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Roald Dahl

Vermicious Knids, The Grand High Witch, revolting recipes and farting chickens all await the curious at the new official website of muchmissed author Roald Dahl, who's about to become big news again thanks to the Tim Burton directed Charlie And The Chocolate Factory, out next year. Messy as a kid's bedroom, the site is nonetheless full of fun, peppered with Quentin Blake drawings. Fans can discover if they're an RD expert or a Dahl dunce, go on the Wonkalator or try inventing some new words - a skill the BFG was very fond of. In an inventive first you can navigate via a glass elevator or via lucky dip.

Johnny Deewww.roalddahl.com**Cool Hunting**

Josh Rubin's blog is subtitled "stuff from the intersection of design, culture and technology" and concerns itself with tracking down the coolest new gadgets, toys and T-shirts available - one bearing the slogan "Everything you like I liked five years ago" sums up the mood nicely. There is plenty of leering over advancements in sneaker technology, with peeks at the new Nike-Newson Zvezdochka jelly shoes and Reebok's Ace Lace system. But best of all are the more quirky phenomena Josh finds such as pink knitted wool wigs, a gang who project SMS messages onto west London road signs and Japan's determination to turn human fingers into mobile phones.

JDwww.joshrubin.com/coolhunting/**Nirvana**

The new Nirvana box set *With The Lights Out* is in the shops, filled with dozens of unreleased songs, demo versions and live tracks. Anyone looking to perform a similar archival exercise online could do no better than start here, where there are MP3s, videos, bootlegs, tabs, pictures and lyrics galore. The Information section also has some brilliant articles, such as Pete Townshend's review of *Journals* for the Guardian and an enlightening interview Kurt Cobain did with gayorientated magazine the Advocate in 1992. Generously there are also some puzzle games, a forum where the alienated can discuss the latest Premiership gossip (actually that's a lie) and links to some of the most extremely obsessive websites ever.

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www.nirvana-music.com

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Short films.

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Mr Breakfast

With sections headed *94 Ways To Enjoy Toast* and *Hooray For Hash Browns* this is the website of a grinning, musclebound American who sees himself as a superhero, here to save the planet from dreary early morning foodstuffs. Refreshingly, Mr Breakfast seems to have little truck with dietary fads and most of the recipe ideas - *Breakfast Pie*, anyone? - ignore the complicated world of protein in favour of sugar and lard. Brilliantly, there is also a definitive history of doughnuts, a list of final breakfasts chosen by death row residents and an archive of cereal boxes. Plus, for the ladies, there's Mrs Breakfast - although she looks suspiciously like, erm, Mr Breakfast.

Johnny Dee

www.mrbreakfast.com

Yeti Sports

If there is a link between computer games and real-life violence then the penguin population of Antarctica should consider moving. Yeti Sports features the mythological beast engaging in playful acts of cruelty on penguins - strangely they don't seem to mind. *Pingu Throw*, for example, is a bit like baseball, with a penguin replacing the ball, while *Orca Slap* features a whale flipping a penguin in the air so we can hurl snowballs at it. You can even download the games onto your mobile

so you can be mean to penguins on the train home.

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www.yetisports.org

A Series Of Unfortunate Events

If you are interested in a pleasant website," warns the front page, "hit the back button ". Lemony Snicket's brilliantly funny gothic books, in which three siblings suffer tragedy after tragedy has made it on to the big screen, with Jim Carrey starring as the Baudelaire orphans' evil nemesis, Count Olaf. The website is a magic box of trinkets with a soundtrack of owls and creaking doors that features all the standard fare of clips and downloads but also plenty of surprises too. Almost as much fun as the main content itself are the comments that pop up whenever a page is loading, warning viewers of upsetting things to follow and the strange Victorian gadgets that whirr into life when clicked.

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www.unfortunateeventsmovie.com

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Occupation blogs.

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I Heart Huckabees

David O Russell's conceptual movie I Heart Huckabees stars Dustin Hoffman and Lily Tomlin as a pair of "existential detectives" employed by an environmentalist to explore a series of coincidences. As you'd expect, the film's website is fairly puzzling too, but lots of fun; it's full of small stamps and icons that lead you into a seemingly neverending world of clips and treats. Meanwhile, there are several online spin-offs based on the movie - www.huckabees.com is a spoof of a corporate website, while tommycorn.blogspot.com is a blog written by Mark Wahlberg's character, a firefighter overly concerned about the price of oil.

Johnny Dee

www.huckabees.com

Query Letters I Love

The writer of this wonderful blog is on the receiving end of unsolicited movie pitches (or queries) sent to a major Hollywood studio, and shares some of the more ridiculous ideas on the site. Recent gems include Cocaine

Apples, one man's struggle to stop the supply of drug-laced fruit; Crabs!, a story about teen love, teen sex and all the teeny creatures in between; and Savage, an action-adventure about two men who crash on an uncharted island inhabited by a lost tribe of Amazonian women who mate with men, then kill them. Just as funny are the comments the entries inspire - one wag noted that a movie about a woman who could kill people just by looking at them could end in suicide when she looks in a mirror.

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www.queryletters.blogspot.com

David Letterman

David Letterman is still regarded as the king of the late-night chatshow in America and can be found here on ITV2, usually around 2am. There is much to enjoy on his official site even if you're unaware of his greatness. Among the regular spots on the show is Dave's Record Collection, where the host selects a suitably bizarre LP, usually involving singing hounds, to play to his audience, and it's here in full audio glory, along with lots of other funny stuff, in the Exclusives section. We recommend you listen to the album Sam The Drummer Tells Famous Fairytales For Your Children immediately - a man dressed as a mobster combining the skills of storytelling and tub thumping.

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www.cbs.com/latenight/lateshow

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Movie stars.

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The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie

Hurry, hurry to the SpongeBob SquarePants movie website and download a completely new and wonderful song by the Flaming Lips entitled SpongeBob & Patrick Confront The Psychic Wall Of Energy. While you're there you might want to listen to Avril Lavigne's theme tune - it's better than Sk8er Boi. The film doesn't open here until February but don't let that stop you playing the silly bubble game, exploring Bob's home, Bikini Bottom or watching the trailer where he meets his human equivalent: David Hasselhoff.

Johnny Dee

www.spongebobmovie.com

John Lydon

"No lies, no bullshit, just John," proclaims the opening page. Once regarded as a threat to the morality of

British youth, the artist formerly known as Johnny Rotten is almost cuddly these days, thanks to his fearless approach to revolting insects and C-list celebrity egos. All good news for this excellent fan site, which rather than merely reminisce about punk's glory years can now combine it with news of their hero's latest shark encounter. The best stuff though is the music - lots of MP3s and bootleg mixes that combine Lydon's caterwauling with Britney and Madonna. Also not to be missed is Rotten Day, the history of rock'n'roll, as seen through the eyes of the former Sex Pistol.

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www.johnlydon.com

How to Dance Gothic

Being a goth is not easy. First you have to endure the derision of your contemporaries. Then there are the hours caking on Max Factor in order to look suitably cadaverous, the hair to pile higher than Edward Scissorhands and the layers of vintage lace to fasten. It is understandable therefore that you may have forgotten the basics of attending a night club, ie: dancing. This site is here to help with a step-by-step guide to standard goth moves such as Stuck In My Coffin, With Catlike Tread and Which Way Is That Exit. Once you've mastered these, trainees can advance to the classic goth dance craze Ow! I Cut My Wrists!

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www.lilithgallery.com/gothic/howto_dancegothic1.html

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