JB’s Extensive Listing of Pulp-Related Gaming Resources

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Pulp Gaming Resources

I was one of the original co-authors for what would eventually become *The Ravaged Earth Society* (a *Savage Worlds* sourcebook). Although I had nothing to do with the final version of the product I did do a huge amount of research on the genre while working on the original draft -- my original list of resources is 12 typewritten pages long.

Whether you’re looking for adventure seeds, information to use in expanding your campaign or simply inspiration while creating your next intrepid hero, the information that follows will prove both useful and insightful. In compiling this resource, I have deviated from the standard definition of “Classic Pulp”, instead adopting a much broader interpretation in which camp and over-the-top actions are the defining factors. Ultimately, the deciding factor as to whether to include a reference or not was the answer to the following question: “Does this reference contain information that could easily be used in a pulp adventure or campaign?” If the answer was yes, it was included; otherwise, it got the boot!

**ROLEPLAYING GAMES**

Some of these games are out of print, while others are available only as electronic files, so getting your hands on them may require a trip to an online vendor such as [RPGNow](http://www.rpgnow.com) or perhaps even [eBay](http://www.ebay.com). When attempting to locate these games, we suggest making the [Pen & Paper](http://www.penandpaper.com) website your first stop.

*Adventure!* (White Wolf)
*The Adventures of Indiana Jones* (TSR)
*Barbarians of Lemuria - with the Dicey Tales Companion* (BBG)
*Blood Shadows* (West End Games)
*Boomtown Planet* (Timeless Games)
*Buck Rogers: High Adventure Cliffhangers* (TSR)
*Call of Cthulhu* (Chaosium)
*Castle Falkenstein* (R. Talsorian Games)
*Crimefighters* (Dragon Magazine #47)
*Crimson Skies* (FASA)
*D20 Past-Pulp Heroes* (Wizards of the Coast)
*D20 Pulp Heroes* (Wizards of the Coast)
*D20 Pulp Heroes-Northport* (Polyhedron #161)
*Danger Quest* (Torchlight Games)
*Daredevils* (Fantasy Games Unlimited)
*Dime Heroes* (Deep 7)
*Forbidden Kingdoms* (OtherWorld Creations)
*Gangbusters* (TSR)
*Gear Krieg* (Dream Pod 9)
*Golden Hero* (Pisces All Media)
*Golden Heroes* (Games Workshop)
*GURPS Cliffhangers* (Steve Jackson Games)
*GURPS Lensman* (Steve Jackson Games)
*Hellboy* (Steve Jackson Games)
*Hollow Earth Expidition* (Exile Game Studio)
*Indiana Jones Adventures* (West End Games)
*Justice, Inc.* (HERO Games).
Mercenaries, Spies, and Private Eyes (Flying Buffalo, Inc.)
Pulp Adventure (Planet Pulp Productions)
Pulp Adventures (Iron Crown Enterprises)
Pulp Era (Chapter 13 Press)
Pulp HERO (DOJ, Inc.)
Pulp Zombies (Eden Studios)
Rocketship Empires: 1936 (StoryART Games)
Shades of Earth (HinterWelt Enterprises)
Space: 1889 (Game Designers Workshop)
Spirit of the Century (Evil Hat Productions)
Terra Incognita (Grey Ghost Games)
Thrilling Tales (Adamanter Entertainment)
Top Secret Agent 13 Sourcebook (TSR)
Two-Fisted Tales (Politically Incorrect Games)
Victoriana (Heresy Gaming)
Weird Wars (Pinnacle Entertainment Group)
Wushu: PulpFu (Daniel Bayn)

ROLEPLAYING AIDS & ACCESSORIES
Looking for reasonably-priced paper miniatures? Check out Sparks: Cairo Moon from S. John Ross. The Virtual Armchair General has a number of great paper scenery sets available on their website. World Works sells the best paper scenery currently available.

