



Online fan communities en beweegredenen voor actieve participatie: Gericht op de individuele fan, of het collectief?

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Samenvatting

Online fan communities zijn in het verleden meermaals het onderwerp van onderzoek geweest. In de literatuur is hierbij een wetenschappelijk debat ontstaan over de wijze waarop fan communities bestudeerd dienen te worden. Gray, Sandvoss en Harrington (2017), en Hills (2002) zijn van mening dat de focus dient te liggen op de relatie tussen de individuele fan en het media-object. Andere wetenschappers zoals Jenkins (2006, 2012) stellen dat online fan communities gezien moeten worden als collectief, met een gemeenschappelijke identiteit. Het huidige onderzoek heeft als doel inzicht te creëren in beweegredenen die fans hebben voor actieve participatie aan de online fan community op Harrypotterfanfiction.com. Middels een etnografische discoursanalyse is vervolgens getracht een positie in te nemen in het eerder benoemde wetenschappelijke debat. De opgestelde onderzoeksvraag luidt als volgt: “Welke beweegredenen bediscussiëren fans voor actieve participatie aan de fan community op Harrypotterfanfiction.com en wat zegt dit over de wijze waarop fancultuur en fan communities bestudeerd moeten worden?” De belangrijkste beweegredenen die uit de discoursanalyse zijn gevolgd zijn Personalisatie van mediacontent, Voortdoring van het verhaal, Ontsnappen aan de werkelijkheid, Fan community en het Lezen en schrijven van fan fiction. Geconcludeerd kan worden dat de motivaties in de meeste gevallen zowel betrekking kunnen hebben op individuele voorkeuren, als op collectieve doeleinden. Om deze reden is het van belang om fan communities op individueel, en op collectief niveau te bestuderen. De beperkte grootte van dit onderzoek, en focus op slechts één fan community maken dat vervolgonderzoek essentieel zal zijn om het ingenomen standpunt te concretiseren.

Aanleiding

Een ‘fan’ kan volgens Henry Jenkins (2012) gedefinieerd worden als een lezer die populaire teksten toe-eigent en hierbij de consumptie van media transformeert tot een complexe, maar rijke participatiecultuur. Mark Andrejevic (2007) stelt dat de toenemende populariteit van deze media en beschikbare digitale middelen maken dat fans in het huidige tijdperk zichtbaarder zijn dan voorheen het geval was. Rond 1986 was er bovendien sprake van een negatieve connotatie van het woord ‘fan’ (Jenkins, 2012). Fans, en de activiteiten waar zij zich mee bezig hielden werden volgens Abigail De Kosnik (2012) gezien als irrelevant en pathologisch. De blik op fans vanuit de maatschappij is in de afgelopen jaren veranderd. Jonathan Gray, Cornel Sandvoss en Lee Harrington (2017) stellen dat de belangrijke rol die zij nu spelen voor de populaire culturele industrie door de samenleving wordt erkend. Een voorbeeld waaruit deze rol blijkt, zijn de in 2019 en 2020 uitgekomen films *After* en *After We Collided*. Deze films, die beschikbaar zijn op het wereldwijde platform Netflix, zijn voortgekomen uit *fan fiction*. In het oorspronkelijke verhaal, geschreven door Anna Todd, is de mannelijke hoofdpersoon gebaseerd op Harry Styles, lid van de band One Direction (Bustle, 2019). De toegenomen macht van fans in de hedendaagse maatschappij maakt bestudering van deze groep relevant.

Er is veelvuldig onderzoek gedaan naar fan communities en de wijze waarop zij online participeren (Gray et al., 2017; Hills, 2002; Jenkins, 2006, 2012). Binnen deze wetenschappelijke bronnen zijn verschillende opinies ontstaan over de manier waarop deze groep bestudeerd dient te worden: als collectief, of als individuele fans. Het huidige onderzoek heeft als doel inzicht te creëren in motivaties die fans hebben voor actieve deelname aan online fan communities. Als gevolg hiervan zal een positie ingenomen worden in het wetenschappelijke debat over de wijze waarop fan communities bestudeerd moeten worden.

De onderzoeksvraag die hiervoor is opgesteld luidt als volgt: “Welke beweegredenen bediscussiëren fans voor actieve participatie aan de fan community op Harrypotterfanfiction.com en wat zegt dit over de wijze waarop fancultuur en fan communities bestudeerd moeten worden?”

Theoretisch kader

In deze sectie zullen wetenschappelijke concepten worden geïntroduceerd die relevant zijn voor het huidige onderzoek. Allereerst zal de toenemende mate van interactieve technologische mogelijkheden besproken worden en wat deze ontwikkeling betekent voor fans en online fan communities. Hierbij zal fan fiction geïntroduceerd worden als een voorbeeld van fancultuur waaruit de toegenomen macht van fans blijkt. Vervolgens zal een wetenschappelijk debat geschetst worden tussen verschillende auteurs over de wijze waarop online fan communities

bestudeerd dienen te worden: als individuele fans, of als collectief. Deze studie neemt middels een etnografische discoursanalyse een positie in, in dit debat door de beweegredenen van gebruikers voor participatie aan een online fan community vast te stellen.

Fans en fan communities hebben zich volgens Natasha Whiteman (2009) in het verleden snel aangepast aan de opkomst, en toenemende populariteit van digitale technologieën door zich online te vestigen. Zo bestaan er in het huidige tijdperk websites gericht op media-objecten waar fans met elkaar kunnen communiceren. De vernieuwende technologieën verschaffen voor fans bovendien een plek waar zij samen kunnen komen en fan communities kunnen vormen. De technologische ontwikkelingen maken zowel snellere communicatie mogelijk, als communicatie op een bredere schaal (Jenkins, 2006). Het internet elimineert eventuele beperkingen die landsgrenzen in eerdere instanties veroorzaakten.

De mate van autonomie die fans bezitten is hierdoor eveneens veranderd. Hoewel media publiek vroeger in de meeste gevallen gezien werd als passieve consument, waren er tevens wetenschappers die beargumenteerden dat er actieve fan communities bestonden (Andrejevic, 2007). Andrejevic stelt dat de vernieuwende en interactieve technologieën uit het huidige tijdperk deze discussie beëindigen. De technologieën maken het voor fans mogelijk om een nieuwe rol aan te nemen: de rol van fan als media producent. Jenkins (2012) omschrijft fans als actieve makers en manipulators van betekenissen, afkomstig uit mediacontent. Er is veelvuldig onderzoek gedaan naar de macht die fans en fan communities als gevolg hiervan hebben verkregen. Andrejevic (2007) onderscheidt bijvoorbeeld twee vormen van fan participatie. Allereerst de praktijken uitgevoerd door fans die als doel hebben een media-object interessant te maken voor zichzelf. Daarnaast creëren fans volgens Andrejevic door middel van discussies op fora feedback over een media-object. De Kosnik (2012) stelt dat dergelijke fan activiteit gezien kan worden als 'werk', dat dient als nieuwe vrijwillige vorm van publiciteit voor media producenten.

