thereafter as primal as they ever got was right next to the living room coffee table while the sun was still up...

edit- Let's throw some bibles at them and outlaw the whole business, whaddya say? (lol)



Kateye70

Hahaha! Since my character is a druid, they were ready to invite me to their guild if I'd wanted to 'play' that way! Who knows the opportunities I lost?!

Have you ever seen pictures of people who have undergone body modifications to become their animal of choice? There was one guy who was famous for it, Dennis Avner--he preferred "Stalking Cat," his Native American name--who died last year, but I came across some pretty amazing photos of what he had done to himself.



wald0

I just don't get it and I hope I never do. I know we're supposed to accept everyone

for who they are, blah, blah, blah- but I just can't help it. These ppl are freaks.



Pysmythe

About halfway through this, they start talking about some of the misconceptions people have about furries (a funny word that makes me think of unruly pubic-hair, somehow); that is, they start talking about the sexual aspect. I don't know whether it's all just a bunch of dissimulation on their part, and the truth is, I don't actually care all that much. But I think that if they are being misunderstood in that regard, then it must come about out of most of us having the conception of wild animals as being ruled by their "baser" instincts, and that it's thereby a little difficult to imagine from what motivations they might want to do this... Surely, it couldn't be because they have fantasies of running down a gazelle and eating it's stomach out? Or nursing a bunch of meerkat babies? Or curling up one's hindquarters and taking a dump in public? So what does that leave one on the outside to think could be the reason? A sense of community, a genuine love of animals, the expression of one's imagination outside of the norm?

Bollocks! These lovable freaks like doing the nasty in animal costumes! (lol)



panthera f

how tf did I get here?



Pysmythe

Oh, yeah, I remember that guy... Or I think I do. Wasn't he the one who had nylon whiskers inserted in his cheeks, along with getting a kind of half-a\$\$ed customized harelip? He died?! That's a shame... I'll give the guy a lot of credit for following his dream, but...wow, just wow.

Druid sounds more like it, lol. Makes me think 'wiccan,' virgin sacrifice, and all that... Much more human!



DigiWongaDude

"...but...wow, just wow [no meow]".



DigiWongaDude

calling it "anthropomorphic attributes" is just encouraging them -sounds so grown

up! Call it toddler tendencies and give away a free toaster...zero comrades, and a psyc evaluation...ok I'll watch it at least...



dewflirt

This is what happens when mascots go bad:



dewflirt

I don't know, but you've turned into one;)



Looch

Even ignoring the subject matter they are talking about, it quickly becomes clear all of these people are social misfits...some can barely make eye contact with the interviewer. When the one that comes off most "normal" is cockeyed and works as a waiter at a low-end chain restaurant, you know this is the bottom of the genetic barrel. This doc would be much more effective if it featured at least one person who could pass as a normal productive member of society (without needing to call himself "Doctor" and wear an lab coat in a clearly unrelated environment). Well, good for them that they found each other and have formed a supportive community, I guess.



anna miller

Another example of our human preference for concept over reality. I conceive the notion that these human beings could gather around a realistic concept, such as.....

I don't know, what could I do to help improve the health of my planet?



Dan_sir

I enjoy going to car shows. I enjoy how cars look and i'm interested in how they have technologically progressed for better or worse. That's what i'm into. To other people cars are simply a tool or means of transportation. They are not wrong but cars capture my interest. We all have our things. Our interests, hobbies, arts, sports. Things that mean allot to us but nothing to others. Now if your not out searching for food water and shelter I would suggest what you are doing with your time is a stupid waste. Just like Furries, Football, and sadly Cars.



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Spot on



Dean Edgington

very mean



Achems_Razor

Throw some bibles at them? no please don't, have 3/4 of the world dressed as religious animules, well maybe the gods are animals after all. Weird sex? absolutely! but better than screwing the Eiffel tower or a bridge.



Mercenarry ForHire

I like what you're saying. My curiosity about everything might be seen as a waste of time, but i tend to be focused more on how things work more so than what should be done.. (most of the time.)

(So if i ever said anything that should be done acted upon, I'm sorry.)



Alec Mowat

Some kind of bizarre cross between the 90's internet community (back when chat rooms used to get together).

Some part childhood imagination. Still role playing and playing pretend.

Huge part geek or nerd.

I don't really get it... They take this stuff so seriously, but it's all imaginary. I guess, some of them are making money and a living from it.

There is some strange eroticism hidden in there though. Even the word, "Furry", does not sound appropriate. I don't really know what's going on behind the guy at 17:24 either... There seems to be two guys touching a girls legs and butt.

No women were interviewed in this video either, which I find strange.

And I skipped the rest and nothing interesting ever happened.

All I really got was; "We play pretend on the internet, get together every once in awhile and have a strange obsession with animals."

Anyway. I give it a 2/10

Not very interesting to watch.

Does not really explain what Furries are, or where they came from historically.

Doesn't really show what people do at these conventions, or any of the stand up

comedy or great speeches they speak about in their interviews. They are either too ashamed to show what they do, or there is very little substance to it.



Terry Beaton

Some people want to escape into something safe and warm. Let them do it. I've got my own distractions.



Terry Beaton

Well, you gave it your best.



Kateye70

You'd get a much broader scope of what "furry" entails by going to wikifur . com. Furry fandom is a subset.

Yes, it has its own wiki.



Pysmythe

"Animules," lol. Give that to the Japanese and let's see what they can come up with!

I was just playing the puritan a little bit. What would've been more accurate would've been to just call it "comic-looking sex," not that all sex doesn't have that side to it. Just think of the faces we all make! Not that they need my seal of approval, or anything, but I guess they're harmless enough. Certainly it's a lot easier to wrap your head around than some dude sticking it to his Volkswagen, lol. Or the doll people... Remember them?



Achems_Razor

Right, if they ever make my avatar into animule slippers, I will wear them. lol



Kenyoni

Oh, you mean like the Further Confusion (furry) conference in San Jose every January which raises \$15,000-\$25,000+ (varies year to year) for such organizations as P.A.W.S, Guide Dogs for the Blind, NARF Animal Rescue, The mountain Lion Foundation, Therapy Pets, The Barry R. Kirshner Wildlife Foundation, etc.?

Or were you thinking of something else?



Kenyoni

So you are saying that because someone has way low self esteem brought about by a s*itty childhood environment then that has something to do with genetics?

And while LSE might be descriptive of some furries, it's certainly not a defining factor.

Most of the furries I know (and I know a *lot* of them) have at least some post-secondary education. Many have an undergrad degree, some with one or more Masters and even a couple Doctorates. They are Civil, Industrial, Mechanical, and Environmental Engineers, Computer Scientist, Programmers, Teachers, and Entrepreneurs. They work for Google (quite a number of them, in fact), Apple, Amazon. com, Intel, Boeing, HP, Sony, etc. Now just think for a moment. Why do you think someone with a professional career might not want to be interviewed for a documentary of this sort?? Yeah, because they might have deal with an ignorant coworker or client such as yourself. nuff said.

--

k

steve.



dmxi

some people just want to be furry animals because they believe that they can lick their balls like furry animals??!(....ohh,the disappointment will be neck-breaking!)



dmxi

as my dead dad used to say: "dipsticks in camouflage!"



dmxi

where were his nine lives?



Pysmythe

I googled him after my post, and apparently he used them all up and committed suicide! Seems he had some long-standing issues with depression, even before he

began his body-mods.



anna miller

Concept over reality, like I said.



anna miller

I stand corrected and I apologize. Good to hear the Furries are active in nature! Thanks for the info.



Cloud9

I agree with a lot said here.

But mostly I hate how the media says that we are sex maniacs (well... 98% of us). I mean seriously why pick on us for our art, which is only about 7-8% pornography, when there are fandoms that have a HUGE amount of porn. Japanese anime, google ANY female character, look at dat porn, and all them fetishes (you got tentacle, gender changing, and ruined childhoods). Let's see, Naruto, any season, naming one character in a google search is all you need. A lot of furry sites that allow furry porn at least make you prove your 18+ or sign in with a 18+ account to see the Adult-Extreme pictures (I have found a few exceptions), while ANY anime porn site lets 6 year olds see their favorite Beyblade character get a launcher shoved up his a**, and him orgasm all over the bed as he pistoned it in and out of him.

Seriously, why pick on us for dressing up... *cough couch* COSPLAYERS! When there are so many worst things in the world, like the local child raper roaming the streets as the media films about us.



a_no_n

I think ignorant is a bit strong...Is it ignorant to be weirded out by something weird? of course it isn't...Perhaps the fault lies with the documentary maker who either didn't seek out or didn't find any of the people you talk about, thus giving the impression that the entire community is nothing but misfits.

You can't blame a person for jumping to conclusions (s)he's been led to, you made a really good argument and then ruined it by sniping in an insult at the end and undermining your own point.



a_no_n

mate i'm a biker...our lot showed up in the fifties and there are still people out there that think we're all drug cooking sex addicted pagan rapists from the outskirts of civilization.

you're essentially asking humanity why it's acting like itself.



InvisibleHandInMyPants

I say if it aint harming anyone, go for iit. Fail to see anyones freedom or liberty being damaged by furries. Enjoy!



Molester Stallone

When the guy said he feels closer to his furry family than his BIOLOGICAL family, I vomitted.

2/10, would not YIFF in hell again



gûest

i can't believe what i am listening to -



Joel

I think this is a beautiful way of uninhibited people expressing themselves. I'd rather have a conversation with one of these guys as apposed to the countless dreary 'normal' people I meet on a day to day basis.



Herschel Shekelschmuyle Rosenb

This is disgusting...These yiffing sodomites will certainly not make it into the kingdom of yaweh...



SuperSanic

Heathen! The Flying Spaghetti Monster is the one true god, and will cast all nonbelievers into a land of tainted beer volcanoes, and strippers with VD!

Repent!



SuperSanic

Well, whenever I think of all the hatred and misconceptions the furry fandom gets, it always makes me feel better to think of all the hatred and misconceptions all the other fandoms get. Like anime fans, and metal heads.

Seriously, furries don't have it that bad.

However, This could have been a better interview if they would actually focus more on the actual events on the furry fandom, and feature some well known artists like Noogy. They also do not really explain much about the fandom, but rather try to dispell the misconceptions by discussing them. Personally, I feel that dispelling the misconceptions would be easier, if they just stuck to focusing on the positive aspects of the furry fandom, and not the negative.



SuperSanic

"it quickly becomes clear all of these people are social misfits"

So, being a fan of anthropomorphic animals makes you a social misfit? Where is the logic in that? All of them? Thats a pretty bold claim. Do you have any objective proof? Way to generalize.

"This doc would be much more effective if it featured at least one person who could pass as a normal productive member of society (without needing to call himself "Doctor" and wear an lab coat in a clearly unrelated environment)"

This "Doctor" is Uncle Kage, and he has a PhD in Chemistry.

So yeah, he is actually, a Doctor. And a productive one at that. Probably more productive than you or I could ever be.

However, I do agree that the interview would be far more effective if they had more 'normal' and productive people in it, however many furries are unique, and thus stray away from normality in a sense, not unlike punk rock enthusiasts, or metal heads, however these people may still be normal outside of the convention, and only express their 'other side' when they are at the furry conventions.

"some can barely make eye contact with the interviewer"

Maybe because most furries have little trust in the media? As a matter of fact, we are scarred stupid by them, since they are always out to make us look bad. Most

furries from my experience actually do make eye contact.

And even if 'some' couldn't make eye contact with the interviewer, that is still a hasty generalization based on a select few number of people.

"you know this is the bottom of the genetic barrel"

So basically, being a fan of anthropomorphic animals means that you have bad genetics? According to what objective authority? So what you are saying is, I could be an extremely successful person, have a lot of money, a lot of social status, a lot of friends, a family, and still be consider genetically inferior, just for liking the idea of anthropomorphic animals? I guess Walt Disney, the guy who liked, no, loved to draw anthropomorphic animals was a social outcast with crappy genetics that led to him being extremely unsuccessful. That makes no sense whatsoever.

Back then, having bigger muscles and lower intelligence made you more 'genetically advanced', but those times have changed. Furry conventions are expensive. These people need money to get in, and a lot of it, especially for fursuits, which cost up to more than 5,000 dollars. As a matter of fact, many furries do have stable jobs that allow them to actually afford to go to these conventions every year. To most likely get a job in this crap economy, you have to be born with a high IQ, have a lot of good skills, and have a good social standing.