If you need to feel the heft of lead (or plastic) during your gaming sessions, be sure to check out White Knight's Pulp Era Miniatures. The guys over at Brigade Games have a nice selection of appropriately pulpy miniatures as well. Of particular interest are the following: Late World War One (Renegade), World War One Gallipoli/Palestine, The Great War in Africa, and Mob Wars (Brigade Games Historicals), Circus World (Brigade Games Miniatures), Early World War Two (Crusader), and Animals and Mummies (Black Tree Design). Pretty much all of the Eureka lines have something for every occasion (including Aztecs, winged monkeys with fezzes, and cultists)! There's some great pulpy scenery available from Monolith, some niche figures from Graven Images and From Beyond, and Sloppy Jalopy has a few nice Pulp-era trucks! Copplestone Castings, has some beautiful Pulp-themed miniatures. Check out the Back of Beyond, Darkest Africa, Gangsters, High Adventure, and World War I lines. Check out the gallery over at the Reviersco website. Here you’ll find tons of neat models (both paper and “lead”), including ships, planes, zeppelins, and even armored cars! If 15mm is your thing be sure to check out the Pulp Adventures line from Rebel Minis. The World War I, Deep Dark Africa, and Horror lines from Blue Moon Manufacturing are also quite nice. Khurasan Miniatures has a bunch of really cool 15mm stuff as well.

Need a quick and easy way to generate newspaper clippings for use as props within your game? Fodey.Com has you covered!
MOVIES & TELEVISION

Have you ever watched a movie and thought, "Now, that would make an awesome roleplaying game!" Whether they inspire a roleplaying game, an extended campaign, or a one-shot adventure, all of the following have at least one thing in common -- they're a hoot to watch! You can find most of these films at your local video rental store, the bargain bin at the local superstore, or maybe even on a back shelf at your favorite used bookstore. If you have any problems locating them, hop on over to the Internet Movie Database and start searching!

*The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai Across the 8th Dimension* (1984)
The Adventures of Captain Marvel (1941)
The Adventures of Captain Zoom (1996)
The Adventures of Dr. Fu Manchu (1956)
Allan Quatermain and the City of Gold (1987)
Angels with Dirty Faces (1938)
Army of Darkness (1993)
Batman (1989)
Batman Begins (2005)
Batman Forever (1995)
Batman Returns (1992)
Batman and Robin (1997)
Big Trouble in Little China (1986)
Blade (1998)
The Blood of Fu Manchu (1968)
The Brides of Fu Manchu (1968)
Buck Rogers (1939 and 1977)
Buck Rogers in the 25th Century (1979)
Buffy the Vampire Slayer (1992)
Buffy the Vampire Slayer: The Series (1997)
Bullshot (1983)
Captain America (1944)
Cast a Deadly Spell (1991)
Chandu the Magician (1932)
Chandu on the Magic Island (1935)
Chinatown (1974)
Daredevil (2003)
Darkman (1990)
Devil in a Blue Dress (1995)
Dick Tracy (1990)
Doc Savage, the Man of Bronze (1976)
Evil Dead (1981)
Evil Dead II (1987)
The Face of Fu Manchu (1965)
Firefly (2002)
Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe (1940)
Hellboy (2004)
Highlander (1986)
Highlander: The Series (1992)
High Road to China (1983)
Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989)
Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom (1984)
Jake Speed (1986)
The Jewel of the Nile (1985)
King Kong (1933 and 2005)
King of the Rocket Men (1949)
King Solomon's Mines (1950 and 1985)
The Land that Time Forgot (1975)
Lara Croft: Tombraider (2001)
Lara Croft Tombraider: Cradle of Life (2003)
Lassiter (1984)
The Maltese Falcon (1941)
The Mask of Fu Manchu (1932)
The Mask of Zorro (1998)
The Masked Marvel (1943)
The Mummy (1999)
The Mummy Returns (2001)
National Treasure (2004)
National Treasure: Book of Secrets (2007)
The Phantom (1943 and 1996)
The Phantom Creeps (1939)
Pulp Cinema (2001)
Radioland Murders (1994)
Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981)
Relic Hunter (1999)
Remo Williams: The Adventure Begins (1985)
Remo Williams (1988)
The Return of Chandu (1934)
The Rocketeer (1991)
Romancing the Stone (1984)
Sahara (2005)
The Shadow (1940 and 1994)
Sin City (2005)
Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow (2004)
Steamboy (2005)
Tales of the Gold Monkey (1982)
Tarzan Escapes (1936)
Tarzan and the Amazons (1945)
Tarzan and the Lost City (1998)
Things to Come (1936)
The Thirteenth Floor (1999)
The Untouchables (1959 and 1987)
Van Helsing Chronicles (1997)
Van Helsing (2004)
The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles (1992)
Zone Troopers (1986)
Zorro (1957, 1981, and 1990)
PULP STORIES & REFERENCE BOOKS

If you can’t find these gems in your local bookstore (and don’t forget to ply the shelves of your local used bookstore as well), we suggest hopping on over to Amazon.com and doing a quick search on the author or title.