De vernieuwde rol van fans uit zich bijvoorbeeld in de interactieve mogelijkheden die fan websites bieden voor gebruikers om zelf bepaalde vormen van content te creëren, zoals fan fiction. Angela Thomas (2006) definieert fan fiction als verhalen over bestaande media-objecten waarvan de settings, verhaallijnen en personages overgenomen worden. Auteurs van fan fiction zijn in de meeste gevallen fans die hun vrije tijd besteden aan het schrijven van deze verhalen. Hierbij ontstaat de vraag welke motivaties deze fans hebben voor het creëren van fan fiction. Angela Lee (2011) onderscheidt in haar onderzoek naar een breder begrip van fancultuur, vijf redenen die door fans worden gegeven voor het schrijven van fan fiction. Een aantal fans gaven persoonlijke verklaringen, zoals zelfverrijking en ontsnappen aan de werkelijkheid. De drie overige redenen die Lee (2011) noemt, personalisatie van content, verlenging van de duur van consumptie en het kunnen aanpassen van teleurstellende verhaallijnen, hebben betrekking op het media-object.

De eerdergenoemde boeken van Jenkins (2006, 2012) kunnen gezien worden als belangrijke theoretische bronnen over onderzoek naar fan communities. Jenkins definieert fan communities in

deze boeken als zichzelf regulerende groepen waarbinnen de focus ligt op gemeenschappelijke productie en circulatie van betekenissen die geconstrueerd worden op basis van populaire cultuur. Hierbij legt hij de nadruk op de collectieve aard van deze communities. Binnen deze subculturele fan communities is er volgens Jenkins (2012) sprake van een collectieve identiteit en een verbintenis met andere fans, waarmee zij zich positioneren tegenover negatieve opinies die heersen binnen de samenleving. Er zijn echter bronnen verschenen die andere visies creëren op dit onderwerp, waaronder het boek *Fandom, second edition: Identities and communities in a mediated world*, geschreven door Gray et al. (2017).

Gray et al. (2017) onderscheiden in hun boek drie perioden uit de geschiedenis van methodologische theorieën over fan communities. Volgens de auteurs bevindt Jenkins zich in de eerste periode, waarbij fans werden gezien als een actief collectief dat inging tegen de macht van media. De tweede beweging legde volgens Gray et al. (2017) de focus op sociale en culturele hiërarchieën waarvan sprake was binnen interpretatieve fan communities. De wetenschappers die behoorden tot deze beweging keken zowel naar de collectieve aspecten van fanschap, als naar individuele praktijken. De derde categorie, waar Gray et al. (2017) zich in bevinden, benadrukt het belang van persoonlijke motivaties en de relatie tussen de individuele fan en het media-object. Deze auteurs richten zich bij de bestudering van fan communities op de individuele aspecten van fanschap als gevolg van de personalisatie van media.

Mediaprofessor Matt Hills neemt in zijn boek *Fan cultures* (2002) een psychoanalytische positie in die overeenkomsten vertoont met de wijze waarop Gray et al. (2017) fan communities omschrijven. Hij introduceert hierbij de term *dialectic of value*, waarmee hij doelt op een interactie die plaatsvindt tussen gepersonaliseerde, individuele momenten van fanschap, en gemeenschappelijke culturele contexten en constructies. Hills stelde daarnaast in 2015 in een interview met Clarice Greco, dat de nadruk bij bestudering van fan communities ligt op de positionering van het individu binnen een community en de manier waarop een fan hierbinnen opereert op emotioneel en subjectief niveau. Hij beargumenteert echter dat gemeenschappelijke discoursen hierbij tevens van belang zijn.

Zoals eerdergenoemd hebben online fan communities baat bij continu veranderende en toenemende technologische mogelijkheden. Deze ontwikkelingen maken dat het van belang blijft om te onderzoeken op welke wijze fan communities geanalyseerd dienen te worden. Zo bouwt Morrisey (2013) voort op Gray et al. (2017) door te stellen dat er sprake zou kunnen zijn van een vierde categorie, met als uitgangspunt dat er zowel gekeken moet worden naar individuele media consumptie, als naar collectieve fan praktijken.

Gray et al. (2017) stellen correct dat sprake is van een personalisatie van het media-aanbod en dat nieuwe fan communities als gevolg hiervan meer mogelijkheden tot participatie bezitten. Er bestaan echter fan communities gericht op media-objecten die verschenen zijn in perioden waarin de mogelijkheden tot mediagebruik beperkter waren. De boeken en films van *Harry Potter* verschenen in de periode 1997-2011. Gesteld kan worden dat *Harry Potter* fan communities al enige tijd bestaan en

meerdere technologische ontwikkelingen hebben doorgemaakt. Ondanks deze periode bestaan er actieve en sterk georganiseerde fan communities, Harrypotterfanfiction.com is hier een voorbeeld van. Deze lange bestaansperiode biedt voor dit onderzoek de mogelijkheid om een fan community te bestuderen die niet afhankelijk is van één specifiek platform. Het argument van Gray et al. (2017) dat fan communities als gevolg van de personalisatie van media op individueel niveau bestudeerd moeten worden, is niet geheel generaliseerbaar voor de *Harry Potter* fan community. Om deze reden is het van belang om onderzoek te doen naar fan communities gericht op eerder verschenen media-objecten.

Zoals Nancy Baym (2000) stelt, is het bij de bestudering van online fan communities van hogere prioriteit om de communicatieve patronen en praktijken die worden toegepast te analyseren dan het medium via waar dit gedaan wordt. De communicatieve praktijken die voor de huidige studie geanalyseerd zullen worden zijn reacties van fans op een online forum. Dit onderzoek heeft als doel middels een etnografische discoursanalyse van het platform Harrypotterfanfiction.com de beweegredenen van gebruikers voor actieve participatie vast te stellen. Met behulp van deze resultaten zal onderzocht worden of de motivaties gericht zijn op individuele doeleinden, of dat deze betrekking hebben op de collectieve fan community. Als gevolg hiervan zal een positie ingenomen worden in het debat van uiteenlopende theorieën over de bestudering van fan communities en fan activiteit dat door Jenkins (2006, 2012), Hills (2002) en Gray et al. (2017) wordt geschetst.

Methode

Corpus

De onderzoeksobjecten die voor deze studie zijn geselecteerd zijn vier topics op het forum van de website Harrypotterfanfiction.com. Op deze website, bedoeld voor fans van *Harry Potter*, kunnen gebruikers fan fiction lezen, zelf schrijven, en hierover met elkaar communiceren door middel van een forum. Het is interessant om een *Harry Potter* fan community te bestuderen omdat deze, zoals eerder benoemd, door hun lange bestaansperiode niet afhankelijk zijn van één specifiek platform of bepaalde technologie. Harrypotterfanfiction.com vormt om deze reden, en door de actieve en concreet georganiseerde aard van de website, een interessante casus voor het huidige onderzoek.

Op het forum van Harrypotterfanfiction.com zijn verschillende topics beschikbaar, die opgedeeld zijn in *Harry Potter* gerelateerde categorieën. Voorbeelden hiervan zijn ‘The Hogwarts Railway’ en ‘The Great Hall’. Deze categorieën zijn onderverdeeld in subcategorieën die ingaan op afgebakende zaken, zoals tips voor het schrijven van fan fiction. Binnen deze subcategorieën kunnen gebruikers zelf topics creëren waar zij met andere gebruikers in discussie gaan over specifieke onderwerpen. De topics die geselecteerd zijn voor deze studie betreffen ‘Introductions’, ‘How Did You Discover HPFF?’, ‘What reason do you have for participating on this site?’ en ‘What does HPFF actually mean to you?’. Deze topics bevatten samen 220 reacties en zijn allen afkomstig uit de categorie ‘The Great Hall’.