You have not earned those 14 upvotes.



SuperSanic

I wish I could read the original persons comment, but regardless...

"You can't blame a person for jumping to conclusions (s)he's been led to"

Actually, you can. Jumping to conclusions is never intellectually honest. you either choose to accept something blindly, or you actually look at the bigger picture, and then draw your conclusions. Actually doing intensive research, and having experience in something does, however, lead to more logically sound conclusions.

I cannot tell you how many judgmental people I have had to deal with, all because they jumped on the bandwagon of misconceptions, just because they thought it was ok to jumped to those conclusions.



SuperSanic



Ah, normal people:

"Hey Bob, have you heard that song they were playing at Subway?"

"yeah John, I like to listen to it over and over again. They even play it in the elevators!"

"Cool! Hey, check out my new light blue colored button down t-shirt, think it will make me stand out from the crowd?"

"I'd fap to it."

jk, I love you guys.



SuperSanic

I agree that this interview was half baked, and they focused too much on the "misconceptions.

"Doesn't really show what people do at these conventions, or any of the stand up comedy or great speeches they speak about in their interviews."

There are plenty of great speeches, and comedies done by Uncle Kage, and The Ranting Gryphon. I'm not sure why they didn't include those. You can find them on Youtube at least.

"They are either too ashamed to show what they do, or there is very little substance to it."

Why can't there be a third option? What if the interview was just crap and they didn't think to include all the artists and animators that actually keep this fandom rolling, like Noogy, who created Dust: An Elysian Tale? There is a lot of substance to it. Anthropomorphism is why we have Disney.



SuperSanic

Imagine a world, where people never generalized..

Life would be complete.



Timothy Recksiedler

I'm a furry myself and it's only from good intentions. I don't like bdsm stuff or yiff also.

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Supernatural Fandom Documentary

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Supernatural Fandom - The Documentary (Credit Mitch Kosterman)

Supernatural Fandom: The Movie is a project started by Clif and Mitch Kosterman. For three years, our crews shot interviews with fans, cast and crew of the hit CW TV show Supernatural, starring Jensen Ackles and Jared Padalecki. Also included are a home visit in Las Vegas, Nevada, a Watch Party in Dallas, Texas and tons of footage from Creation Entertainment conventions around Canada and the United States. The project from Two Sharks Media and Frostbite Pictures documents the amazing phenomena that is the SPNFamily. Two Sharks Media and Frostbite Pictures are committed to making this product available, either as a series or a set of movies, to all corners of the globe; this was our commitment to Jared and Jensen, who have supported this project from day one.

On August 30, 2015 at 2:30PM Pacific Time, the trailer for the series premiered at Salute to Supernatural Vancouver 2015 to a standing ovation.

The trailer was introduced online via a Indiegogo campaign to finance the project. Watch the trailer here. (https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/supernatural-fandom-the-movie/x/10611669#/story) The Indiegogo campaign allows fans to pre-order the movie which will also be available as ten themed episodes, as well as attend a premiere screening in LA or Vancouver.

Episodes: - Release Date

- 1. "The Con Virgin" November 15, 2015
- 2. "Con Veterans" November 22, 2015
- 3. "Pics or It Didn't Happen" November 29, 2015
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- 8. "Supernatural at Home" January 31, 2016
- 9. "Family Don't End with Blood" February 7, 2016
- 10. "Carry On My Wayward Son" February 14, 2016

SPN UK Interview with Mitch Kosterman Jan. 14, 2015

Mitch Kosterman (Clif Kosterman's bother) has been working hard gathering hours and hours of footage from fans at *Supernatural* conventions for his documentary on the *Supernatural* fandom. I got the chance to interview Mitch about the documentary, where it can be seen and when, plus if any cast members will be having their say about the fandom. Huge thanks to Mitch Kosterman for answering my questions.

To keep up to date with the project follow Mitch on Twitter @MitchKosterman.

As many people (cast, crew and fans) say in the film, the conventions are an extension of the show. They are a manifestation of the fanbase and therefore a visible measurement of the popularity beyond TV ratings.

- Mitch Kosterman,

Mitch: My brother is Clif Kosterman, Bodyguard for J and J. It was his idea. He tried shooting it himself and interviewing people but it was not working to his satisfaction so, he asked me to get involved

Lucy: How long have you been working on this documentary and can you give us any idea of a release date yet?

Mitch: Clif started shooting in 2012. I came on-board in 2013 and hired Host Cedar Meneghello and DOP Curt Hunter. It is not even edited to a rough draft so... maybe see it early 2016? That is just a guess. We will see it when it is ready.

Lucy: You have been conducting fan interviews for the documentary, where did you carry out these fan interviews?

Mitch: Vancouver, Las Vegas and Dallas

Lucy: What was your first impression of a Supernatural Convention?

Mitch: Less crazy than I thought. Normal people having a lot of fun. Not much different from a big Superbowl party. Makes total sense to me. I now believe Disneyland is just a convention with a very large budget.

Lucy: Have your views about the Supernatural fandom altered since talking to so many of the fans and getting their perspective?

Mitch: Very much so. I understand why people go. As many people (cast, crew and fans) say in the film, the conventions are an extension of the



Mitch Kosterman (far right) with his brother Clif Kosterman(far left), Jared Padalecki and Jensen Ackles; credit Mitch Kosterman.

show. They are a manifestation of the fanbase and therefore a visible measurement of the popularity beyond TV ratings.

Lucy: Are there any fan interviews that really stood out or affected you in anyway that you can tell us about that?

Mitch: People came from far away: Australia, Japan, China, Germany, England, New Zealand, Brazil, etc. These were interesting. Also, many people had tales of how the show had helped them through a tough time in their lives; even kept them alive or kept their family together. Fandom and family are convergent themes.

Lucy: Will we get to see any interviews from the cast or crew of Supernatural in the documentary?

Mitch: Yes. Both. You will not be disappointed.

Lucy: What do you think people that are not part of a fandom will make of the Supernatural fans?

Mitch: If they watch the movie, they will make the same realizations we all make; driving home the point that you don't really know about something until



Salute to Supernatural Convention.

you actually take the time to look. They will realize, it is just a bunch of normal people celebrating, and enhancing the joy of, a common interest. Like in every group of people, there are particular interesting individuals and circumstances.

Lucy: *In what format will the documentary be made available and will it be available worldwide?*

Mitch: It will be available on a DVD (PAL and NTSC) with valued-added packaging making it a collector item. It may also air on TV but that is less likely. I can promise it will be available world-wide. We have no plans to go to film festivals or offer it online. You will see bits of it on WB affiliates as the CW Network is using it to promote conventions in cities across North America; starting with San Fran next week.

Lucy: Is there a chance for any fans that haven't yet been interviewed, but feel they have an exceptional story to tell, to get involved with the documentary? How would they go about doing this?

Mitch: It is not too late. Send me high quality video with good sound recording and I will try to use it, if it fits. We are not looking for stories about how long you have been watching the show or how much you like the show or who your favorite character is, stuff like that. What we are looking for are, unique and moving stories of how the show played a role in your personal life.

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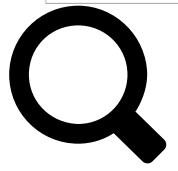
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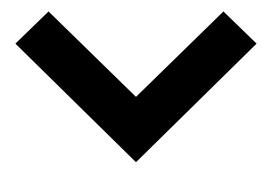
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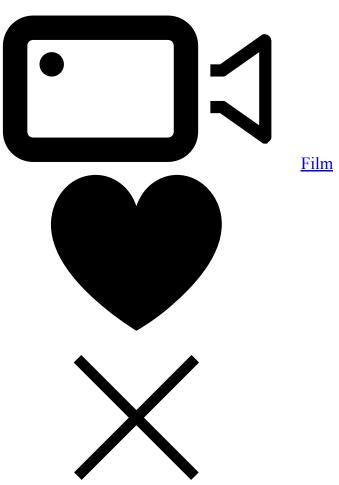


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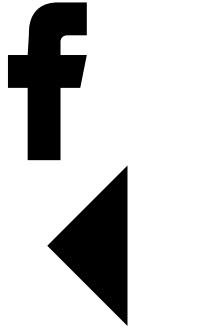


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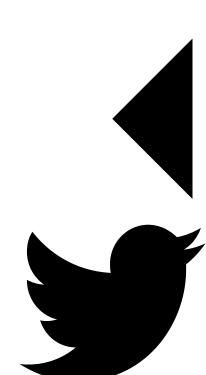


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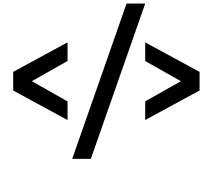
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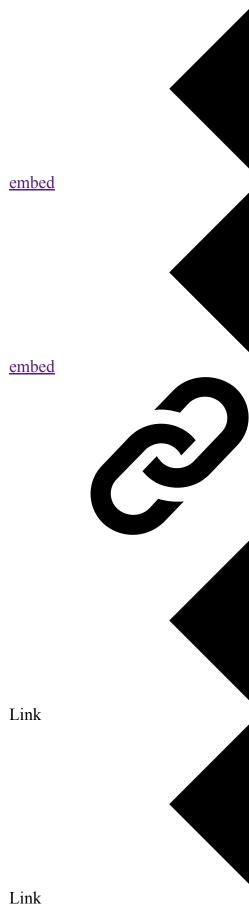


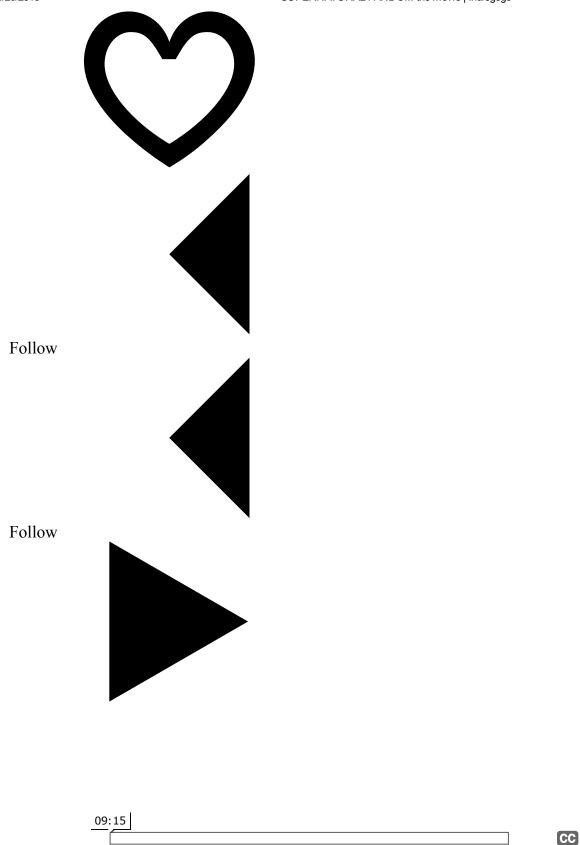




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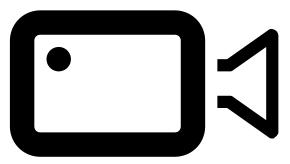




An up-close and personal look at the phenomenon we call Supernatural Fandom.



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SUPERNATURAL FANDOM the movie





Every once in a very long while, a TV series comes along that is truly something special - a series that resonates with fans, touches something deep inside and connects them worldwide. A series that is so well written, so well made and so personal that you relate, you engage and you get involved. Supernatural is one of those shows. Supernatural fans laugh together, feel terrified together, cry together and most importantly, love together, in a phenomenon we call Supernatural Fandom.

For three years Clif and Mitch Kosterman have been documenting this phenomenon on video. They interviewed fans at Creation Entertainment conventions around Canada and the United States. They also interviewed cast and crew, including Jensen Ackles, Jared Padalecki, Misha Collins, Mark Shepherd, Co-Executive Producer Jim Michaels and Director Guy Bee. They even went on a home visit in Las Vegas Nevada and spent a night at a Watch Party with the Women of Letters fanclub in Dallas Texas. Listen as both the fans and the cast and crew tell you what it means to be part of this incredible #SPNFamily.



