

Where to Find Fanfiction

There are dozens of websites and archives available online that feature works of fanfiction. Each website is different, with its individual priorities, organization system, filters, restrictions, and featured fandoms. Listed below are just a few of the websites featuring fanfiction.

An important thing to remember about fanfiction is that it is written by fans of various age ranges, backgrounds, experiences and languages. This means the quality of the work can differ greatly from story to story and from website to website. The other thing to remember is that not all of the stories available are completed and some will likely never be completed.

FanFiction.net



FanFiction is considered to be world's largest fanfiction archive. Launched in October 1998, it currently has over 2 million users, with over 5 million stories in over 30 languages.

Fandoms can be based on books, anime and manga, TV shows, movies, musicals, comics or games. The most popular fandom being *Harry Potter* there are stories on thousands of different fandoms from Nabokov's *Lolita* to *RENT*.

Users can follow, favorite, and review stories if they are signed in. FanFiction is accessible from a mobile devices without requiring any special apps: simply enter the URL address m.fanfiction.net.

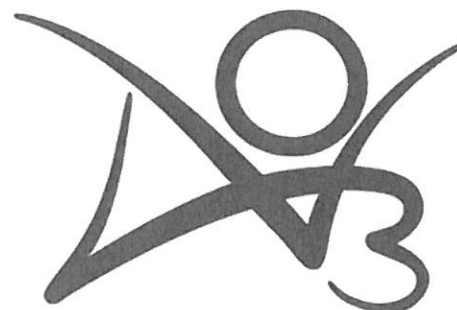
FictionPress is an affiliated site of FanFiction. It is a place to explore different types of user-generated content such as short stories, fiction, and poetry.

FanFiction. (2015). *FanFiction*. Retrieved from <https://www.fanfiction.net/>

Archive of Our Own (AO3)

The Archive of Our Own (also referred to as AO3) is a non-profit, non-commercial archive for fanfiction of all formats. Although it mainly contains stories and writings users can also find graphic art, videos, and podcasts. AO3 is optimized for mobile browsers.

Currently there are over 170,000 users, with over 700,000 uploaded works found between 12,000 fandoms or more. Fandom categories include books, cartoons, celebrities, movies, music & bands, television shows, and more.



The site has a very well designed and detailed search feature, where users can narrow searches by a work's information (word count, language, etc), tags (what fandom does it belong to, level of warnings), and stats (hits, kudos, comments).

Although an invitation is required to unlock all user options, users can browse, search, and read stories without being a member. Invites can be issued by existing users or via automated invite queue, available at homepage.

Archive of Our Own (2015). *Archive of Our Own*. Retrieved from <http://archiveofourown.org/>

Wattpad

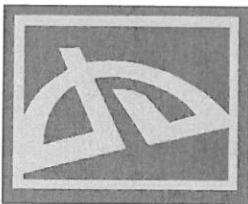


Based in Toronto, Wattpad is one of the largest book communities on the web with a monthly audience of over 10 million readers. Wattpad does require a user login in order to access its services. Approximately 70% of users access Wattpad from mobile devices.

Although there are many fandoms available to read, Wattpad is more about fanfiction driven by celebrities and comics. There are over 100,000 stories about One Direction.

Wattpad (2015). *Wattpad*. Retrieved from <https://www.wattpad.com/signup>

DeviantART



Launched in 2000, DeviantART is a fanfiction website that enables artists to showcase their work based upon different fandoms. DeviantART has over 25 million users and approximately 246 million works of art submitted. Usually, any fanfiction stories that are available on DeviantART come with self-made illustrations, comics, or fan art.

DeviantART. (2015). *DeviantART*. Retrieved from: <http://www.deviantart.com/>

Tumblr

Tumblr is already an extremely popular website. By entering the either *fanfiction* or *fanfic* tag user can get a list of the latest fanfiction entries on the site. Many of the stories found on Tumblr are posted elsewhere, like FanFiction.net or Archive of Our Own. However, there are stories that are featured exclusively on Tumblr



Tumblr. (2015). *Tumblr*. Retrieved from <https://www.tumblr.com/>

LiveJournal



LiveJournal is a social network established by American programmer Brad Fitzpatrick back in 1999. By the end of 2012 there were almost 40 million accounts, 2 million of which are still active. LiveJournal is powered by communities making it a little confusing when first exploring. All users are divided into five groups, from owners to watchers. Because of this, LiveJournal is not

necessarily the most user-friendly site for fanfiction. Users need to be part of a community and signed in before they are able to access content. However, they can read recent posts listed in Fandom section without signing in.

LiveJournal. (2015). *LiveJournal*. Retrieved from <http://www.livejournal.com/>

FicWad

FicWad, launched in 2005 and managed by K&D Lynch, is an archive of both fanfiction and original stories. The site is currently in beta stage, but users can access and read the stories even if not registered. Out of ten categories available on FicWad, the most popular are fanfictions written about anime and celebrities.



K&D Lynch. (2015). *FicWad*. Retrieved from <http://ficwad.com/>

Asianfanfics

A fanfiction website that revolves around Asian characters, topics and culture. It is an English-language website. Created in 2009, Asianfanfics (2015) claims it is “one of the most feature-rich Asian fanfiction websites on the Internet.” Asianfanfics currently contains over 220,000 stories and has over 400,000 registered users.



AsianFanfics. (2015). *AsianFanfics*. Retrieved from <http://www.asianfanfics.com/>

FictionPad



Created in 2013, FictionPad is made for users who spend most of their time on mobile devices such as a tablet or a smartphone, as well as a computer. Stories are categorized by fandoms, genres, characters, and tags. Users can select one fandom, and then the other one, to find the stories which cross both worlds.

FictionPad. (2015). *FictionPad*. Retrieved from <https://fictionpad.com/>

MediaMiner

MediaMiner is a place to find fanfiction and fanart. Users do not need to sign in to access the content. Right on the landing page of each section there is an advanced tool that will let you find the stories that a user is interested in. The primary fandom on MediaMiner is *Naruto*



MediaMiner. (2015). *MediaMiner*. Retrieved from <http://mediaminer.com/>

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