De selectie voor de betreffende topics is gebaseerd op het feit dat onder allen reacties zijn geplaatst waarin gebruikers direct, of indirect hun beweegredenen aangeven voor het gebruikmaken van het platform. Om dit te verduidelijken zal een voorbeeld gegeven worden van een dergelijke reactie:

I found HPFF about a year after DH was published, when I experienced the crazy feelings of loss so many fans did, with no more books to look forward to. I didn't want the story to end and there were so many untold stories within that universe I wanted to explore. (Rongirlfriday, 2020)

Niet alle reacties onder deze topics zijn echter relevant voor deze studie. Om deze reden zijn alle reacties gelezen, en vervolgens uitsluitend diegene waarin gebruikers hun motivaties bespraken voor participatie op het platform, geselecteerd. Na deze eerste selectie zijn er 70 reacties overgebleven die gebruikt zullen worden voor de analyse.

Discoursanalyse

Middels een etnografische discoursanalyse zullen de motivaties die fans geven op het platform Harrypotterfanfiction.com geanalyseerd worden om vast te stellen of deze gericht zijn op individuele behoeften of op de collectieve relatie tussen fans. Een etnografische discoursanalyse zoals deze voor dit onderzoek uitgevoerd zal worden, sluit aan bij het methodologische model dat Adi Kuntsman (2004) in haar studie introduceert. Zij omschrijft online etnografie als ‘thuiswerk’, waarmee ze doelt op een verplaatsing van het onderzoeksveld. Eerder kon volgens Kuntsman een duidelijk onderscheid gemaakt worden tussen ‘hier’, de locatie van de onderzoekers, en ‘daar’, waarmee de te onderzoeken groep of cultuur werd bedoeld. Het internet elimineert deze afstand echter en maakt het zoals Kuntsman stelt mogelijk voor diverse groepen en individuen om online op andere wijze een ‘thuis’ te creëren. Kuntsman (2004) stelt dat het van belang is om dergelijke online plekken op etnografische wijze te bestuderen, omdat deze voor gebruikers de mogelijkheid bieden om communities te vormen en met elkaar te communiceren.

Zoals Rosalind Gill (2000) omschrijft functioneert taal binnen de discoursanalyse gezien als een sociaal construct. Middels deze sociale constructen kan een beeld van de realiteit gevormd worden. Gill (2000) benadrukt hierbij echter dat dit beeld niet gezien mag worden als een weerspiegeling van de werkelijkheid. Harry van den Berg (2004) stelt dat dat taal binnen de discoursanalyse een eigen werkelijkheid vormt en benaderd dient te worden als sociaal gedrag. ‘Taal’ wordt hier volgens Van den Berg niet uitsluitend gezien als geschreven teksten, maar als alle aspecten die functioneren als betekenisdrager in alledaagse communicatiepraktijken. Een etnografische discoursanalyse is een passende methode voor de opgestelde onderzoeksvraag omdat hiermee

onderzocht kan worden op welke manier gebruikers betekenissen construeren en communities vormen, in dit geval met betrekking tot de fan community op Harrypotterfanfiction.com.

Beperkingen

Het huidige onderzoek kent een aantal beperkingen. Deze studie positioneert zich allereerst in een specifiek wetenschappelijk debat over de wijze waarop fan communities bestudeerd dienen te worden. Deze gerichte focus resulteert erin dat de resultaten van deze studie niet gezien mogen worden als bewijs voor het ingenomen standpunt. Het huidige onderzoek vormt slechts een aanvulling op het eerder geschetste wetenschappelijke debat tussen Jenkins (2006, 2012), Gray et al. (2017), en Hills (2002).

Deze studie focust zich daarnaast op één fan community. Zoals Hills (2002) stelt, is het risico van een dergelijke beperkte grootte dat uitlatingen van fans enkel in een specifieke context worden bekeken en dat er geen aandacht wordt besteed aan bredere consumptiepatronen. De specifieke focus van deze studie maken om deze reden dat de resultaten niet generaliseerbaar zijn voor fan communities in het algemeen. Dit onderzoek tracht enkel inzicht te creëren in de beweegredenen die gebruikers hebben voor actieve participatie op Harrypotterfanfiction.com. Deze motivaties zullen geanalyseerd worden om een positie in te kunnen nemen in het eerdergenoemde debat. Vervolgonderzoek zal echter essentieel zijn om aanvullend bewijs te verkrijgen en deze positie verder uit te kunnen werken.

Voor deze studie is bovendien gekeken naar reacties afkomstig van vier reeds bestaande topics op de website Harrypotterfanfiction.com. Deze topics zijn gericht op onderwerpen zoals introductie van de gebruikers, en niet specifiek op de vraag waarom de fans gebruikmaken van het platform. Dit resulteert erin dat de gebruikers in hun reacties tevens in gaan op andere zaken, die niet relevant zijn voor het huidige onderzoek. Het is daarnaast mogelijk dat de fans andere beweegredenen zouden noemen wanneer zij hier specifiek naar gevraagd worden.

Dataverzameling

De geselecteerde reacties zullen gecodeerd worden volgens de stappen die door Kustritz (2020) zijn geïntroduceerd. Deze methode zal ingezet worden om op te zoek te gaan naar gedeelde waarden, ideeën en identiteiten in de reacties die geplaatst zijn door de gebruikers onder de topics. Zoals Michrina en Richards (1996) stellen is het gedurende de observatiefase tevens van belang om een logboek te creëren waarin verschillende relevante lagen van fieldnotes genoteerd zullen worden. De eerste stap die vervolgens door Kustritz (2020) wordt genoemd is het herlezen van dit logboek en het opstellen van de vijf tot vijftien belangrijkste thema's. Hierna is het van belang om deze thema's toe te passen op de geselecteerde reacties, door deze bijvoorbeeld met een kleur te markeren. De derde stap betreft het noteren van de thema's en de categorisering van de hierbij behorende reacties. Kustritz (2020) stelt dat het voor de laatste stap van belang is om de data nogmaals te evalueren, zodat bepaald

kan worden welke thema's van belang zijn voor het onderzoek. De belangrijkste thema's die voor deze studie zijn geselecteerd hebben betrekking op beweegredenen die fans noemen voor het participeren op Harrypotterfanfiction.com.

Bij het opstellen van de uiteindelijke categorieën is tevens gekeken naar de motivaties die Lee (2011) introduceert in haar onderzoek. De beweegredenen die Lee (2011) noemt zijn de volgende: Self-enrichment, 'To stay a little longer', Extension of escape from reality, Celebration of mediacontent en Personalization of mediacontent. Deze motivaties kwamen allen tevens terug in de geselecteerde reacties op het platform Harrypotterfanfiction.com. De hoeveelheid waarin zij genoemd worden verschilt echter waardoor sommige categorieën zijn samengevoegd, hernoemd, of geheel weggelaten. De vijf belangrijkste beweegredenen die zijn geselecteerd voor deze studie zijn: Personalisatie van mediacontent, Voortdoring van het verhaal, Ontsnappen aan de werkelijkheid, Fan community en het Lezen en schrijven van fan fiction.

Om deze categorieën te verduidelijken zullen de thema's Personalisatie van mediacontent en Voortdoring van het verhaal worden gedefinieerd. Personalisatie van mediacontent heeft betrekking op het aanpassen van inhoudelijke aspecten van een verhaal naar individuele voorkeuren. Een voorbeeld hiervan is het schrijven van fan fiction waarin bepaalde personages in een romantische relatie kunnen worden geplaatst die in het originele verhaal niet samen zijn. Voortdoring van het verhaal heeft betrekking op de wens van een fan om de duur van een media object te kunnen verlengen. Door bijvoorbeeld fan fiction te schrijven kunnen fans op Harrypotterfanfiction.com het verhaal van *Harry Potter* in stand houden.