The SUPERNATURAL FANDOM movie will be split into ten separate but equally compelling 22 minute episodes. We have priced each episode at a very reasonable \$5 per episode or \$40 for all ten including the feature length documentary. We want to make sure that **ALL** fans can afford to watch the series whether it be in smaller, more economical bite-sized chunks or the whole shebang in one long binge viewing. With this in mind, here is a list of the titles of each of the episodes to wet your appetite.

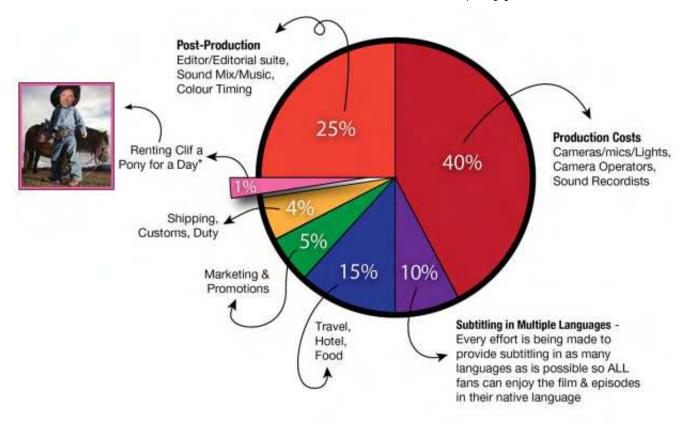
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Clif and Mitch Kosterman have been shooting Supernatural Fandom the Movie for the past three years. In this time, the brothers have traveled and acquired footage from Texas, Washington, California, New York, British Columbia, Germany and filming is continuing. The costs of filming fans and cast at events in numerous locations have so far been approximately \$125,000. The 50+ hours of footage shot thus far has been painstakingly logged and is now in the process of postproduction editing. Creating 10-22 min episodes and also a 90-minute feature length movie. We are on schedule and when the episodes and movie are completed we will have spent \$200,000 on making this amazing project.

We feel it's important to show you the fans where that money was spent and also where money generated from pre-sales of the film, merchandise, screenings, after parties and any other perk from our indiegogo campaign will go. So we created this pie chart with a basic breakdown of costs explained and identified. Everyone working on the project has day jobs. We are all spending our evenings, weekends, holidays and basically every spare moment working toward the common goal of bringing you a film that explores the unique and amazing phenomenon that is the Supernatural Fandom. We're all very proud of the hard work that has gone into making this film and we truly hope you'll share in this journey with us as more than anything this is your story were telling.

* P.S. – We are joking about the pony. Clif can rent his own bloody pony but that doesn't mean we won't periscope and share the moment with all of you.



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We also wanted to ensure that fans had an opportunity to buy some cool, high quality merchandise. We diligently researched a number of companies and have found one that not only makes fantastic merchandise, charges reasonable prices but also ships almost anywhere in the world (If you happen to be staying on Johnny Depp's private island in the Bahamas then sorry you're out of luck).



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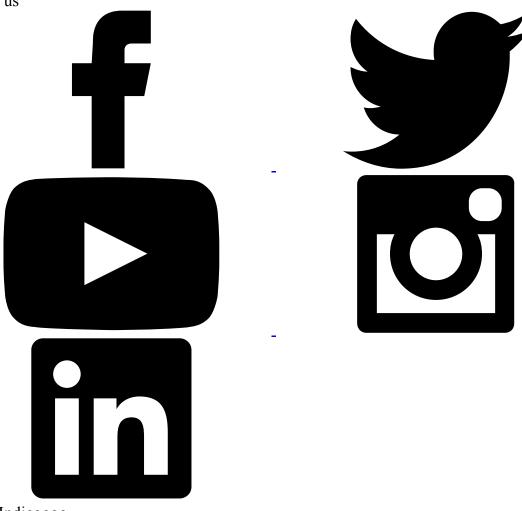
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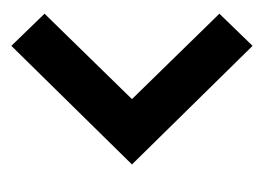
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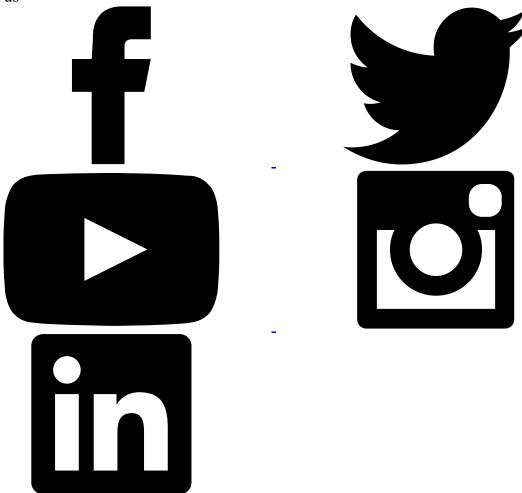
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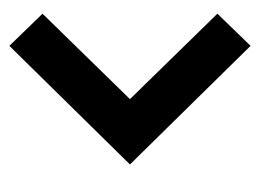
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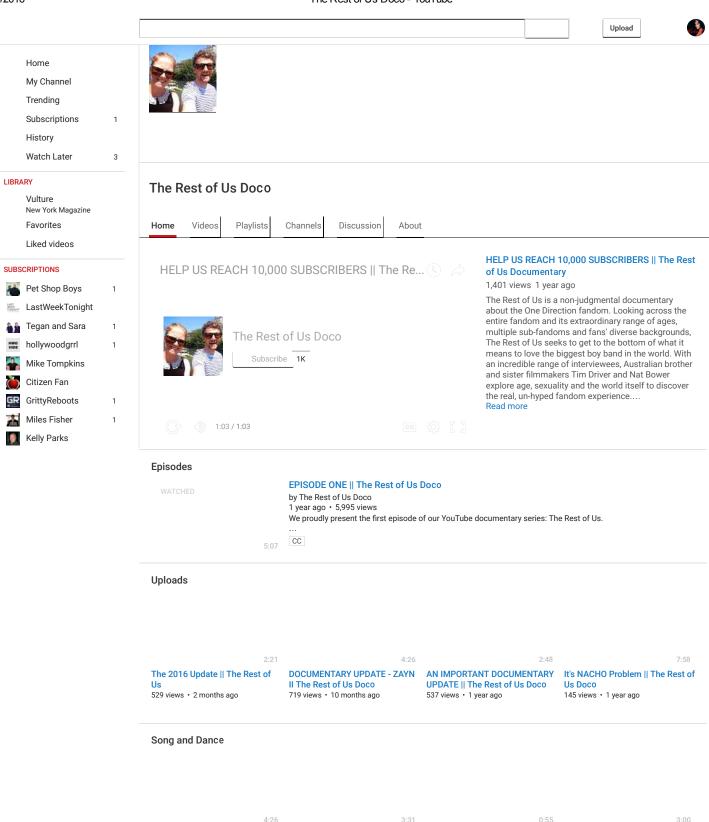


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The Walkers Among Us: The Walking Dead fandom has their own documentary

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They come to the conventions in hordes, willing to wait in long lines to meet their favorite stars, buy cool zombie stuff or as cosplayers prepared to either take out some problematic walkers or as a zombie themselves. Many fans take a pilgrimage to locations where The Walking Dead or other zombie movies were shot, to feel like they are truly a part of it. The fans of our favorite The Walking Dead characters, alive or undead, are a devoted group of people. There is a community within this fandom that is amazing to belong to. Their numbers growing quickly along with the franchise, zombie fans are not going away anytime soon. The newest Walking Dead TV show, "Fear the Walking Dead" starts this weekend and the show will gain a whole new following of fans.

The documentary "The Walkers Among Us" interviews fans that have been there since the comic book debuted in 2003 all the way into the living rooms of casual fans of the AMC TV show.

The film successfully explains that fans of the show are more than just crazy zombie lovers, by examining the community and friendships that are formed over their love for the series. We get to see how much the cast members care about their fans and give back to them. It shows us that the fans have hope that humanity will always prevail in the worst case situations. We also see the dedication of the cosplayers with their very convincing costumes, some searching for months to find the exact same piece worn on the show, or creating their own carbon copy from scratch.



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This reporter caught up with one of the filmmakers-Cristian Macht, to ask a few questions about "The Walkers Among Us"

Question: Tell me about Cris and Ian. How did you guys get into film making?

Cris: "I was originally in the music business for a long time. I wanted to come up with an idea of how to keep my Star Wars fandom going. I had an idea to make a movie about it since we were so passionate about Star Wars. It turned out to be more expensive then we thought it would be and after asking a



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person in the business who could do it for me, they offered to do it. A few years later after reconnecting with Ian Vacek, a friend from Kindergarten who went to school for film making, and asking him the same question about doing a sequel to the Star Wars documentary, he also said he would do it. I got lucky- I had an idea I was passionate about, went to a person in the industry and they both said yeah, I want to do this for you! Later Ian and I both left our jobs and started the company Lust For Life Productions which is the company that did The Walkers Among Us."

Question: What made you switch from Star Wars to The Walking Dead to do a documentary on?

Cris: "I was not originally a horror fan, but after my wife turned me on to The Walking Dead TV show I realized it is not just a show about zombies, it's a show about people. Ian wanted to something other than Star Wars and we really wanted to get the ball rolling on a production from our new company. Knowing how popular The Walking Dead is and seeing that the fans were passionate and reminded me of the Star Wars fans, I said what if we do a documentary on the fans of The Walking Dead? I looked into it and no one else had done a Walking Dead fan documentary. So the timing was good, and I was also a fan of the show. I brought in a Star Wars friend that is also a huge Walking Dead fan to be our creative consultant, just to make sure that no geeky detail was overlooked! We wanted to make sure this was a documentary for the fans, by the fans. I've seen so many documentary's where you can tell that the person behind the camera is not a fan of the genre, the people filming it are not making it because of love for the subject, but just because the subject fell in their lap. We wanted the Walking Dead fans to love this because the passion of the fandom shines through in our production."

Question: What was your favorite part of the documentary?

Cris: "There is so much I truly like about it, but there is one moment that to me was the lightning in the bottle. There is a kid that was dying of cancer, and Bradly Egel who is the founder of The Walking Hope got me in touch with him. I thought as a film maker to get the footage of this kid getting to meet his favorite stars Norman Reedus and Andrew Lincoln on set in Atlanta via Facetime at the hospital, was such a golden moment because it truly shows what the actors are all about. It gave this boy his last wish to meet the actors from his favorite TV show and it showed that the actors aren't super full of themselves and were willing to give back to a fan. There were other fans too, that took the time to talk to me and share their stories and I was able to put them in the documentary; that was also really special to me. I'm kind of an emotional junkie and as a film maker I want to make people cry, I want to show them that fandoms are a very serious thing and they do have some very deep and heavy moments, not just a bunch of geeky people running around at conventions. We are all really the same: we are all fanatical about something. Some people collect things, some are fans of music and some belong to fandoms. That's one of the things that I try to shoot for in my storytelling in a documentary, I want people I interview to be celebrated and get a chance to be understood for what they are crazy about. Also to finish off the question about my favorite part of the documentary; I really enjoyed going to the different locations around Atlanta where The Walking Dead filmed. Atlanta is truly the heart of it, since that's where the show takes place. I think a lot of the magic is there and it was cool to put some of those recognizable locations in the film. I don't think if we hadn't gone down there we wouldn't have half as cool of footage as we ended up with."

Question: What was the Red Carpet Premiere like?

Cris: "I have been lucky to now have three red carpet premieres as a film maker. People came from long distances to see The Walkers Among Us and made it very special. I was really able to enjoy it because the other two seemed to go by so fast. Sharing a documentary brings all the people in it together and it turns into a kind of a family event, more then you can possibly imagine."

Question: The Walkers Among Us is entered in the Louisville International Film Festival. Why there and how do you feel about your chances?

