

The
FANNISH
Worry Book

21st Century Edition

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Author's Preface

It all started back in January, 1968. That's when Dick and Pat Lupoff showed me *The Worry Book* by Robert Benton and Harvey Schmidt. I laughed through this quick read and resolved to get my own copy.

I bought it and read it again with the same result. I enjoyed it so much, in fact, that I decided to produce *The Fannish Worry Book*.

The fabulous Jay Kinney produced the illustrations, Suzanne Tompkins scanned them all electronically and rich brown mimeographed it. *The Fannish Worry Book* went out with my fanzine **Quip #11** (as 11.5) in February, 1969.

Robert Lichtman reminded me of *The Fannish Worry Book*. For reasons only known to the Sage himself, Robert encouraged me to do a revised edition.

If you like this, let me know. If you don't — well, write to Lichtman.

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There are two types of Worry in Fandom:

BASIC Fannish Worry
and *BAROQUE Fannish Worry*

BASIC Fannish Worry

is when you Worry

about something Fundamental like:



Gafia

The site of the next Corflu

The future of British Fandom

The definition of 'Fan'

BAROQUE Fannish Worry

*is when you Worry about something no one
bothers to Worry about, like:*

Will they ever revive FOSFAX?

Is there Secret Code in Warhoon 28?

Where does Langford keep his Hugos?

The Future of British Fandom



*Here is a list of **BASIC** Fannish Worries:*



The Commercialization of Fandom

Dislike among Special Fandoms

Numbered Fandoms

The Fannish Birthrate

The Fannish Deathrate

Will there be enough chairs?

*Here is a list of **BAROQUE** Fannish Worries:*

Which pen name has the best Graham Charnock posts?

What happened to the fans with the same names as famous Irish fans?

Who won the N3F Short Story Contest?

Will Stephen Pickering return?

What did they serve at Chris Garcia's Bar Mitzvah?



*Some Fannish Worries are so monumental
and everyday that they transcend
BASIC and BAROQUE Fannish
and become Fannish Non-Worries.*

***Examples of
Fannish Non-Worries:***

The next Corflu site

Postal Rates

Harlan Ellison

The fairness of the Hugos



The Classic Core Fandom

BASIC Fannish Worry

Where will we find the

Core Fandom Fans



Here are some things for male fans to Worry about:

What your fannish Dream girl wears to bed.

What Cheryl Morgan wears to bed.

Where you're going to sleep at the next con.





Here are some things for female fans to Worry about:

Where you're going to sleep at the next con.

Whether male fans love your fanwriting or your body

Will male fans find the cure for bad breath?



WRITER'S BLOCK

*It is **BASIC** to Worry about whether
Fans really appreciate your Sense of Humor,
But Worry about whether you have a Sense of Humor
is a **BAROQUE** Fannish Worry.*

The National Fantasy Fan Federation

is a machine that generates Fannish Worry

*If you don't have enough to Worry about,
join the*

N F F F

Then think about:

The Welcommittee

Who is running the Wire Recording Bureau

Where do the ex-Neffers go?

Why all those N3F Presidents resigned

*It is **BASIC** to Worry about whether
someone will Tuckerize you in a novel.*

*It is **BAROQUE** to Worry about whether
You're in the book as a hero or a villain.*

*But is even more **BAROQUE** to Worry about whether
the novel will win a Hugo.*

GAFIA Worries

*GAFIA does not mean the end
of Fannish Worry*

*As you head to the Glades of Gafia,
here are some Worries:*

What are they going to say about you?

Will someone with your name enter Fandom?

Will anyone buy your genzines at the Corflu auction?

Will fans you've slept with squeal about your deficiencies?

What Fannish Crimes will be laid at your doorstep?

*Who will miss you when you're *Gone**

CONVENTION Worries

Cons exist to create stress, crises and Worry..

If you don't have enough to Worry about:

- 1. Join a con committee.*
- 2. Hang out with the SMOFs*
- 3. Listen to what they say*



Then... ponder:

- A. Pre-Supporting Memberships*
- B. The need for more and more titles*
- C. The Semi-Pro Hugos*

Worry about House Detectives is *BASIC*

But Worry about the Maids is *Baroque*

It's *BASIC* for male fans to wonder about Hooking Up at the con.

But it is a *Baroque* Worry if you're female

Worry about missing the best parties is *BASIC*

Worry that all your friends
are holding a Secret Party

Is *Baroque*

(also *Paranoid*)



Core Fandom Worries



The Classic “Old School” Core Fandom Worry

*Are the staples big enough
to hold all the pages together?*

The Neo-classic “New School” Core Fandom Worry

*Is the memory size of the .PDF file
too big for low-end email services?*



*The Ultimate
Core Fandom Worry*

**WHO
SAWED
COURTNEY'S BOAT**

*Death Does **Not** Release You*

*Some fans are a cause for Fannish Worry
even after they go to the Enchanted Convention*

Seth Johnson

Claude Degler

George Wetzel

EE Evans

GM Carr

Sam Konkin III

Riva "The Bat" Smiley

Worry By Association

*The more fans you know on this list
the more reasons you have to Worry*

Ahrvid Engholm

Craig Miller

Charlie Brown

Geri Sullivan

Paul Kincaid

Cheryl Morgan

Arnie Katz



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