Ethische aspecten

Robert Kozinets stelt in zijn boek *Netnography: The essential guide to qualitative social media research* (2019) dat het bij het online etnografische onderzoeken van belang is om na te gaan of er sprake is van eventuele risico's voor de deelnemers. Bij de bestudering van het platform Harrypotterfanfiction.com zijn er een aantal mogelijke risico's voor de gebruikers die voornamelijk betrekking hebben op aspecten buiten de fan community. Het is allereerst mogelijk dat gebruikers om persoonlijke redenen niet willen dat hun omgeving bewust is van het feit dat zij participeren op Harrypotterfanfiction.com. Bovendien bestaat de mogelijkheid dat gebruikers in hun reacties op het forum spreken over personen of zaken waarvan ze niet willen dat deze door niet-leden worden gelezen. Om deze reden is het van belang om de anonimiteit van de gebruikers te waarborgen.

Voor deze studie is het niet mogelijk om alle gebruikers te benaderen en hen te vragen of zij willen deelnemen aan dit onderzoek. Kozinets (2019) beargumenteert dat het bij overweging van eventuele ethische maatregelen van belang is om te controleren of er sprake is van *human subject research*. Een kenmerk van dergelijk onderzoek is volgens Kozinets (2019) dat de deelnemende persoon direct, of indirect geïdentificeerd kan worden met behulp van de data. Een discoursanalyse

zoals die voor dit onderzoek zal worden uitgevoerd valt, zoals Kozinets stelt, onder een grijs gebied op ethisch niveau omdat er geen sprake is van interactie met de participanten.

Bij het maken van een account op de website Harrypotterfanfiction.com zijn de fans bovendien genoodzaakt om een gebruikersnaam te kiezen. Bij het selecteren van de reacties is opgevallen dat nagenoeg het merendeel van de gebruikers bij het creëren van een naam heeft gekozen voor een anonieme, of *Harry Potter* gerelateerde benaming. Een voorbeeld van een dergelijke gebruikersnaam is 'Mandrake Scamander'. Enkele gebruikers kiezen ervoor om een voornaam in de titel te verwerken, zoals 'Charlie Lupin'. Het blijft echter in alle gevallen bij enkel de voor- of achternaam, wat ertoe leidt dat de anonimiteit van de gebruikers gewaarborgd kan worden.

Analyse

In deze sectie zullen de resultaten besproken worden van de observaties van de geselecteerde reacties onder de topics 'Introductions', 'How Did You Discover HPFF?', 'What reason do you have for participating on this site?' en 'What does HPFF actually mean to you?'. Met behulp van deze analyse zal getracht worden een positie in te nemen in het wetenschappelijke debat dat door Jenkins (2006, 2012), Gray et al. (2017), en Hills (2002) wordt geschetst over de wijze waarop fan communities bestudeerd dienen te worden; als individu, of als collectief. Vervolgens zal een antwoord geformuleerd worden op de opgestelde onderzoeksvraag: "Welke beweegredenen bediscussiëren fans voor actieve participatie aan de fan community op Harrypotterfanfiction.com en wat zegt dit over de wijze waarop fancultuur en fan communities bestudeerd moeten worden?" Zoals eerder benoemd zijn met behulp van de observaties van de geselecteerde reacties de belangrijkste motivaties vastgesteld die gebruikers gaven voor het actief participeren op het platform Harrypotterfanfiction.com. Deze beweegredenen zijn, tevens aan de hand van de motivaties die Lee (2011) in zijn artikel heeft geïntroduceerd, onderverdeeld in vijf categorieën: Voortdoring van het verhaal, Personalisatie van mediacontent, Ontsnappen aan de werkelijkheid, Fan community en Lezen en schrijven van fan fiction. In deze sectie zullen per categorie reacties genoemd en besproken worden, en hierbij zal een terugkoppeling gemaakt worden naar de eerder geïntroduceerde theorieën.

Personalisatie van mediacontent

In de geselecteerde reacties gaven meerdere fans aan dat zij gebruikmaakten van het platform Harrypotterfanfiction.com zodat zij het verloop, en de inhoud van het verhaal van *Harry Potter* konden personaliseren. Een voorbeeld van een reactie waarin een gebruiker aangeeft dat zij om deze reden gebruikmaakt van Harrypotterfanfiction.com is de reactie van RonsGirlFriday. Zij stelt: "...I love writing Ron (see: username), but possibly even more than that, I love writing Percy, a rich character who doesn't get nearly enough attention..." De gebruiker RonsGirlFriday spreekt hier uit dat zij van mening is dat het personage Percy niet genoeg gewaardeerd wordt in het oorspronkelijke

verhaal. Met behulp van fan fiction kan zij het verhaal aanpassen, en dit karakter een groter aandeel in de verhaallijn geven.

Gray et al. (2017) stellen dat fan communities op individueel niveau onderzocht dienen te worden mede als gevolg van de personalisatie van media. Bovenstaande gebruiker RonsGirlFriday tracht middels het schrijven of lezen van fan fiction het verhaal van *Harry Potter* te personaliseren en focust zich hierbij op haar persoonlijke voorkeuren. Deze mogelijkheid tot personalisatie, die door de website Harrypotterfanfiction.com wordt geboden, maakt dat de hierboven genoemde beweegreden in deze instantie gezien kan worden als een die betrekking hebben op de persoonlijke relatie tussen een fan en het desbetreffende mediaobject.

Personalisatie van het verhaal kan echter tevens betrekking hebben op andere zaken. Zo schrijft gebruiker Elena: “It was in 2006 and I had just finished reading *Half-Blood Prince*. I was so angry that Hermione and Ron were not together yet and I needed some kind of a fix. I searched fan fiction and came upon HPFF.” De personalisering van het verhaal van *Harry Potter* wordt hier tot uitdrukking gebracht door het schrijven en lezen van fan fiction over bepaalde *ships*. Hiermee wordt bedoeld dat twee bepaalde personages in een verhaal worden neergezet als koppel, in romantische of vriendschappelijke zin. De wijze waarop gebruiker Elena haar reactie heeft geformuleerd benadrukt de individuele relatie tussen haar en het media-object. *Shipping* kan echter in essentie gezien worden als een collectieve activiteit omdat er hierbij gemeenschappelijke termen uit het *Harry Potter* discours gebruikt worden. Dit geeft blijk van betrokkenheid bij de fan community en sluit aan bij de psychoanalytische positie van Matt Hills (2002) waarbij hij het belang van gemeenschappelijke discoursen benadrukt.

Voortdoring van het verhaal

Het kunnen verlengen van de tijdsduur van het verhaal van *Harry Potter* is een belangrijke reden die door veel gebruikers van Harrypotterfanfiction.com wordt gegeven. De laatste film van *Harry Potter* is uitgekomen in 2011. Hoewel er een officiële website bestaat van *Harry Potter*, Pottermore.com, waarop verschillende mogelijkheden beschikbaar zijn voor fans om betrokken te blijven bij het verhaal, worden er geen nieuwe films of boeken meer gemaakt. Gebruiker RonsGirlFriday schrijft in de eerdergenoemde reactie over het gat dat de boeken van Harry Potter voor haar achterlieten en de wens om de duur van het verhaal te kunnen verlengen.

RonsGirlFriday is niet de enige gebruiker die het platform Harrypotterfanfiction.com gebruikt om geïnvesteerd te kunnen blijven in het verhaal van *Harry Potter*. Zo spreekt gebruiker Adzrt041 over het gat dat de boeken en films van *Harry Potter* achterlieten: “I discovered this website in 2011 when I was grown up enough to read the books myself and finish them. left a hole in my heart so I just cruised around the world wide web and found this website.”