Cris: "We picked it for a couple of reasons, primarily because we filmed at one of the conventions there and Robert Kirkman is from right outside of there. We thought the people running the film festival might take interest in our film not only because of the topic, but because of the connection our film has with Louisville and the surrounding area. It was a long shot; we received a lot of rejections from other film festivals and we thought it was a fake email when we saw that we were accepted! Another appealing thing is that they have distribution

opportunities and to me that's super important. Our sales for The Walkers Among Us was not as good as the Star Wars documentary, because there aren't as many fans buying them. So I am really hoping the distribution at the festival will help us get picked up and maybe get a Netflix deal, that way people don't have to shell the \$ for a DVD. I'm hopeful for the film, but at the same time, if I get too hopeful I might get let down, so I'm going into it not expecting anything and I'm just very thankful they invited us to the festival."

So keep your fingers crossed for The Walkers Among Us and that they win at the Louisville Int. Film Festival. The Walkers Among Us is still available for purchase directly from the filmmakers as well as a download, only at www.thewalkersamongus.com

Keep up on all the latest from The Walkers Among Us filmmakers on their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Walkers-Among-Us/1441717996062112?fref=ts

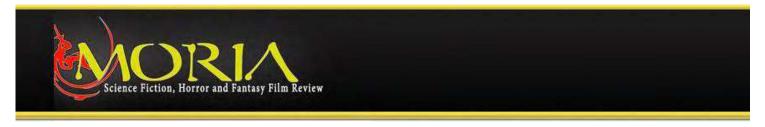
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TREKKIES 2

Rating: ★★☆½

USA. 2004.

Director – Roger Nygard, Producer – Michael Leahy, Photography – David Doyle, Music – J.J. Holiday & Billy Sullivan, Visual Effects – Gabriel C. Koerner. Production Company – Neo Art and Logic.

Narrated by Denise Crosby

<u>Trekkies</u> (1997) was a documentary that explored the fascinating behavioural peculiarities that surround *Star Trek* (1966-9) fandom. The film gained a modest reputation. Director Roger Nygard, interviewer Denise Crosby and several of the original film's interview subjects return with *Trekkies 2*.

Trekkies essentially covered the homegrown American Trekker phenomenon; by contrast, Trekkies 2 could be considered the international version of Trekkies where Roger Nygard and Denise Crosby tour the world to ferret out the fan peculiarities there. If Trekkies was a film that took a snapshot of the Star Trek fan phenomenon, then Trekkies 2 reveals that this was a mere iceberg tip in terms of the sheer bizarreness that is out there. And if Trekkies was about explaining Star Trek fandom to a mainstream audience, then Trekkies 2 is a film that has been made for fan audiences and includes aspects that would surely be bewildering to people who have no knowledge of fandom or ever been to a convention.

What is fascinating about *Trekkies 2*'s international focus is in seeing the numerous ways *Star Trek* has been adapted across cultural barriers. These cultural crossovers prove fascinating – like seeing a *Star Trek* fan film being enacted in German or the visit to Italy where we see people on the way to a convention dressed as Klingons riding on the back of motor-scooters. The filmmakers even travel to Belgrade in Serbia to visit the first Balkans *Star Trek* convention where it is fascinating to see how the peoples of the former Communist republic and war ravaged country have latched onto the ideals that *Star Trek* represents of the future being the best possible society.

Trekkies 2 also visits some of the fan phenomena that were unexplored in the first film. There is the trend of the internet fan film that has emerged since Trekkies came out. The filmmakers' visit the set of one production in Germany and screens some of the film, which shows a highly professional level of effects, and another fan film being shot in Minneapolis. They also visit the one fan phenomenon that Trekkies neglected – filking (the hobby of writing fan-related lyrics over popular songs) – and travel to a filking convention. Some of the permutations and usages that we see that Star Trek has been put to are mind-boggling. In Hinckley in Leicestershire, England, the film crew visit Tony Alleyne who has turned his entire apartment into a starship interior with consoles, transporter pads, even a miniscule toilet with Enterprise keypads (all of which has left Alleyne forced to sleep on the floor). As Alleyne confesses to Denise Crosby, this was a way of him coping with depression after his wife left him. (A visit to England seems to mandatorily require the American filmmakers to have to explain what an anorak is). The film crew visit a Star Trek convention in Bellaria, Italy, where they interview Father Bernie Carman, a Catholic priest who gives mass at the convention and preaches to the fans using the relationship between Picard and Q as allegories for Catholic faith.

Various of the modern *Star Trek* production staff talk about the strange mail they get, ranging from requests to borrow The Enterprise to go prospecting for gold to a fan who sends in detailed storyboards for encounters between The Enterprise and giant crabs. Elsewhere, the filmmakers visit a *Star Trek* radio station in Sao Paulo and a stage production of *Romeo and Juliet* (1594-5) in Los Angeles that reinterprets the play using the *Star Trek* episode *Let This Be Your Last Battlefield* (1969) – the one with two warring races that had alternate halves of their faces black and white. In Sacramento, they uncover *Star Trek* tribute rock bands, including Warp II, the *Next Generation* band No Kill I, which even boasts a *Deep Space Nine* splinter group, and the Klingon heavy metal band Stovokor.

Trekkies 2 also catches up with a number of the interviewees from the first film. They revisit Barbara Adams, who gained a certain fame after wearing her Starfleet uniform to the Whitewater trial, while various fans discuss the pros and the cons of what Adams did and whether she went too far and brought fandom into disrepute. The most amusing section of the film is when the filmmakers catch up with Gabriel Koerner, the teenage geek from the first film (who also provides the visual effects for Trekkies 2). Koerner wittily reflects on marriage proposals from other men, appearances on The Drew Carey Show (1995-2004) and questions about his sexual orientation: "I am married to someone who was naturally born a woman but I also refer to things as "Fabulous" and own a sewing machine. You make up your own

mind."

While the first film interviewed most of the principal actors from the *Star Trek* and *Star Trek*: *The Next Generation* (1987-94), *Trekkies 2* is almost exclusively focused on the fans. Having exhausted the supply of principal actors from the various series with the first film, *Trekkies 2* is left having to interview minor cast members – Cirroc Lofton, Ethan Phillips, Nana Visitor, John Billingsley, and Dominic Keating and Connor Trinneer from *Enterprise* (2001-5), even guests actors like Tracy Scoggins, Carolyn Seymour, Forrest Adams, Richard Herd, Phil Morris and Casey Biggs, and people on the production side such as producer Brannon Braga. There are even interviews with the likes of *Star Trek* novelist Jacqueline Lichtenberg, Robert Meyer Burnett, director of the *Star Trek* fandom film <u>Free Enterprise</u> (1998), and *Star Trek* archivist Richard Arnold.

Denise Crosby asks some interesting questions of the various assembled fans. To some she asks "Can you go too far?" Nobody offers up any clear-cut answers, instead each fan points to somebody else they consider having done so. Crosby also asks "What is normal?", which seems to get either of two replies: "What I do is normal" or "Well, what is normal anyway?", neither of which really answers the question. The most amusing response comes from the fan who wryly observes how fans eagerly speak of there own tolerance but then disdainfully say that those fans over their are not as tolerant as they. The film is also self-correcting and asks some of the fans what they thought of the first *Trekkies* and engages in some debate over its use of the term 'trekkies' as opposed to the fan-preferred 'trekkers' and has the modesty to take a few critical hits on the chin for using this as its title.

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Trekkies 2 - Trailer







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Trekkies (film)

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Trekkies is a 1997 documentary film directed by Roger Nygard about the devoted fans of Gene Roddenberry's *Star Trek*.^[1] It is the first film released by Paramount Vantage, then known as Paramount Classics, and stars Denise Crosby (best known for her portrayal of Security Chief Tasha Yar on the first season of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*).

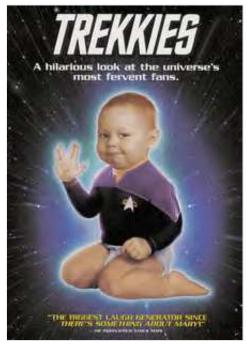
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The film contains interviews with *Star Trek* devotees, more commonly known as Trekkies. The fans range from people who dress as Klingons to members of Brent Spiner fan clubs and includes a club that is producing a *Star Trek* movie of their own. *Trekkies* includes many *Star Trek* actors and fans including Barbara Adams, [1]

Trekkies



Directed by Roger Nygard W.K. Border Produced by Harris Done Cinematography Distributed by Paramount^[1] 1997 Release dates **Running time** 86 minutes United States **Country English** Language

the Whitewater scandal trial juror who arrived in court in her Starfleet uniform.^[1] Another prominent profilee was Gabriel Köerner, who attained minor celebrity status as a result of his role in the film.

Production

After she worked with director Roger Nygard in his 1991 television movie *High Strung*, former *Star Trek: The Next Generation* actress Denise Crosby suggested that they should work together on a documentary regarding *Star Trek* fandom. [a] Nygard thought it was a good idea and was surprised that it had not been done before. The first filming session took place at the Fantasticon science fiction convention at the Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles organised by William Campbell. [b] Nygard felt that the footage from this first convention was good enough to warrant continuing with the project. [5]

Release

Trekkies received a national release in the United States on May 21, 1999. It was in direct competition with *Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace*. ^[6]

Reception

Colin Covert gave three and a half stars in his review for the *Star Tribune*, adding that it was likely to shake up the viewers opinions of *Star Trek* fans. He praised the structure of the film, with the initial "shock value" of each fan being followed up with further background to round out the portrait. [7] Renee Graham at the *Boston Globe* gave a similar opinion, saying that despite the expectation of the reviewer, none of the opinions put forward by *Trekkies* felt like a "put-down". She summed up the documentary by saying "The Trekkie phenomenon may fall short of common definitions of normalcy, but as a film, '*Trekkies*' sure beats sleeping outside for days to see a mediocre movie about some galaxy far, far away." [8]

Bob Stauss, the film critic for the *Los Angeles Daily News* gave two and a half stars, saying that the documentary goes on too long and did not delve into the "real psychological issues raised by such obsessive interest". He added that the fans were "amusing for about 15 minutes, tops" and that the cumulative effect of watching the fans for that long was "numbing".^[9] James Verniere for the *Boston Herald* gave three stars, suggesting that Nyland may have found his niche as the "Michael Moore of weirdness" with this and his following film, *Six Days in Roswell*. Verniere suggested that *Trekkies* wasn't as definitive as the documentary *Free Enterprise* but described it as an "interesting, often hilarious piece of sociological comedy".^[6] Alicia Potter, also at the *Boston Herald*, described the film as "surreally funny".^[10]

Sequel

In 2003, a sequel was released, titled *Trekkies 2*. This documentary travels throughout the world, mainly in Europe, to show fans of *Star Trek* from outside the United States. It also revisits memorable fans featured in the previous film.

