

Hot Stuff

Readers' Advisory Webliography

The Name is Familiar but the Face...

The Book Standard – www.thebookstandard.com

Fabulous site with loads of book and publishing news. Great features include Charts, Books in the News and their book related columns.

Overbooked – www.overbooked.org

Overbooked specializes in literary and genre fiction information. The site includes author web pages, annotated lists of nonfiction, fiction and mystery books which received starred reviews (from PW, LJ, BL, Kirkus), and hot lists of hard cover US fiction releases.

The Book Reporter – www.bookreporter.com

With links to “Word of Mouth”, “Awards”, and “Books to Movies” this is a good jumping off point for the RA interview. The BR network also includes The Faithful Reader (www.faithfulreader.com) - geared towards readers of inspirational fiction.

Fiction DB – www.fictiondb.com

They've changed the look of this one but the free stuff is still there and updated frequently. Chief amongst these is the “New Releases” where you can get good lists of forthcoming genre fiction.

Booksense – www.booksense.com

The hub for independent bookseller websites. Their bestseller lists will differ from the biggies in PW and NYT.

Amazon – www.amazon.com

Okay, I probably didn't have to include this on the list, but as a reminder, I'll keep it here. Check Amazon frequently for new features. They put a lot of time and effort into their website and are always coming up with new ways of displaying the content.

PW Online – www.publishersweekly.com

Much of the site is subscriber only (so keep your library copy handy) but the bestseller lists cover a range of formats and are what customers will want. Whether it's to find that book they heard someone mention or to see what's new – it's a nice one-stop shop. Especially when they come in and ask for *Da Vinci's Half-Blood Prince*, you know that book on the best-seller list.

Books 'n' Bytes – www.booksnbytes.com

Nice source for mystery, science fiction and fantasy. Forthcoming lists that are broken down by genre and author bibliographies – goes some way to replacing My Unicorn which has become a fee-based site.

Readers' Advisory on the Web - <http://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/booklists/readersites.html>

This is a webliography from an earlier class. More sites – many of them geared towards a range of genres.

Blogs, Bulletins and Lists, Oh My!

Listservs - <http://www.webrary.org/rs/ranetlists.html>

RRA-L, Dorothy-L, SF-Lit, Fiction-L

Members include authors, readers, and reviewers and discussion ranges from what's new in the biz to rants and reviews in the romance field.

Bulletin Boards

All About Romance – www.allaboutromance.com

The reader bulletin boards at this site include a “Reviews”, “Reader to Reader” and “Potpourri”. Discussion ranges from the latest by Susan Elizabeth Phillips to whether the new tall paperback format will work for readers.

SF Site – www.sfsite.com

Amongst the wealth of information to be found here, check out the discussion forum to find out what readers are saying.

Blogs

Ann Arbor Library Book Blog – www.aadl.org/catalog/books

Nice example of a library blog (in case any of you were thinking of starting one). Includes librarian reviews and recommendations.

Arts and Letters Daily – www.aldaily.com

One of the oldest blogs out there. Always has three sections, “Articles of Note”, “New Books”, and “Essays and Opinion”. Each section has one update daily.

Beatrice – www.beatrice.com

Items of literary interest (and pretty funny too!). General links to the literary world.

Blog of a Bookslut – www.bookslut.com/blog

One of the most comprehensive on the web. Updated several times a day with wide-ranging news and gossip from all over the book world.

Confessions of an Idiosyncratic Mind – www.sarahweinman.com

Lots of links. She's very up-to-date on the publishing scene especially as it concerns mysteries and crime fiction.

Literary Saloon – <http://complete-review.com/saloon>

Updated frequently and is part of the Complete Review website. Specializes in international literature.

Maud Newton – <http://maudnewton.com/blog>

Extensive links to a variety of book related pieces. Much is gathered from other blogs.

Moby Lives – www.mobylives.com

MobyLives started as a syndicated newspaper column. Wide ranging discussion of book-related news and reviews. Often includes links to various perspectives of the same book or piece of news.

Moorish Girl – www.moorishgirl.com

Mainly literary with a focus on middle-eastern (but not solely devoted to) books and news.