Beide fans geven aan dat zij door het lezen van fan fiction op het platform Harrypotterfanfiction.com de tijdsduur van het verhaal van *Harry Potter* trachten te vergroten. De

wens om het verhaal te laten voortduren is een beweegreden die zowel betrekking kan hebben op de persoonlijke relatie tussen een fan op Harrypotterfanfiction.com en het mediaobject, als op de collectieve relatie tussen fans. Zoals eerder benoemd geven de fans aan, de duur van het verhaal te willen verlengen door nieuwe verhalen en fan fiction te lezen. Het is tevens mogelijk dat zij dit verlangen uitdrukken door contact te zoeken met andere fans, door bijvoorbeeld tijd te spenderen op het forum. Een reactie waaruit deze collectieve aard van de participatie blijkt is een gedeelte uit de eerdergenoemde reactie van gebruiker RonsGirlFriday. Aan het einde verwijst zij direct naar deze collectieve relatie tussen de fans door te stellen: “HP fans in general are a great community because together we keep the story alive and thriving.” Deze reactie toont aan dat er sprake is van een individueel, en een collectief doel dat leidt tot participatie op het platform. Dit sluit aan bij het concept *dialectic of value* dat door Hills (2002) wordt geïntroduceerd, omdat fans het verhaal zowel trachten te verlengen door fan fiction te lezen als individu, als door communicatie met andere gebruikers uit de fan community.

Ontsnappen aan de werkelijkheid

Een aantal fans geven in hun reacties aan dat zij de website Harrypotterfanfiction.com gebruiken om te ontsnappen aan de werkelijkheid en zaken waar zij in hun persoonlijke leven mee te maken hebben. Een voorbeeld van een dergelijke reactie is die van gebruiker DobbyMinerva. Zij stelt: “...I suppose I'm here because I owe the HP universe a debt of gratitude for always being there when I'm dealing with difficult things and need a creative escape...” DobbyMinerva beschrijft het gebruik van Harrypotterfanfiction.com als een creatieve uitlating die afleidt van complexe zaken in het echte leven.

Het is allereerst mogelijk dat fans aan de werkelijkheid proberen te ontsnappen door gebruik te maken van het forum op Harrypotterfanfiction.com en te converseren met andere gebruikers uit de fan community. Gebruiker RavenPaw is hier een voorbeeld van: “I'm usually a loner, this makes me make friends with fellow HP fans!” Het collectieve aspect van fan communities dat door Jenkins (2012) wordt benadrukt, waarbij er sprake is van een relatie tussen de fans, komt in deze reactie naar voren.

Ontsnappen aan de werkelijkheid kan tevens gezien worden als een beweegreden die betrekking heeft op persoonlijke kwesties. Het doel dat fans echter voor ogen hebben wanneer zij om deze reden gebruikmaken van Harrypotterfanfiction.com kan echter verschillend zijn. Gebruiker Scorpiusrose17 vertelt bijvoorbeeld dat het schrijven van fan fiction voor hem/haar dient als iets dat helpt bij het omgaan met persoonlijke problemen: “...I would love to get back into writing again as a way to help me deal with personal issues I have been struggling with.” In deze reactie legt de gebruiker de nadruk op de individuele behoeften. Dit sluit aan bij de derde categorie van wetenschappelijk onderzoek naar fan communities waarin Gray et al. (2017) zich bevinden. Binnen deze onderzoeken ligt de nadruk op persoonlijke motivaties en de relatie tussen de individuele fan en het media-object. De persoonlijke motivatie voor het schrijven van fan fiction die gebruiker

Scorpiusrose17 in de reactie noemt is een beweegreden die enkel betrekking heeft op de individuele relatie tussen hem/haar en *Harry Potter*.

De beweegreden Ontsnappen aan de werkelijkheid wordt in de geselecteerde reacties maar door een aantal gebruikers genoemd. Het is hierbij van belang om te benoemen dat reacties waarin deze motivatie naar voren komt, in de meeste gevallen tevens andere beweegredenen bevatten. Om deze reden kan het gecompliceerd zijn om deze beweegreden enkel toe te schrijven aan individueel fanschap, of aan de fan community als collectief. Zoals hieruit volgt, kan de wens om te ontsnappen aan de werkelijkheid gericht zijn op de individuele relatie tussen een fan en het mediaobject, in dit geval *Harry Potter*, door bijvoorbeeld fan fiction te schrijven. Deze motivatie kan echter ook in het teken staan van een collectieve relatie tussen gebruikers binnen de fan community omdat fans aan het dagelijks leven trachten te ontsnappen door contact te maken met andere gebruikers.

Fan community

Er zijn fans die beweegredenen noemen die betrekking hebben op de gezamenlijke relatie tussen hen en andere fans op het platform. Door sommige gebruikers wordt dit expliciet genoemd in hun reacties onder de geselecteerde topics. Zo schrijft gebruiker Gilwen:

HPFF was my second home, a safe place filled with like-minded people and I made a lot of friends here... I'm back because I swore I would come back to the forums if they opened again. It took me a little while (because, life.) but honestly, it's good to be home.

Gilwen spreekt over de fan community op Harrypotterfanfiction.com en stelt dat deze bestaat uit “like-minded people”. Deze nadruk op een gemeenschappelijke denkwijze of overeenkomende interesses geeft blijk van een collectieve identiteit, een aspect dat door Jenkins (2012) wordt genoemd als een kenmerk van een fan community. Jenkins spreekt in zijn boek over een gevoel van verbintenis dat bestaat onder fans door negatieve opinies die heersen over fan communities in de media. De wijze waarop Gilwen de andere gebruikers formuleert als “like-minded people” versterkt het gevoel van een collectief, dat andere eigenschappen bezit dan mensen die niet tot de community behoren.

De reactie van Gilwen laat bovendien de impact zien die de website Harrypotterfanfiction.com heeft op het leven van de gebruiker. Er zijn meerdere gebruikers die aangeven dat het platform een groot deel uitmaakt van hun leven. Zo stelt Slyhterinchicaa08:

...I was a prefect and later a staff member on HPFF and loved every minute of it. HPFF was seriously my second home. I had so many amazing friends here and spent the majority of my free time on the site.

Deze gebruikers geven aan dat zij onder andere gebruikmaken van Harrypotterfanfiction.com omdat zij vriendschappen hebben opgebouwd door tijd te spenderen op de website. In de hierboven genoemde citaten bespreken de fans hun ervaringen nadat zij tijd hebben gependeed op het platform. Nieuwe gebruiker Houseofmalfoy omschrijft echter dat het vinden van, en kunnen praten met gelijkgestemden de reden is dat zij gebruik is gaan maken van Harrypotterfanfiction.com. Zij zegt:

...I'm looking for more places to talk about HP, specifically more rare ships and specific interests. According to some friends, forums like this one are usually easier for finding people with the same rarepair ships and favourite characters as you, so here I am!

Houseofmalfoy geeft aan dat zij op het forum op zoek is naar gebruikers die interesses en voorkeuren delen met betrekking tot personages uit het verhaal van *Harry Potter*. Jenkins (2012) stelt dat er binnen fan communities sprake is van collectieve productie en circulatie van betekenissen op basis van een mediaobject. De gebruikers van de fan community op Harrypotterfanfiction.com creëren zelf betekenissen door communicatie over bijvoorbeeld personages en *ships*, zoals Houseofmalfoy stelt. De motivaties die gebruiker Houseofmalfoy noemt in haar reactie sluiten om deze reden aan bij de wijze waarop Jenkins fan communities definieert in zijn boeken.