Nygard sought to answer some of the criticism received from *Trekkies* in the sequel, in that he was accused of not showing "normal" fans. With this in mind, he attempted to include some degree of a description of was normal fan behaviour and what was more unusual.^[5]

Notes

- a. Crosby portrayed season one main cast character Tasha Yar in *The Next Generation*.^[2]
- b. Campbell appeared as Trelene in *The Original Series* episode "The Squire of Gothos" and as the Klingon captain Koloth in "The Trouble with Tribbles". [3][4] His final appearance in *Star Trek* was in the *Deep Space Nine* episode "Blood Oath", where he reprised the role of Koloth. [4]

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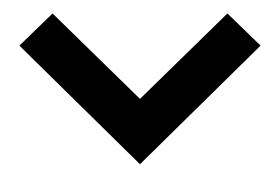


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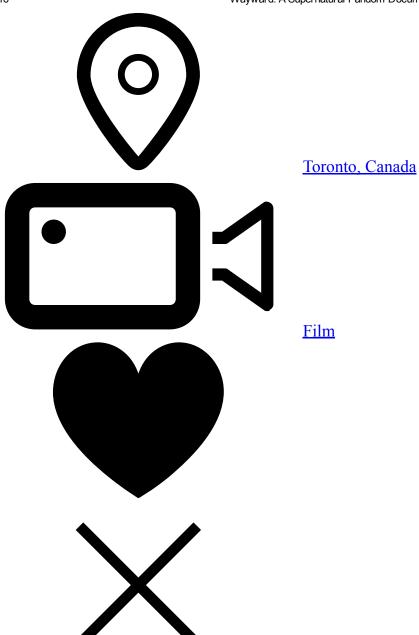
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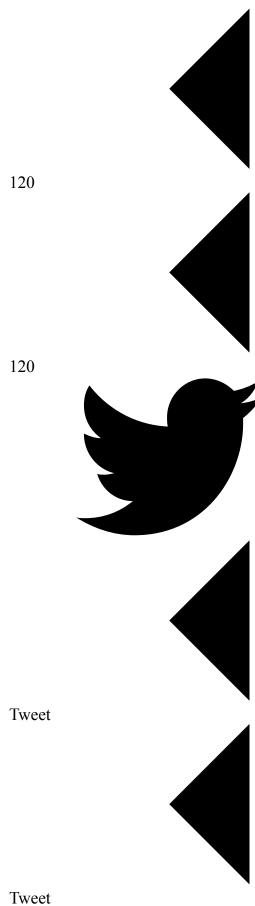


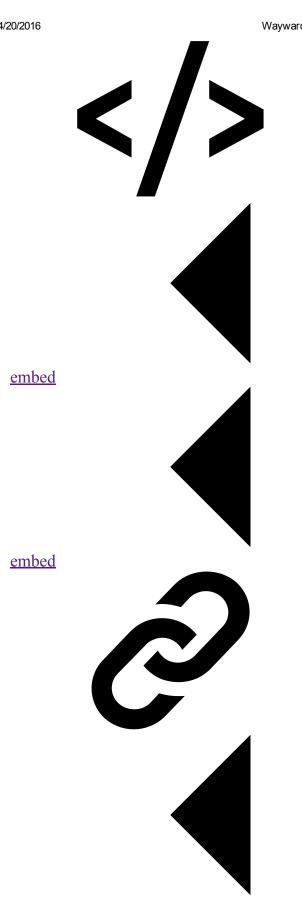
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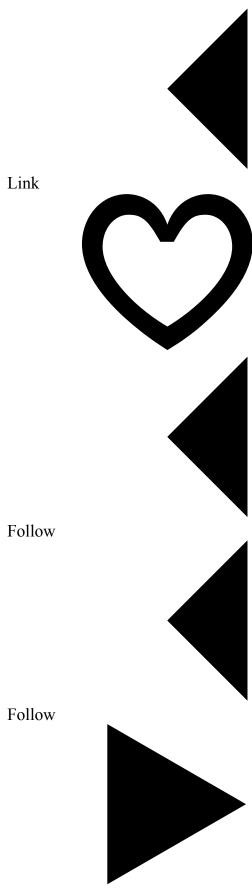
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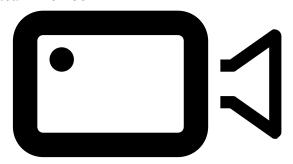




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A Short Summary

As a long time *Supernatural* fan who is still trying to make sense of it and its fandom, I've long wished for a documentary that explored the unique culture of *Supernatural* fandom and the peculiar dynamics of it. But to do the diverse, large, and political nature of the fandom justice, I've always felt that such a filmed look must take both a critical approach and a personal one--looking mainly to fans and cultural commentators rather than actors and executives to understand the *impact* the show has, rather than the making of the show itself.

Shallow commentators have suggested that *Supernatural* attracts its largely female fanbase because the show features rough, handsome men that they simply like to look at, and while that's certainly true (they *are* very handsome!), I think that barely scratches the surface of why the show is such an object of fascination, frustration, obsession, and inspiration for so many. *Wayward*, then, will attempt to follow in the footsteps of fandom documentaries like *Trekkies* before it to answer the perennial question: *Why this show?*

Wayward will be a documentary **about** Supernatural fans **by** Supernatural fans. Taking an admittedly biased yet critical look at the dynamics of fandom, pop culture, and transformative works, Wayward will explore the complex and sometimes contradictory nature of the CW show's fervent fan base.

When the film is all finished (which I project will hopefully be mid-2016), I aim to host the film online for all to stream and enjoy for free.

What We Need & What You Get

This project will be a low-scale and low budget production, relying on the generosity of supporters like you and generous volunteers of their time that I'm able to meet along the way. The funding needed will be to cover equipment cost, limited travel expenses for interviews, and web/media hosting. The rest is all my own blood, sweat, and tears--and love!

For Supporters: When I'm not obsessing over this project, I do also make and design my own art and fan art. For the various reward tiers then, I'm excited to offer different prints and postcards of my various *Supernatural* inspired designs! There will be some *Wayward* exclusive merch as well.

Why This Movie

Honestly, any kind of help you can offer would be of immeasurable benefit to the project, and be the recipient of immense gratitude from me! I want this project to be *for* the fans rather than merely a project sold to them, which is why, when the film is finished, I'd also like to make it available to stream online for free. We're a fandom that has laughed and cried and fought together for ten years now, and I think it's time we got to look at all *we've* made together and smile.

Risks & Challenges

The biggest risk of course to this project is *time*, or rather, the limitedness of it. Since this is mostly a labour of love, I will be making this film while still working my day job. However, since my day job as a freelance scriptwriter and graphic designer lends me the necessary tools and tricks of the trade to get this done, I'm happy to pour my heart and soul in to it. I'd just also appreciate if some of you came along for the ride!

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In addition to all above tiers, for a contribution of \$10.00 CAD, I will send you a four piece set of my personally designed faux-vintage location postcards inspired by important locations used in Supernatural.

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In addition to all above tiers, I will sent you a fifteen card set of my personally designed Team Free Will Outfit postcards, inspired by various wardrobe ensembles Dean, Sam, and Castiel have worn on Supernatural.

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In addition to all above tiers, you will receive the complete 27 card set of my personally designed Team Free Will Outfit cards, inspired by various wardrobe ensembles.

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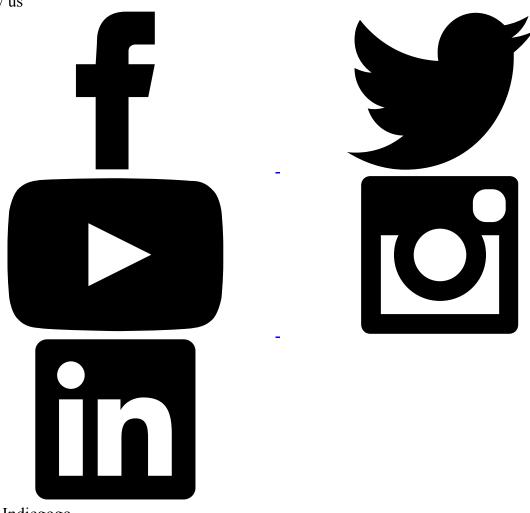
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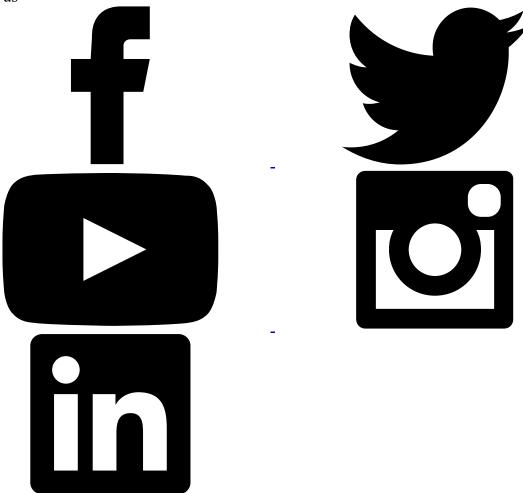
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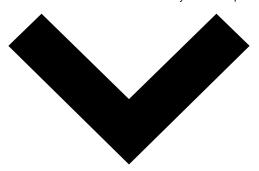
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Vidding

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Vidding is the fan labor practice in media fandom of creating music videos from the footage of one or more visual media sources, thereby exploring the source itself in a new way. The creator may explore a single character, support a particular romantic pairing between characters, criticize or celebrate the original text, or point out an aspect of the TV show or film that they find under-appreciated. The creators refer to themselves as "vidders", their product as "vids", "fanvids", or "songvids", and the act itself as **vidding**.

Vidding can occur within a fandom; however, it is also often considered its own fandom, as vidding fans will often watch vids simply because they are vids. (This is distinct from fan fiction readers and other fans, for instance, who tend to choose what to engage based on source text more than form.) Accordingly, vidding has its own dedicated fan convention, Vividcon (http://www.vividcon.com/).

Fan videos within the world of anime fandom are distinct from the videos created by vidders. A fan-made music video using anime footage fans is called an anime music video or AMV, not a fanvid. While a large number of anime video makers are male, [1] the bulk of vidders in media fandom are women. [2][3][4]

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History

Vidding began in 1975,^[2] when Kandy Fong synced Star Trek stills on a slide projector with music from a cassette player.^[5] Fong's slideshow was first presented publicly at Bjo Trimble's Equicon/Filmcon convention in 1975, where it was celebrated as the first source of "new" Star Trek stills since the conclusion of the original show.^[6] She performed her vids with live cutting at fan conventions, which continue to be one of the main venues for vid-watching.^[3] When home videocassette tape recorders became available in the mid-1970s, vidders began producing live-action vids that were recorded onto media that could be shown at fan conventions and further distributed to fans.^[4] Substantial technical and artistic skill were required to cut vids together, often requiring footage from multiple VCRs to be placed on the same tape, with the added

challenge of exact timing. Typical vids could take 6–8 hours to produce, and more elaborate ones could take substantially longer. ^[7] Vidders, predominately women, passed this knowledge on to each other. ^[3] Vidders during the 1980s and 1990s formed collectives, such as California Crew, GloRo Productions, Bunnies from Hell, the Chicago Loop, and the Media Cannibals. ^[6] The collectives shared equipment allowing for more technically complicated vid production. Sterling Eidolan and the California Crew subgroup, Odd Woman Out, made a notable metavid, "Pressure", in 1990. ^[6] "Pressure" recorded the actual process of making a vid, depicting the female vidders, and the skill necessary in order to produce the work during the VCR age.

With the rise of digital media, greater bandwidth, and the widespread availability of free, albeit basic, video creating/editing software such as iMovie and Windows Movie Maker or more professional and in use ones such as Sony Vegas, the skill level required for vidding has been reduced and the number of distribution outlets has increased. As a result, both the number of vidders and the number of accessible vids has skyrocketed. Vidding has become more individualized in the digital era and collectives have largely ceased to exist. However, in the form of "collabs", also known as collaborations between two or more vidders, complex joint products persist. Ask.fm accounts allow for modern continuation of knowledge sharing amongst vidders, especially women.

Due to concerns that the outside community would not understand the vids and the context of vidding, as well as some copyright and intellectual property concerns,^[9] many of the most experienced vidders do not make their vids readily-accessible on public venues such as YouTube,^[9] although this is changing.^[3]

The Museum of the Moving Image in New York ran an exhibition from June 29–October 14, 2013 called *Cut Up* which included highlights of style from the original by Kandy Fong to Vogue (300) by Luminosity. [1]

On display were:

- "Both Sides Now" by Kandy Fong (1980)
- "Tempers of Revenge" by MVD and Caren Parnes (1984)
- "Data's Dream" by Shadow Songs (1994)
- "A Fannish Taxonomy of Hotness (Hot Hot Hot)" by Sandy and Rache (2005)
- "I Put You There" by Laura Shapiro and Lithiumdoll (2006)
- "Vogue (300)" by Luminosity (2007)^[11]

Schools of Vidding

There are three main schools of vidding: [3][7]

- MediaWest vidders congregated around the MediaWest*Con fan convention, which began in the 1970s and provided a vid room. Vids were shown repeatedly, and people wandered in and out all day. MediaWest-type vids are meant to be understood by people who don't bring a lot of context to them (including even knowledge of the fandom source text), so are often spectacular, splashy, or funny.
- Living room vidders, the followers of Mary Van Deusen, are designed to be watched by fans multiple times in a quiet environment. These vids call for viewers to have intimate familiarity with the source and to study the vid's visual choices through multiple watchings, so that the vidder's arguments can be understood. Fully understanding a living room vid is most akin to poetry analysis; it usually calls for understanding the source text, learning the song lyrics, watching for visual metaphors and

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alterations to the original scenes, as well as being involved in the community.

■ San Francisco vidders tell stories similarly to Mary Van Deusen and her followers, but with an art school sensibility. This school of vidding emerged in the late 1990s and early 2000s, and is defined by more concern for the visual and different use of color and motion than classic vidding.