Stories

Rather than listing each and every Pulp story ever written, I figured it would be easier to simply list some of the masters of the genre. Although their stories aren’t set within the Pulp Age, we’ve also included a few modern masters whose style is very much “Classic Pulp”. Just Google these names and you’re sure to get tons of relevant links to follow: Robert Bloch, Max Brand, George Bruce, Arthur J. Burke, Edgar Rice Burroughs, Hugh B. Cave, Raymond Chandler, Agatha Christie, Max Allan Collins, Michael Crichton, Lester Dent, August Derleth, Jack du Brul, Arthur Conan Doyle, Clive Cussler, Maxwell Grant, Dashiell Hammett, Robert J. Hogan, Brant House, Robert E. Howard, H.P. Lovecraft, John P. Marquand, Matthew Reilly, Kenneth Robeson, Sax Rhomer, Clark Ashton Smith, Mickey Spillane, and Grant Stockridge.

Dick Tracy: The Official Biography by Jay Maeder
Doc Savage: His Apocolyptic Life by Philip Jose Farmer
Doc Savage Omnibus #1-13 by Kenneth Robeson
The Fantastic Pulps by Peter Haining (Editor)
Lost Horizon by James Hilton
The Mammoth Book of Pulp Action by Maxim Jakubowski (Editor)
The Mammoth Book of Pulp Fiction by Maxim Jakubowski (Editor)
The Shadow Scrapbook by Walter B. Gibson
Tarzan Alive by Philip Jose Farmer

Books About the Pulp Era/Genre

Adventure House Guide to the Pulps by John Gunnison (Editor)
Cheap Thrills by Ron Goulart
The Chinatown Death Cloud Peril by Paul Malmont
The Classic Era of American Pulp Magazines by Peter Haining
Cliffhanger: A Pictorial History of the Motion Picture Serial by Allan G. Barbour
Danger is My Business by Lee Server
Days of Thrills and Adventure by Alan G. Barbour
The Dime Detectives by Ron Goulart

Dragon Hunter by Charles Gallenkamp and Michael J. Novacek
Gangland’s Doom by Frank Eisgruber, Jr.
The Great Pulp Heroes by Don Hutchinson
The Great Radio Heroes by Jim Harmon
The Hero Pulp Index by Robert Weinberg and Lorh McKinstry
It’s a Man’s World: Men’s Adventure Magazines, the Postwar Pulps by Adam Parfrey (Editor)
The Pulps by Tony Goodstone (Editor)
Pulp Art: Original Cover Paintings for the Great American Pulp Magazines by Robert Lesser
Pulp Fictioneers by John Locke (Editor)
The Pulp Jungle by Frank Gruber
Pulp Masters by Edward Gorman and Martin H. Greenberg (Editors)
Pulwood Editor by Harold Hersey
Richard Halliburton’s Complete Book of Marvels by Richard Halliburton
The Pulps: Fifty Years of American Pop Culture by Tony Goodstone
The Shudder Pulps by Robert Kenneth Jones
Those Macabre Pulps by Darrell C. Richardson
Walter B. Gibson and the Shadow by Thomas J. Shimeld
Yesterday’s Faces: A Study of Series Characters in the Early Pulp Magazines by Robert Sampson

General References
20s and 30s Style by Michael Horsham
America in the Twenties and Thirties by Sean Cashman
The American Guide by the Federal Writer’s Project
Atlas of Ancient Archaeology by Jacquetta Hawkes (Editor)
The Barnstormers by Don Dwiggins
Bugles and a Tiger by John Masters
The Complete Encyclopedia of Antique Cars: 1886-1940 by Rob de La Rive Box
The Complete Encyclopedia of World Aircraft by Paul Eden and Soph Moeng (Editors)
The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Lost Civilizations by Donald Ryan
The Dark Valley: A Panorama of the 1930s by Piers Brendon
Dimestore Dream Parade: Popular Culture 1925-1955 by Robert Heide and John Gilman
From the Crash to the Blitz: 1929-1939 by Cabell Phillips
The Glorious Adventure by Richard Halliburton
A History of Secret Societies by Arkon Daraul
The Illustrated Directory of 20th Century Guns by David Miller
Liners, Tankers, and Merchant Ships by Robert Jackson
The Mafia Encyclopedia by Carl Sifakis
National Geographic Magazine
The New York Times Chronicle of American Life from the Crash to the Blitz, 1929-1939
Nostalgia: Spotlight on the Thirties by Michael Anglo
The Royal Road to Romance by Richard Halliburton
The Sears & Roebuck Catalog
Seven League Boots by Richard Halliburton
Shanghai: Collision Point of Cultures, 1918-1939 by Harriet Sergeant
This Fabulous Century 1920-1930 by Ezra Bowen (Editor)
This Fabulous Century 1930-1940 by Ezra Bowen (Editor)
The Writer’s Guide to Everyday Life from Prohibition Through World War II by Mark McCutcheon
PULP COMICS & GRAPHIC NOVELS