Eerdergenoemde reacties, waarin gebruikers aangeven dat de fan community de voornaamste reden is dat zij gebruikmaken van het platform, zijn zeldzaam in de verzamelde data. In de meeste gevallen wordt deze motivatie gecombineerd met andere beweegredenen zoals met het willen lezen, en kunnen schrijven van fan fiction.

Lezen en schrijven van fan fiction

De laatste beweegreden die door de gebruikers van Harrypotterfanfiction.com wordt genoemd is het kunnen lezen, en zelf schrijven van fan fiction. In veel gevallen wordt het kunnen lezen en schrijven van fan fiction genoemd in combinatie met een andere motivatie. Er zijn echter tevens fans die uitsluitend aangeven dat het kunnen lezen en schrijven van fan fiction over *Harry Potter* de reden is dat zij gebruikmaken van het platform Harrypotterfanfiction.com. Gebruiker Tommy Potterhead is hier een voorbeeld van, hij zegt: "I stumbled on HPFF just a few short months ago while I was searching for new fan fics to read and a place to show my own. Since I only read and write just HP HPFF was the perfect place!"

Andere fans geven het kunnen tonen en publiceren van eigen werk als reden voor actieve participatie op het platform Harrypotterfanfiction.com. Zo stelt Rose Pond:

I stumbled across HPFF a few months ago after looking for a new place to share my first Dramione fic... I've been working on this story for a long time, with a co-writer when she has time to write, and would love some reviews if anyone has time to check it out.

De behoefte van Rose Pond om haar fan fiction te kunnen publiceren is in essentie een collectief doel, omdat het interactie genereert met andere gebruikers. In haar reacties geeft ze bovendien aan dat ze feedback van andere gebruikers zou willen ontvangen. Deze motivatie sluit aan bij de wijze waarop Jenkins (2012) fan communities definieert. Hij stelt dat er binnen een fan community sprake is van collectieve productie en circulatie van betekenissen. Gebruiker Rose Pond construeert met behulp van haar fan fiction, en eventuele feedback van andere gebruikers, tevens betekenissen over het verhaal van *Harry Potter*.

De mogelijkheid bestaat ook dat gebruikers zich bij het lezen en schrijven fan fiction enkel richten op individuele behoeften. Zo stelt gebruiker Dew_drops bijvoorbeeld: "I actually started recently, I was bored and just wanted to try out writing. I had already read quite a lot. But now I really can't stand a day without writing or reading at least one chapter!" Deze gebruiker geeft haar persoonlijke motivatie aan voor participatie op Harrypotterfanfiction.com en stelt dat ze wilde beginnen met het schrijven van fan fiction. Dew_drops focust hierbij enkel op de eigen voorkeuren en de individuele relatie tussen de hem/haar en *Harry Potter*. Dit sluit aan bij de wijze waarop Gray et al. (2017) stellen dat fan communities op individueel niveau bestudeerd dienen te worden.

Conclusie

Zoals is gebleken uit de discoursanalyse kan het gecompliceerd zijn om de motivaties van gebruikers enkel toe te schrijven aan een individueel, of gemeenschappelijk doel. In de reacties worden beweegredenen genoemd die betrekking hebben op individuele behoeften van de gebruiker, en hierdoor aansluiten bij de theorie van Gray et al. (2017). Zij stellen dat fans als gevolg van de personalisatie van media, als individuen bestudeerd dienen te worden. Een voorbeeld van een dergelijke motivatie is het schrijven van fan fiction als een manier om zaken uit het dagelijks leven te kunnen verwerken.

Er zijn echter gebruikers die in hun reacties motivaties noemen voor participatie op Harrypotterfanfiction.com, die betrekking hebben op de collectieve aard van de fan community. Een aantal fans gaven bijvoorbeeld aan dat zij met behulp van het platform 'gelijkgestemden' hoopten te vinden. Motivaties zoals deze, vertonen overeenkomsten met de wijze waarop Jenkins (2006, 2012) stelt dat fan communities gezien moeten worden als een collectief.

In de reacties is sprake van *dialectic of value*, een concept dat zoals eerder benoemd door Matt Hills (2002) is geïntroduceerd. Er vindt een interactie plaats tussen collectieve constructies en gemeenschappelijke discoursen, zoals *shipping* van twee personages, en individuele fan activiteiten. Het antwoord dat als gevolg hiervan geformuleerd kan worden op de onderzoeksvraag is dat het in het vervolg van belang is om fan activiteit en online fan communities zowel op individueel, als op collectief niveau te bestuderen.

Discussie

In deze sectie zal gereflecteerd worden op het uitgevoerde onderzoek en zal besproken worden welke stappen genomen zouden kunnen worden voor eventueel vervolgonderzoek. Er is in het verleden veelvuldig onderzoek gedaan naar fans en fan communities. Dit heeft er tevens in geresulteerd dat verschillende opinies zijn ontstaan over de wijze waarop fan communities bestudeerd dienen te worden. Jenkins benadrukt in zijn boeken (2006, 2012) de collectieve aard van fan communities en stelt dat er binnen deze groepen sprake is van gemeenschappelijke productie en circulatie van betekenissen. Gray et al. (2017) stellen dat Jenkins in zijn boeken niet voldoende aandacht heeft voor het individu en voornamelijk focust op de interpersoonlijke relatie tussen fans. Volgens hen is het, mede als gevolg van de personalisatie van media, van belang om de relatie tussen de individuele fan en het media-object te bestuderen. Hills (2002) richt zich meer op de positionering van het individu binnen een fan community dan op het collectief, maar benadrukt tevens het belang van gemeenschappelijke contexten en discoursen.

Het huidige onderzoek heeft als doel inzicht te creëren in de motivaties die fans hebben voor actieve participatie op het platform Harrypotterfanfiction.com. Als gevolg hiervan is er een positie ingenomen in het wetenschappelijke debat dat door Jenkins (2006, 2012), Gray et al. (2017) en Matt Hills (2002) wordt geschetst over de wijze waarop fan communities bestudeerd dienen te worden. De onderzoeksvraag die hiervoor is opgesteld luidt als volgt: “Welke beweegredenen bediscussiëren fans voor actieve participatie aan de fan community op Harrypotterfanfiction.com en wat zegt dit over de wijze waarop fancultuur en fan communities bestudeerd moeten worden?”

Met behulp van een etnografische discoursanalyse is getracht een antwoord te formuleren op deze onderzoeksvraag. Een etnografische discoursanalyse is een geschikte methode voor de opgestelde onderzoeksvraag omdat op deze manier onderzocht kan worden hoe gebruikers op het platform betekenissen construeren met betrekking tot de motivaties die zij hebben voor participatie op Harrypotterfanfiction.com. Hiervoor zijn 70 reacties, afkomstig van het forum, geanalyseerd en gecodeerd volgens het model van Kustritz (2020) waarna de vijf belangrijkste beweegredenen zijn vastgesteld: Personalisatie van mediacontent, Voortdoring van het verhaal, Ontsnappen aan de werkelijkheid, Fan community en het Lezen en schrijven van fan fiction.

Uit de analyse van de reacties is gebleken dat nagenoeg alle beweegredenen zowel gericht kunnen zijn op individuele aspecten van fanschap, als op de fan community als collectief. Om deze reden is het niet mogelijk om, enkel op basis van dit onderzoek, een van de eerdergenoemde auteurs in het gelijk te stellen. Hoewel media in het huidige tijdperk in toenemende mate gepersonaliseerd wordt aangeboden, is het nog steeds van belang om tevens de collectieve aard van fan communities te onderzoeken. Uit dit onderzoek is gebleken dat fan communities zowel op individueel, als op collectief niveau bestudeerd dienen te worden.