In the age of YouTube and other video sites on the internet, there is increasing cross-pollination between these schools, as well as between vids, anime music videos, machinima, and political remix music videos. [2][3][9]

Terminology

Vidding uses all the terminology common to media fandom, as well as terminology developed for vidding-specific needs. For instance, "MM" may stand for multimedia, meaning a vid made from more than one source show. A "garbage can vid" is a multimedia vid with source from tens or even hundreds of shows and movies. A frequently used vidding term is "slash" in which footage of two heterosexuals are combined together (usually with an accompanying soundtrack) to create a homosexual bond in the alternate universe. When slash applies to two heterosexual women, it is referred to as femslash.

Content

Fanvids are created based on material from TV shows, movies, and occasionally official music videos to make an argument through juxtaposing the original video with song lyrics. In vids, the music is an analytic device rather than a soundtrack. [3] Fanvids may function as a cross between narrative story-telling and visual poetry, a form of visual essay that uses the source material itself to put forward one aspect of how the author sees the source; potentially reframing the original material in a novel manner. [1] Alternatively, vids may be little more than a string of shots strung together, akin to a thesis statement without significant backup.

Many fanvids are concerned with shipping, the love stories that a fan sees within her favorite films or TV shows. Existing romantic scenes may be further romanticized through video transformations or song choice. The author may also argue for a romantic pairing that does not occur in the source text through juxtaposing relevant scenes or even splicing in additional material. Supporters or "shippers" of on-screen couples may also manipulate clips to retroactively change scenes to fit a within-vid reality that incorporates their pairing. This led to the inevitable creation of a whole new vocabulary currently in use amongst vidders which includes terms such as shipwars and OTPs.

YouTube vidding is a vast community with tens of thousands of users now taking part.

Copyright and Fair Use

As television and online media increasingly intermingle in the age of new media and digitization, a prosumer can create their own work out of copyrighted material.^[12]

Copyright law attributes the clips and the music in fanvids as the property of those who originally produced them for radio and television/film. As a result, some fans and lawyers worry and argue that fanvids constitute a breach of copyright law. Other fans and lawyers, such as those in the Organization for

snippets of video images are used creatively and no profit is made.^[13]

Websites such as YouTube caution against the uploading of copyrighted material, even though thousands of fanvids have been uploaded there. Fans with material on that website will sometimes find their vids removed with a copyright infringement message.^{[2][3]}

More recently, though, James H. Billington (librarian of the United States Congress), in his statement relating to section 1201 rulemaking, noted that circumvention of security protocols for motion pictures on DVDs will not be subject to the DMCA statute against circumvention. Billington specifically allows for the creation of "non-commercial videos" which would include vids.^[14]

See also

- Anime music video
- Machinima
- Copyright infringement
- Fandom
- Fan fiction
- Found footage
- YouTube Poop
- VJing
- Culture Jamming
- Remix culture
- Video scratching

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- Cardboard Reel Inventions The Ultimate Fan Vidding Community (http://www.cardboard.ipbfree.com)
- Vidders.net (http://vidders.net)
- A Genealogy of Vidding curated by Francesca Coppa and Laura Shapiro (http://www.video24-7.org/video/vidding.html)
- Organization for Transformative Works (http://transformativeworks.org/)
- An Archive of Our Own with more than 300,000 works in more than 8,000 fandoms (http://archiveofourown.org/tags/Fanvids/works)
- [1] (http://www.youtube.com/user/DJrr3)

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Kube 09-06-11, 11:15 AM

What are the best documentaries on Fandom?

On....

Star Wars

Star Trek

Horror Films

Fantasy Films

Lord of the Rings

Harry Potter

Comic Books

Superheroes

Am not looking for officially made films..but fan made films.

If you know more than one film per subject please say so!

Thanks a lot!

Ash Ketchum 09-06-11, 11:22 AM

The New York Times this morning mentioned a documentary called COMIC-CON EPISODE FOUR: A FAN'S HOPE, about the annual Comic Con held in San Diego.

It's by Morgan Spurlock (SUPER SIZE ME). It's playing at the Toronto International Film Festival. Here's the link to the TIFF page on the film:

http://tiff.net/filmsandschedules/tiff/2011/comicconepisodefoura

Groucho 09-06-11, 12:04 PM

Trekkies is a must-see. The sequel, not so much.

Randy Miller III 09-06-11, 12:06 PM

Trekkies is a must-see. The sequel, not so much.

That's strange...usually the even-numbered ones are good. :(

Trevor 09-07-11, 06:57 AM

That's strange...usually the even-numbered ones are good. :(rotfl

Kube

09-07-11, 02:37 PM

Thanks...I've seen Trekkies and look forward to seeing that Morgan Spurlock doc.

There is one doc called Ringers about Lord of The Ring fans..

Figure a series that popular would have many docs on about it made by fans.

Anyone know? For LOTR or any others.

Michael Corvin

09-07-11, 03:12 PM

Does Morgan Spurlock sleep?

Giles

09-07-11, 10:42 PM

the Star Wars one is:

The People vs. George Lucas (http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1325014/)

unfortunately it's not on DVD yet.

MaryQue

09-08-11, 05:08 PM

Not about a specific fandom, but you might want to check out "Four Days at Dragon*Con," filmed at the 2009 convention. Fun stuff.... (Ack, I haven't made enough posts to post the complete link, but the whole doc is on the video.pba.org website; go there and search on "four days" and you should find it.)

Kube

09-08-11, 08:26 PM

The Dragon Con doc sounds exactly like what I'm looking for!

A doc made on the cheap about fans by fans.

Can't wait to watch it.

If you come up with any ohter titles along those lines...please do mention them too!

Greg MacGuffin

09-09-11, 10:43 AM

the Star Wars one is:

The People vs. George Lucas (http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1325014/)

unfortunately it's not on DVD yet.

It comes out on DVD October 25th.

MaryQue

09-09-11, 11:54 AM

Ah, another thought, this one about a specific fandom, and very much in the "by fans, for fans" vein: "Done the Impossible" about Firefly/Serenity fandom. A very well-done film, and tons of extras on the DVD.

Kube

09-09-11, 01:25 PM

People Vs George Lucas kinda counts. It was not made in cooperation with Lucas Film.

I saw Done The Impossible.

That's also the kinda film I'm seeking out.

You really know your "by fans, for fans" docs!

MrSmearkase 09-09-11, 03:38 PM

Another example of a Star Wars fan doc could be Star Wait (http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0368298/). It features the fans who lined up for weeks on Hollywood Boulevard for Episode II in 2002.

rbrown498 09-10-11, 11:08 AM

I enjoyed Unconventional (http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0420285/), a shot-on-video documentary about ChillerCon. If you go in with fairly low expectations, you'll probably get a kick out of it.

Mondo Kane 09-10-11, 01:40 PM

I enjoyed Unconventional (http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0420285/), a shot-on-video documentary about ChillerCon. If you go in with fairly low expectations, you'll probably get a kick out of it.

I came in to post the same exact thing. Worth watching just for David Carradine's attempted "Hit" on Tiffany Shepis.

Shannon Nutt 09-10-11, 03:38 PM

I just bought/watched "Back To Space-Con"...pretty good if if you're a Star Trek fan.

critterdvd 09-11-11, 02:33 PM

I'm surprised "Never Sleep Again" or "Still Screaming" havn't been mentioned yet. Both very great/interesting documentaries on specific franchises.

Groucho 09-11-11, 03:38 PM

Another example of a Star Wars fan doc could be Star Wait (http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0368298/). It features the fans who lined up for weeks on Hollywood Boulevard for Episode II in 2002.Do they include the part where the people who bought their tickets on the Internet just walked in while the campers where turned away because the show was sold out?

N8 Storm 09-11-11, 06:58 PM

The Rock-afire Explosion (2009) was a pretty good DVD documentary that I watched recently on the rise and fall of Showbiz Pizza/Rock-afire Explosion and some of its fans.

Kube 11-15-11, 11:39 AM

Figured I'd bump this and see if any more examples could be suggested.

The current suggestions were much appreciated!

majorjoe23 11-17-11, 12:56 PM

The Rockafire Explosion, about fans and collectors of Showbiz Pizza stuff (especially the animatronic band).

rbrown498 11-17-11, 04:21 PM

The Sci-Fi Boys--it's by a fan and about fans (even though they're now famous), but it may not be quite what you're looking for.... Having said that, I thought that it was great.

Spottedfeather 11-18-11, 03:53 PM

I think King Of Kong: A Fistful Of Quarters is pretty good. It's all about arcades, but specifically Donkey Kong and a contest for the high score.

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Age, The (Australia) | March 17, 2003 | Word Count: 682

- ...hundred times before. It's one of the many pleasures of fandom, and I don't begrudge my neighbour that pleasure for a...
- ...smile on my face. Trying to explain the pleasures of fandom is a bit like trying to explain how comedy works...

2. FANDOM

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4. Critics are just teenagers, really

Guardian.co.uk | February 22, 2010 | Word Count: 413

- ...Word Count: 413 Jonathan Jones: It's the thrill of teenage fandom that teaches us about criticism and a critic is just...
- ...new group called the Smiths. They seemed instantly worthy of fandom. I'm not asking you to praise or despise these enthusiasms...

5. Moderation in all thingsFanaticism in any form is best steered clear of – but that doesn't mean you have to give up belief altogether

Guardian.co.uk July 24, 2009 Word Count: 712

- ...Kingdom Europe 4157 Word Count: 712 The question: When does fandom become religion? Hail Mandy mother of Brian. At one especially..
- ...what could be an uncomfortable aspect of our human nature. Fandom is all around. Think of those shrieking neophytes in miniskirts...

6. OBITUARIES: LITHONIA: Irvin Koch, spread love of science fiction

Atlanta Journal and Constitution (GA) November 22, 2005 Word Count: 575

- ...GA Georgia NorthAmerica 2876 Word Count: 575 When science-fiction fandom in the Southeast had no critical mass, Irvin M Koch
- ...Dragoncon in Atlanta. Theirs is a world where devotees are fandom, conventions are cons, music is filk, their magazines are fanzines...

7. Metropolis / Passing ThroughSci-Fi and Comic Book Fans at Play in a Parallel Universe

Los Angeles Times November 25, 2001 Word Count: 448

- ...of Michael Keaton, so I gotta go with Batman. Is **fandom** an alternative lifestyle? I didn't know much about science
- ...Wonder Woman. She did it all in heels, baby! Is fandom an alternative lifestyle? I think it's its own Zip Code...

8. 'The Fandom Menace'

Chicago Sun Times (IL) | May 20, 1999 | Word Count: 457

- .20/99 Chi. Sun-Times 44 1999 WLNR 8630876 `The **Fandom** Menace' Darel Jevens Chicago Sun Times (IL) Chicago Sun-Times
- ...US USA IL Illinois NorthAmerica 2685 Word Count: 457 `The Fandom Menace' The Argos Agency Through June 19 At ImprovOlympic, 3541...

9. FEEDBACK

Pittsburgh City Paper | July 19, 2006 | Word Count: 538

- ...on one of the best write-ups of a furry fandom convention to date ["Animal Passions," June 28]. I feel that...
- ...communicating the real reason people are members of the furry fandom and attend conventions to enjoy themselves in the company of...

10. A FAN AT HEARTIN POP CULTURE FANATICISM, TEENS FIND A CONNECTION **BEYOND THE REAL WORLD**

San Jose Mercury News (CA) December 7, 2004 Word Count: 834

- ...Newspaper US USA CA California NorthAmerica 4172 Word Count: 834 Fandom has happened: the proliferation of otherwise psychologically unblemished individuals who...
- ...mockumentaries? Against such odds, one common sentiment continues to inspire fandom movements: Sometimes, the real world's offerings simply fall short. Take...

11. THEY BEGIN AS STORIES I TOLD MYSELF TO SLEEP

Evans ville Courier & Press July 18, 2004 | Word Count: 601

- ...fall asleep every night --dreaming up new fan fiction. The fandoms have changed over the years, of course. Disney's "Rescue Rangers.
- ...the "Hardy Boys" and "Star Wars." It was with these fandoms that I actually started writing fiction, jotting down story ideas...