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In Print

Air Fighters (Atomic Pulp)
The Amazing Adventures of the Escapist (Dark Horse Comics)
Battle Hymn (Image Comics)
The Black Forest (Silver Bullet Comics)
Captain Gravity (Penny Farthing Press)
The Collected Works of Buck Rogers in the 25th century (A&W Visual Library)
Dallas McCoy (Rorschach Entertainment)
Danger Girl (Image Comics)
Femme Noir: The Dark City Diaries (Atomic Pulp)
The Gloom (AP Comics)
The Goon (Dark Horse Comics)
Gravedigger (Rorschach Entertainment)
Grendel (Dark Horse Comics)
Hellboy (Dark Horse Comics)
I Love a Mystery (Moonstone Books)
Indiana Jones (Dark Horse Comics)
Iron Ghost (Silver Bullet Comics)
Jack Hagee, Private Eye (Moonstone Books)
Kolchak Tales and Kolchak: The Nightstalker Files (Atomic Pulp)
Lazarus Jack (Dark Horse Comics)
League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (DC Comics)
Lucifer Fawkes (Rorschach Entertainment)
The Phantom (Moonstone Books)
Rex Mundi (Image Comics)
The Rocketeer: Cliff’s New York Adventure (Dark Horse Comics)
Sandman Mystery Theater (DC Comics / Vertigo)
Scarlet Traces: The Great Game (Dark Horse Comics)
Shadow House (Atomic Pulp)
Sin City (Dark Horse Comics)
The Spider: Scavengers of the Slaughtered Sacrifices (Vanguard Productions)
Tarzan (Dark Horse Comics)
Terra Obscura (America’s Best Comics)
Tom Strong (America’s Best Comics)
V for Vendetta (Vertigo)
Young Indiana Jones (Dark Horse Comics)
Online

Adventurer's Club
The Apocalypse Plan
Astounding Space Thrills
Captain Spectre and the Lightning Legion
Captain Task
Dak Roth - Science Marshal
Danger Squad
Dragonblood
Femme Noir
Giant Fighters
Henrietta Hex
Hollow Earth
Image Comics
Kyp Thunder, Space Cowboy
LA Paranormal
Midnight Medicine
Modern Pulp Comics
Monster Island
Moonstone Books
Nightmare World
Projekt Werewolf
Raven Chronicles
Red Kelso & the Incorrigibles
Revenant
Rorschach Entertainment
Triple Noir Theater
Vanguard Productions
Vertigo
Zone Continuum
Pulp-Related Websites

Visit these websites when you have a free moment to spare or when you need inspiration for that upcoming gaming session! Rest assured, while some are better than others (and a few are better than most), each has something unique to offer! I just finished testing all the links, so everything should work.

**The 1939-40 World’s Fair**
The 1939 World’s Fair promoted one of the last great meta-narratives of the Machine Age: the unqualified belief in science and technology as a means to economic prosperity and personal freedom.

**The 86th Floor**
Everything you ever wanted to know about Doc Savage — and then some!

**Alt.Pulp @ Google**
The Alt.Pulp group at Google has loads of interesting discourse and secretly houses the headquarters of the Masters of Pulp!

**America in the 1930s**
A great site if you want to fill your games with loads of trivia for a truly immersive experience!

**The Annals of the Spider**
Long before Spider-Man (but inspiring a young Stan Lee), The Spider took on extreme menaces in the rotten Apple, dispensing .45 Caliber Justice along with bleak lessons in service and willpower.

**The Art of Norman Saunders**
Saunders was a Pulp artist of great talent who worked from the beginning to the end of the era, then made a smooth transition to paperbacks. This site has tons of images and should provide you with loads of visual inspiration!

**Blackmask Online Fiction**
Download stories by Dashiell Hammett, Robert E Howard, Kenneth Robeson, Maxwell Grant, Grant Stockbridge, Jens Altmann, and more!