Zoals eerder benoemd zijn voor dit onderzoek reacties geanalyseerd afkomstig van reeds bestaande topics die gericht zijn op verschillende onderwerpen. Voor eventueel vervolgonderzoek kan het relevant zijn om gebruikers uit de fan community te interviewen, zodat specifieke, en relevante vragen gesteld kunnen worden. Op deze manier kunnen de beweegredenen van fans om gebruik te maken van het platform concreter vastgesteld worden.

De beperkte grootte van dit onderzoek maakt dat de resultaten van de uitgevoerde discoursanalyse niet generaliseerbaar zijn. Om deze reden mogen ze niet gezien worden als bewijs voor het ingenomen standpunt. Vervolgonderzoek is essentieel om de positionering uitgebreider en concreter te kunnen onderbouwen. Een dergelijke studie zou zich kunnen richten op meerdere fan communities die gericht zijn op verschillende media-objecten. Op deze manier kunnen eventuele verschillen en overeenkomsten gezocht worden, met als doel een breder begrip te creëren van fan communities in het algemeen.

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Bijlagen

Bijlage 1 - Opmerkingen

NR.	Opmerking – how did you discover HPFF
1	RavenPaw: So, I wanted to write a fanfic, and I was looking for some sites. Then, I stumbled across this! It was a week ago.
2	<p>Elena: It was in 2006 and I had just finished reading Half-Blood Prince. I was so angry that Hermione and Ron were not together yet and I needed some kind of a fix. I searched fan fiction and came upon HPFF. I started reading Ronmione fics, but then was intrigued by all the Dramione stories. This ship had NEVER crossed my mind. I read a few and my first thought was "Ewww, no way!" But then as I kept reading, I fell in LOVE with these characters.</p> <p>After a while, I wanted to try my hand at writing, to see what I could do with these characters and write a story that I'd love to read. A New Life for Hermione (M) was born. I never got to write it's sequel, but this story is the one I favour the most. From there, I also fell in love with Draco/Ginny, Ron/Pansy, Snape/Lily, Sirius/Lily and many other pairings.</p> <p>I keep coming back to Fan Fiction because HP dominates my world. My other obsessions are books, music, and TV shows (Gilmore Girls, Buffy). I also do HP related crafting (knitting and crochet) as well as other fandom crafting.</p>
3	JMilz: I actually didn't know this existed before the shutdown. I hadn't written fanfiction in over 10 years, but I did remember not liking FFN that much. (I tend to cross-post but FFN just feels a bit overwhelming sometimes.) I went looking for a smaller fanfiction community and stumbled upon this one!
4	Marauder: I discovered the site around two years ago, having never even read fanfiction before. I've loved Harry Potter since I was a kid, and originally was looking to read next-gen because I was looking for something that felt like a continuation of the series. Since, then, however, I've read lots of different eras and types of stories and I felt very inspired to write my own! I kind of took a break after the site shut down and didn't realize it was back up until I went searching for Harry Potter fanfiction again last fall. It's started to mean even more to me since finding the site again because I found all my favorite stories that I didn't think I would get to read again!
5	Blue Kat: I've been reading/writing fanfic on and off for 15+ years. I think I must have stumbled upon HPFF at some point during that time because stuff like the Dobbys was familiar to me, but I don't actually recall using the site until last year. The sequence of events is a little fuzzy, but I think I found it a few weeks before the shutdown, tried to find it again after the shutdown, somehow found out about fanficrecs where I then saw the notice about the new ownership. I'm a librarian and one of my favorite things is reader's advisory, so I was glad to see something like that happening for fanfic through fanficrecs because it's something I have some professional interest in. After reading through the site and some of the info about new goals for HPFF, I was really impressed by the mission articulated by Gwen and Ronnie. I spent a lot of my teenage years and early twenties grappling with several chronic illnesses and fanfic was my lifeline through a lot of that journey. Seeing a similar experience not only described by someone else, but serving as the impetus for developing fanficrecs and then taking on the challenge of reviving HPFF made me think that this was a community that I wanted to be involved in.
6	Tommy Potterhead: I stumbled on HPFF just a few short months ago while I was searching for new fan fics to read and a place to show my own. Since I only really read and write just HP HPFF was the perfect place!
7	Bri_5_Stars: Long ago in 2010ish, I stumbled my way from the juvenile fanfics of Quizilla and found the original haven of HPFF. Perfect! It was just the place for my introverted self to post my first fanfic a very bad Draco/OC from America story. I'd just graduated high school and had a falling out with all but one of my friends and so I kind of dived right into writing my own fanfics and slowly started posting them, and some actually gained a bit of traction. Then I discovered the forums and boy did my world change! The community was really something else and I hated to pull myself away, full of nerdy, supportive and creative people. I loved the

	challenges and April Fools pranks and the NaNoWriMo hangouts that really helped me actually finish twice. I love this place and I'm so happy that its back.
8	Llysh: Back in 2010, I accidentally came across the general existence of fanfiction just because I googled Harry Potter which fanfiction came along with it. I was mind-blown reading stories by fellow HP lovers on another writing site. I had looked to see if there were more similar sites that had HP fanfiction, and HPFF was among them - and it was solely for Harry Potter - a big plus! I had signed up right away. From then, I had went from a member lurking in the shadows to a participating member, a prefect, then a staffer. It was home outside of my real life home. It was the one place I'd turn to when I needed to escape life. I didn't imagine ever seeing this site up and running again. It's beautiful to me seeing HPFF in its novelty and thriving once more!
9	Scorpiusrose17: I stumbled onto HPFF awhile back... I can't even remember the year that's how long it's been. I was brought to the community because I wanted to read more Harry Potter stories because the others had ended. The first Fanfic I posted was a Wedding Story about Scorpius and Rose. It was slightly popular, but that started my love of the ship. I don't really recall the first review I had gotten, but I believe it was positive. Either way I was excited that anyone would leave me a review at that point let alone read the story too! I have been back to HPFF on and off over the years because I truly enjoy the stories, leaving reviews and writing. I would love to get back into writing again as a way to help me deal with personal issues I have been struggling with.
10	Gilwen: Hi, I'm Gilwen aka Gee. I discovered HPFF in 2007 as iellwen, avid Potterhead looking for more stories. I first read, discovered Dramione and wrote my first fanfic entitled "Closer in Winter". It. Was. <i>Terrible</i> . But a lot of fun to write. Draco was plagued with a schizophrenia-like Dark Soul, Hermione was the only one that saw through his terrible behaviour and saw the pain and fear he was trying to hide, they were both Heads and shared a Dorm, so obviously they got closer (in winter) to each other and no one understood their love but it didn't matter because they had each other. Etc. Not canon at all and cliché, even back then, but as I said, fun to write. I changed my pen name in 2014 or 2015 and reposted a few things as GailWelin (an anagram), had fun participating in challenges of all kinds, kept writing Dramione ships and discovered my love for the (albeit) horrid McGonagall-Snape pairing (coined Snagall by a fellow HPFFer at the time) in a sci-fi AU short-story. I think the first review I ever posted was something along the lines of "OMG this was soooo good pls keep writing OMG!"? HPFF was my second home, a safe place filled with like-minded people and I made a lot of friends here, played Quidditch, loved my Prefect badge, felt good. I'm back because I swore I would come back to the forums if they opened again. It took me a little while (because, life.) but honestly, it's good to be home. I've been out of the HP fanfiction world since the forums closed, so I have a lot of catching up to do
11(2)	Slyhterinchicaa08: I stumbled across fanfiction back in 2001 and I think pretty soon after I originally found fanfiction I found HPFF. Although I was not an official member until about 2008. I spent a lot of time on HPFF back in the day active first as a Slytherin and then switched to the house I still belong to, Hufflepuff. I was a prefect and later a staff member on HPFF and loved every minute of it. HPFF was seriously my second home. I had so many amazing friends here and spent the majority of my free time on the site.
12	Snitchsista: I have been a member of HPFF since 2006, and was named 'Best Podcaster' in 2008 - where I would record and read out other people's stories. Writing is my life, and I have learned so much just by being on here. Since 2006, I have written and posted over fifty stories, and now - between writing an original children's book - I am returning once more to write a sequel to a story I penned about ten years ago. When I heard that this place might be taken down, I cried. That's how much it means to me.