12. The Guide: Music: Thanks to social media, One Direction's followers have turned fun fandom into a savage trolling war. It's time we called a truce, says Lucy Stehlik

Guardian (UK) | August 10, 2013 | Word Count: 440

- ...Thanks to social media, One Direction's followers have turned fun fandom into a savage trolling war. It's time we called
- ...these Directioners come in peace, there are others whose rabid fandom has spilled over into something nastier. Death threats tweeted to...

13. Fandom matters: writers must respect their followers or pay with their careers

Guardian.co.uk | May 10, 2012 | Word Count: 825

- ...5/10/12 guardian.co.uk (Pg. Unavail. Online) 2012 WLNR 9803869 Fandom matters: writers must respect their followers or pay with their...
- ...One of the notable features of science fiction and fantasy fandom is that it exists around five to 10 years ahead...

14. Online offering is future of football fandom

Pittsburgh Tribune Review November 22, 2007

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15. Fandom can mean everything for teen spirit

Sun Herald (Biloxi, MS) | February 8, 2005 | Word Count: 390

- ...8/05 Sun Herald (Biloxi, MS) B2 2005 WLNR 22880011 Fandom can mean everything for teen spirit JULIA LAM, KNIGHT RIDDER...
- ...Newspaper US USAMS Mississippi NorthAmerica 1952 Word Count: 390 Fandom has happened: The proliferation of otherwise psychologically unblemished individuals who...

16. Buckeye fandom begins at home

Herald, The (Circleville, OH) | September 26, 2013 | Word Count: 141

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17. Fandom's gathering of the tribes

Toronto Star | August 27, 2005 | Word Count: 235

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- ...there are many who stay in their little corner of fandom they know (Dungeons & Dragons creator) Gary Gygax but not Gunnar...

18. BEWARE, DOLPHINS

CHICAGO TRIBUNE | January 23, 2000 | Word Count: 81

- ..been around for almost 80 years and have an involved fandom. Yet Dave Wannstedt came close to destroying the franchise. The...
- ...more than 30 years and basically have a front-running fandom. Look for the Dolphins organization to be found floating

19. Use wits, not dictionaries in the search for meaningWORDS

Sydney Morning Herald, The (Australia) | January 26, 2007 | Word Count: 388

- ...studying the Kidman mystique reveals something of "the nature of fandom". In a recent Spectrum review of a book about Nicole...
- ...studying the Kidman mystique reveals something of "the nature of fandom". "Fandom". There's a word you've likely not heard much. Yet you...

20. Worth Repeating

Ottawa Citizen (Canada) | September 7, 2003 | Word Count: 224

...thing. Most of all, I want to thank science-fiction fandom. Everything good in my life I owe to fandom. All the best friends I've had came from fandom. It was also at fannish events that I first got... ...of all, though, I met my wife Carolyn Clink through fandom. Without her, I'd be just a fat, bald, geek who... **1** 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 20 per page ▼ My Contacts Getting Started Live Chat Sign Off Preferences THOMSON REUTERS

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New York Times Abstracts | April 28, 1995 | Word Count: 13

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WashingtonPost.com | September 11, 2012 | Word Count: 65

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Dallas Morning News, The | June 30, 2011 | Word Count: 53

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7. 'Phantom' and the fandom

New Jersey Record (NJ) December 25, 2005 Word Count: 55

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Oregonian, The (Portland, OR) June 9, 1996 Word Count: 108

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Herald, The (Circleville, OH) | September 26, 2013 | Word Count: 141

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Buffalo News (NY) | August 25, 2002 | Word Count: 119

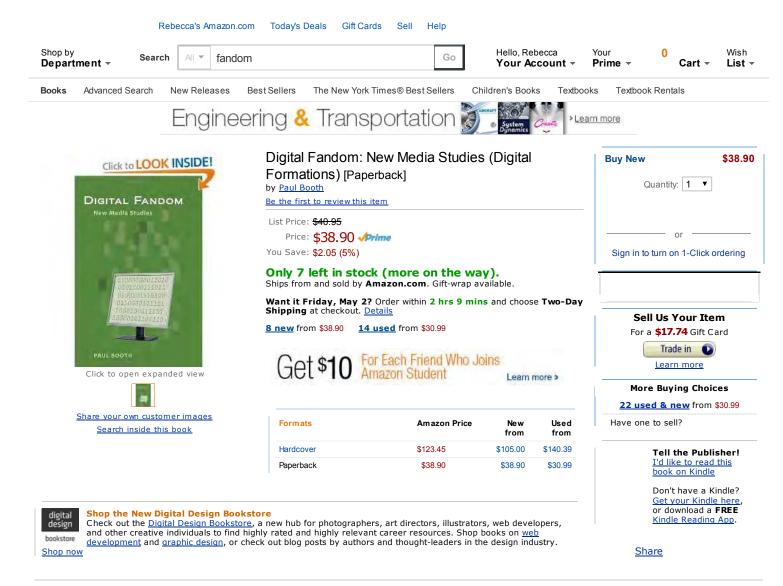
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Montreal Gazette (Canada) | January 31, 2013 | Word Count: 3

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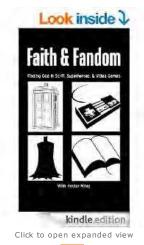
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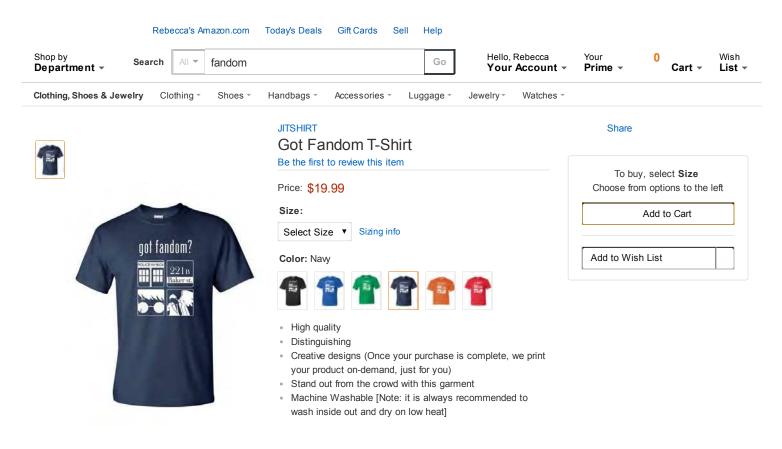


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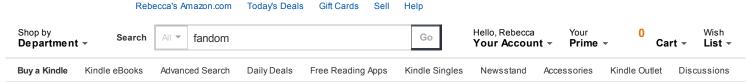
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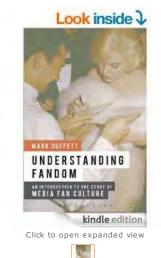
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I definitely recommend this for someone wanting to get an overview of the current state of fan studies - it's a relatively recent publication so is up-to-date. It does skew a bit more toward an academic and scholarly audience, but I think it's still a beneficial read for any fan.

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A fantastic overview of the field February 10, 2014

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Duffett's book is a much needed addition to the field of fan studies. It provides a thorough examination of the field and does not shy away from the messy and conflicting material and theories that underpin much of fandom studies. His writing is clear and not too heady, but certainly suited to the academic realm.

What makes this introduction so useful to the field is that it is far-reaching, combining multiple fandoms (with a stronger emphasis on televisual, music, and celebrity than others) in his

examination, and also confronting many of the hot topics in the field (gender studies, online/offline practices, fan stereotypes). This book is clearly designed to be used in a media studies classroom, with opening questions and epigraphs for each chapter, a thorough glossary, and expansive reference list. In a particular bonus, he gives a nice overview of research in the field, examining the possibilities and restrictions of different research methods. This kind of approach to the text makes it highly adaptable to other areas/disciplines as a thematic approach to classes in sociology, anthropology, communication, and more. As a composition instructor, I have found it useful in my own classes to provide students with applications for examining literacy, genre, and research practices through a fandom studies lens.

While I wouldn't recommend this book to anyone who doesn't want to dive into complexity of fandoms, I found this book an important addition to the field, presented in an engaging and critical way. Duffett neither patronizes his readers by dumbing down the material nor alienates them by obscuring his prose in academese.

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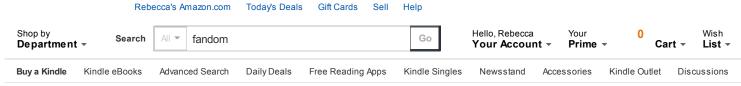
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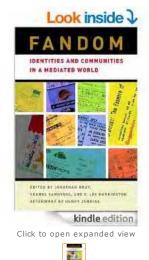
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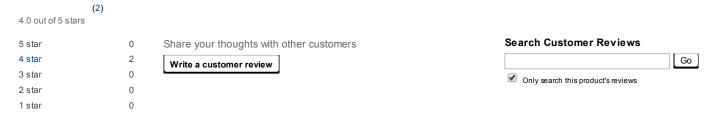
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The book was well-written, researched, and entertaining. I ate up this book and this says lots since I'm really in research and teaching mode. This book will be best served by a lay audience who is already interested in popular culture, media studies, communication, etc. A university audience will also find this book interesting in various courses in the humanities and social sciences.

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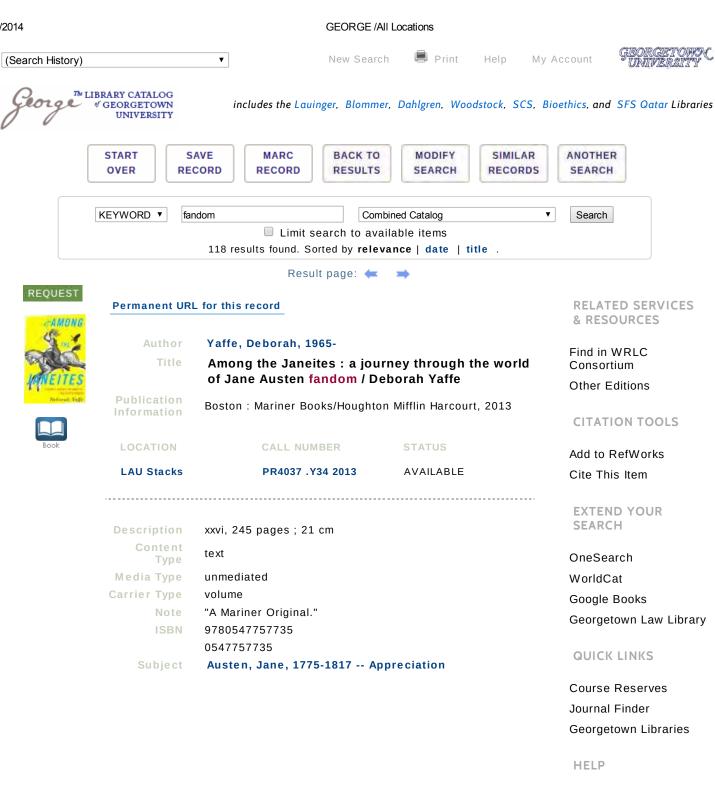
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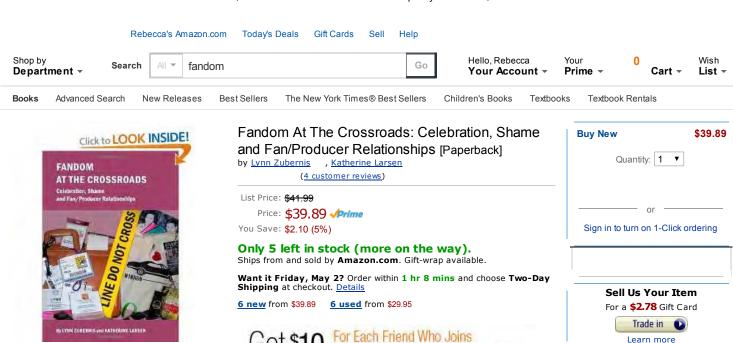
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Fandom At The Crossroads: Celebration, Shame and Fan/Producer Relationships is an in-depth exploration of the reciprocal relationship between a groundbreaking cult television show and its equally groundbreaking fandom. For the past six years the authors have inhabited the close-knit fan communities of the television show Supernatural, engaging in criticism and celebration, reading and writing fanfiction, and attending fan conventions. Their close relationships within the community allow an intimate behind-the-scenes examination of fan psychology, passion, motivation, and shame. The authors also speak directly to the creative side in order to understand what fuels the passionate reciprocal relationship Supernatural has with its fans, and to interrogate the reality of fans fears and shame. As they go behind the scenes and onto the sets to talk with Supernatural s showrunners, writers, and actors, the authors struggle to negotiate a hybrid identity as aca-fans. Fangirls one moment, legitimate researchers the next, the boundaries often blur. Their repeated breaking of the fan/creative side boundary is mirrored in Supernatural s reputation for fourth wall breaking, which has attracted journalistic coverage everywhere from Entertainment Weekly to the New York Times. Written with humor and irreverence, Stalking Fandom combines an innovative theorizing of fandom and popular culture, which will be useful in a variety of courses, with a behind-the-scenes story that anyone who s ever been a fan or wondered why others are fans will find fascinating.