**The Buck Rogers Website**
For those of you who like a little bit of sci-fi mixed in with your classic two-fisted Pulp! This site covers “Everything Buck” from 1928 up thru 1995 — from the pulps to radio, on to television and the movies.

**The Dirty 30s**
Essentially an online Pulp/Noir sourcebook for use with any roleplaying game set in the 1930s.

**ERBzine**
An online ‘zine focusing on Edgar Rice Burroughs. A bit difficult to navigate, but loaded with information!
**Fortean Times**
Fortean Times is a monthly magazine of news, reviews and research on strange phenomena and experiences, curiosities, prodigies and portents. A great source of adventure seeds and campaign ideas!

**The Golden Era Slang Dictionary**
Looking for more purple prose and Jazz Age slang with which to pepper your in-game speech? Look no further than The Fedora Lounge! The Pulp HERO forums offer up some more. Also check out Miskatonic University Press.

**The Holloway Pages**

**How to Survive Being a Character in a Pulp Movie**
The title is pretty much self-explanatory!

**The H.P. Lovecraft Archives**
Howard Phillips Lovecraft is probably best known as a writer of weird fiction, but some believe his voluminous correspondence to be his greatest accomplishment. You can explore his numerous facets through the many pages outlined on this website.

**The Indiana Jones Equipment Gallery**
Gotta see it to believe it! More detail than any gamer has a right to possess!

**International Heroes: Pulp Heroes**
Loads (and I mean loads) of information on all your favorite Pulp heroes!

**The Museum of RetroTechnology**
The title sort of says it all!

**Printed Poison**
Printed Poison is the e-zine possessed by the ghost of a dead 30s pulp writer! Inside every issue you’ll discover a trove of pulse-pounding, two-fisted, spine-tingling tales of mystery, horror, adventure and sci-fi!

**The Pulp Avengers: Gamemastering Pulp Adventures in the 1930s and 1940s**
From Brian Misiazsek, this is a classic web reference that contains scads of information for the aspiring Pulp Narrator! Stop by the website: and give it a read!

**Pulp and Adventure Heroes of the Pre-War Years**
Need a good name for your character? How about ideas for adventures, or character concepts? this site has info on over a 1,000 heros and villians from the pulp era.

**Pulp & Dagger Fiction**
Pulp-era short stories and serials. New content every week!

**The Pulp Gallery**
The Pulp Gallery is a visual reference guide to the wonderful cover art of pulp and pin-up magazines from the 1920’s through the 1950’s.
The Ultimate Pulp Gear Archive
The Ultimate Pulp Era Gear Archive is a series of free visual reference documents for use with any Pulp roleplaying game. Scroll down the Archives section to find it.

Pulp HERO Thread Compilation
A compilation of Pulp HERO threads that should keep you busy for quite some time!

Pulp Net
Billed as “the online guide to the world of the Pulps”! Links to Pulp newsgroups and publishers, information on the major Pulp heroes, and a links section that just won’t quit!

Pulp Project 1557
A project inspired by a message on the Yahoo Groups Pulp Games website.

Radio Lovers
Great for background music to set the mood for your Pulp gaming session!

The Raygun Gallery
If it’s about rayguns, then you’ll find it on this quirky, but focused, website!

Robert Weinberg’s Pulp Collection
Lots of pretty covers...and if these aren’t enough, hop on over to Fantastic Collectibles for a bunch more!

The Rocket Page
A website dedicated to Republic Pictures’ trio of high-flying heroes: Rocketman, Commando Cody and Larry Martin.

The Shadow in Review
Reviews of all 325 Shadow serials, agent biographies, a Shadow FAQ, and a weekly "Two-Minute Mystery" for you to solve!

The Tesla Memorial Society of New York
If it has to do with the enigmatic Nikola Tesla, then you can probably read about it here. ‘Nuff said!

The Thrilling Detective
Everything you ever wanted to know about Pulp detectives and thrilling mysteries!

Todd Gault’s Serial Experience
Introducing a new generation of hobbyists to serial (movie) collecting...

The Vintage Library
DVDs of old-time radio shows, pulp magazines and books, cliffhanger serials on DVD—you can buy them all here!

The Warrenverse
This site is primarily devoted to the various series produced by the terrific but sadly defunct Warren Comics during its remarkable 25+ year publishing history. Scroll down to the bottom of the page for the index links.

The Zeppelin Library Archive
Ummm...all about zeppelins!