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Fandom At The Crossroads raises vital questions for contemporary fan studies. Pondering whether fan practices can be therapeutic, asking how boundaries between fans and producers are policed (from both sides), and considering fan conflicts, this is a rich and timely study of Supernatural fandom which also opens up wider issues surrounding convergence culture right now. Drawing on detailed, wide-ranging interviews with showrunners and the show s cast, Fandom At The Crossroads also boasts a degree of access that s incredibly rare in work of this kind. By combining their fan and scholarly identities, Larsen and Zubernis challenge all of us to see the subject anew. --Matt Hills, Cardiff University; Author of Fan Cultures and Triumph of a Time Lord

Larsen and Zubernis have produced what will no doubt be a valuable addition to the growing scholarship on fan studies. Their passion as Supernatural fans shines through and they should be congratulated for researching and writing an influential book that asks the reader to not only consider their own relationship to a particular fandom but demands that they take notice and take seriously the diverse interests and emotional attachments millions have with their objects of affection. --Lincoln Geraghty, University of Portsmouth; Editor of the Directory of World Cinema: American Hollywood

About the Author

Lynn Zubernis is a clinical psychologist and teaches in the Counselor Education program at West Chester University of Pennsylvania. Katherine Larsen teaches courses on fame, celebrity and fandom in the University Writing Program at George Washington University. She is the principal editor of the Journal of Fandom Studies. Dr Zubernis and Dr Larsen are co-editors of Fan Culture: Theory/Practice and the forthcoming Fan Phenomena: Supernatural, and co-authors of the upcoming book, Fangasm. They have also published four articles in Supernatural Magazine.

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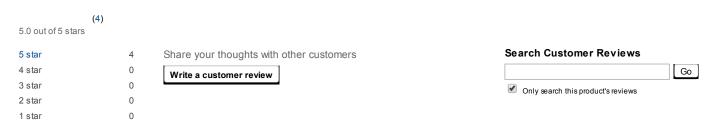
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Very insightful look at the fan experience, These ladies know what the fandom is about and understand it from the inside as well as having the educational background to see it objectively. It is an easy read, not just for academics, but I would encourage them to read it to if they are interested in just how fandoms work. Being fairly new to fandom, myself this was a help to me, fandoms are not one big fandom that always agree, There are some very intelligent people that love this show -Supernatural on the CW and provide well thought out analysis. Fandom is not just for a select few, it is for everyone who loves the show..

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I've been a fan of Supernatural since it debuted 8 years ago and been involved in the fandom aspect of it for all of those 8 years. As far as behind-the-scenes stories, conventions, the cast/crew and the goings on within the fandom -- I know quite a lot about it so I was fairly certain I would enjoy this book but not necessarily learn anything new.

However, I was happily surprised to find that wasn't the case. The fan-fiction world of the SPN fandom, which know about in a general sense, but don't really participate in, was a part of the book I was most fascinated by. The psychology of why fans write and read it was very illuminating. The book covers this in much detail--from general fan-fic to the more, shall we say, controversial kind.:)

It also covers the downside of fandom. Yes, we don't always get along, but the topic is discussed with respect, objectivity and clarity. Thumbs up.

There are also some wonderful interview snippets with Supernatural cast members about fame and the fandom. I especially enjoyed Jared Padalecki's insights.

On a literary level, kudos goes to authors Lynn Zubernis and Kathy Larsen for approaching this topic in such an entertaining, accessible way so as not to leave non-academics readers scratching their heads. Granted, your head may spin reading some of it, but don't let the references to psychology scholars scare you...this is NOT a bland text book kind of read.

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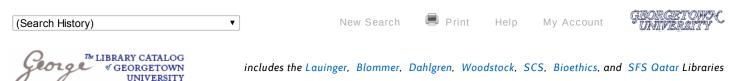
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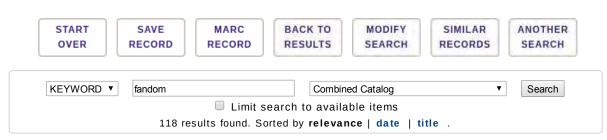
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Alt Author Brown, Adam, 1967-

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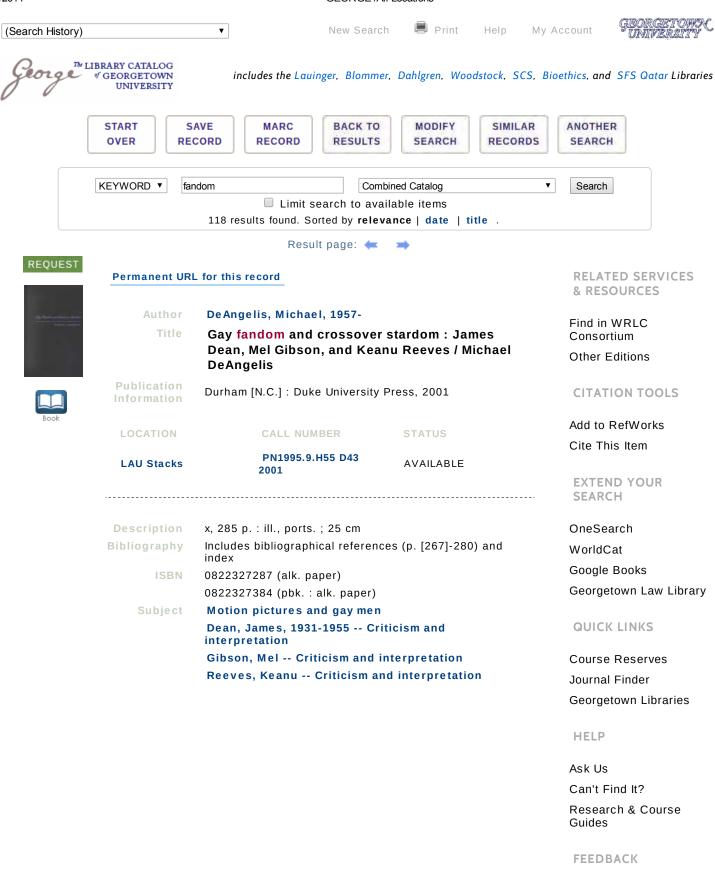
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Publication Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland & Co., c2008

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Bristol, UK; Chicago, IL: Intellect, 2011

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342 p. : ill., music ; 24 cm

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Publication Information

Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, c2011.

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Alt Author Weiner, Robert G., 1966-

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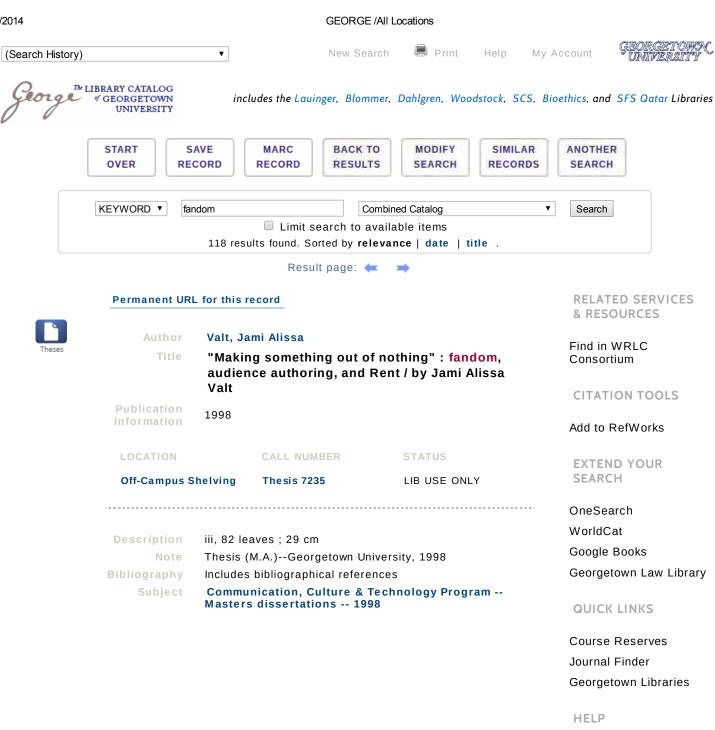
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Urbanski, Heather, 1975-

Title The science fiction reboot : canon, innovation and fandom in refashioned franchises / Heather

Urbanski.

Publication Jefferson, North Carolina: McFarland & Company, Inc.,

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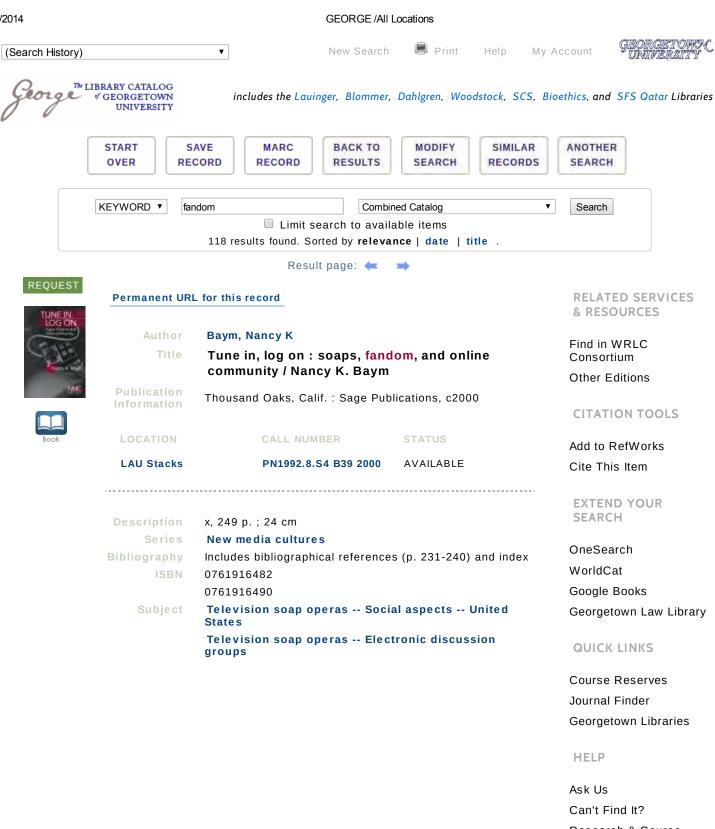
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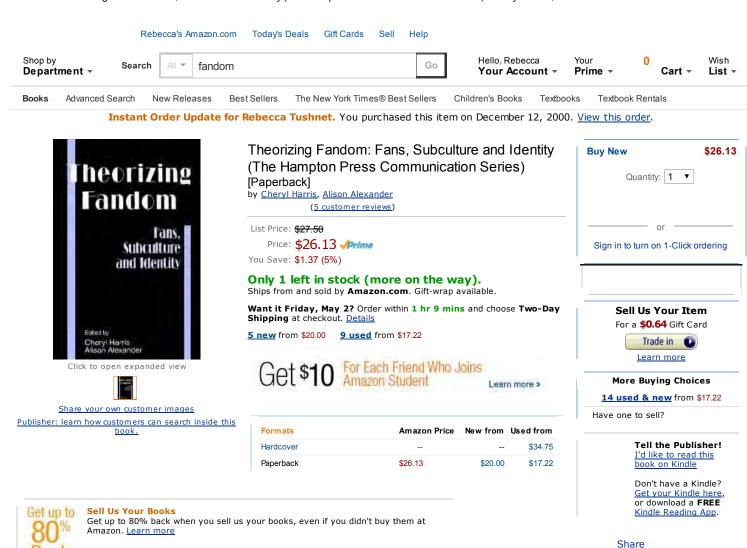
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