13	Lady Plantagenet: I think I first joined in 2007, after a friend had told me about it. After I read a few stories, I decided that I should give it a go, and for a long time I wrote a lot of very very long novels. Good to be back!
14	Adzrt041: I discovered this website in 2011 when I was grown up enough to read the books myself and finish them. left a hole in my heart so I just cruised around the world wide web and found this website. It introduced me to Dramione, a brilliant ship. Every fiction that I read and fell in love with, gave me this feeling in my heart of another end yet there was so much I had to discover
15	<p>Magicismuggle01: I'm not sure when I found the original HPFF site, I think it was sometime after reading the third book (by this time I wanted something to read between J Ks books). Anyway I found HPFF and was overjoyed at the amount of stories, so I started reading.</p> <p>I was had been absent form the site for a rather long period of time and when I came back I was so sad to see that it had been taken down. I was left with so many questions that I would never get answers to and almost gave up hope of it ever returning, and wondered about all those wonderful stories (as well as my own) that I'd never be able to read and continue writing.</p> <p>One day something inside me told me to check the site URL again, and when I saw that HPFF was to be revived once again I was so overjoyed. Then I found out that all my stories had survived and I was thrilled.</p> <p>I'll have to edit my Christmas Capers story so that the old owners don't appear in it anymore.</p> <p>Many thanks for taking over and keeping the HP legend alive.</p>
16	<p>Kamiccola: I don't remember what exactly I was looking for - I may have seen HPFF mentioned in an article about best places for fanfiction.</p> <p>Btw, I think you should update the front page - the low quality graphics don't make a good first impression.</p> <p>Why I brought my stories here: I'm testing the waters to see where my audience is.</p> <p>It's not easy to break in when you don't write about the popular tropes or genres. For a fandom based on middle-grade books, there sure is a lot of mature content supply and demand.</p> <p>Since my works never hit those warning tick boxes, they're not as popular but I wouldn't want it any other way. You write what you love.</p> <p>I figured a one-fandom-focused site would be a little different from all the others and it was worth a try.</p> <p>I'm looking forward to reading your stories.</p> <p>I like the forum. It feels exciting to be a part of such young community. Fewer members means that threads move slowly but at least we get to know each other.</p>
17	AlbusdumbledoreHPFF: I heard many students discussing this Harry Potter Fanfiction Forum, so I decided to come pay it a visit myself. I look forward to seeing your take on Hogwarts.
18	Messenger of love: It's so weird for me. I discovered HPFF by chance when I was 12, I don't quite remember how I did or what I was looking for. I read one fic and instantly decided that this was the coolest thing ever. Within half an hour, I had written and posted my own first fic and I was hooked. I wrote more and more, read more and more, and though I didn't realise at the time that chance discovery would end up changing so much for me. Because I was writing so much, even though 95% of it was never posted anywhere, I could see that my own skill with words would increase with every word I wrote, especially in the formative years of my early teens, and each time I wrote I would learn more about myself, really - how I saw the world, how I saw the people around me, how I saw myself. By the time I was in my final year I was top of my year in English and got a scholarship for my English exam, which I attribute almost entirely to how

	<p>much time I would spend writing and editing and backspacing and writing again. Now I'm studying to be an English major all because fanfiction made me realise how much I love this sort of stuff and how much I want it to be a part of my life going forward. It's just weird for me to wonder if, as a 12-year-old, I hadn't discovered the world of writing, exploring my mind and growing as a person through self-expression, how different I would be now, 8 years later and in a completely new phase of my life. Long story short I really appreciate HPFF lol</p>
19	<p>Rose Pond: I stumbled across HPFF a few months ago after looking for a new place to share my first Dramione fic (Far From Over (15+ - M), link in signature). I've been working on this story for a long time, with a co-writer when she has time to write, and would love some reviews if anyone has time to check it out. I'd been out of the fanfic game for a while, having written some Doctor Who stuff a while back over on FF.Net and FFO was born out of an rpg challenge on HEXRPG that was never really an rpg, as I simply just have to write more deeply; thankfully my writing partner was totally down with making it into a full fic. Lol. I've found a few great stories on this site, though I don't have a lot of time to read for fun with work and my own story, but I occasionally check out the 'read' link at the top of the site and skim the reviews on other fics to see what others think are excellent stories that I should later check out. I was surprised to find out this site has been around for over 10 years! I'm glad it's still up and running and I'm looking forward to checking it out more fully.</p>
20	<p>RonsGirlFriday: I found HPFF about a year after DH was published, when I experienced the crazy feelings of loss so many fans did, with no more books to look forward to. I didn't want the story to end and there were so many untold stories within that universe I wanted to explore. I googled, found HPFF, and fell in love. I've been a bookworm my whole life, studied English lit in college, and since the series ended I've obtained a law degree and practiced law for a decade, and to this day HP remains one of the most engaging, profound stories I've ever read, with characters that burrow into your heart and stay there forever.</p> <p><u>HP fans in general are a great community because together we keep the story alive and thriving.</u></p>
21	<p>RDeHwyl: Discovering HPFF was a happy accident, tied to the soft shutdown of phoenixsong.net due to code becoming outdated. When it became no longer possible to upload new material, I saved what I could from the site and went looking for a new place to post. A Google search for "Harry Potter Fan Fiction" brought this site to my attention, I perused as a guest and enjoyed what i saw, and joined -- so here I am, learning the ins and outs of posting and trying figure out why some things don't seem to work for me. I'm sure I'll get the hang of things eventually, and look forward to a long and happy relationship with the site!</p>
22	<p>Cstringey: I discovered HPFF actually through a class at my University. I used to read a lot of FF when I was younger, but haven't in the past few years and need to review a few sites for my Education class. Harry Potter is one of the biggest loves of my life so it was pretty easy for me when choosing a FF site to choose this one. I really like how organized everything is and find the overall site great and reliable!</p>
23	<p>LilyEPotter: I found HPFF in 2004 while looking for something to read while waiting for the HBP to release.</p>
24	<p>Ginny Lovegood: I found HPFF from my best friend. She was also obsessed with Harry Potter and was looking for a good place to read fanfictions. When she told me about this site, I jumped into action and posted my first fanfiction that now has over 1000 views. I'm a newbie, I came here on my brother's first birthday in 2019, in December. I inspired my two other Harry Potter BFFs to start writing and posting fanfictions. They are Lilly Malfoy and HermioneSmith if you want to check them out.</p>
25	<p>PH71: Pretty sure it was through somewhere online recommending a reading of Moonlight about 10 years ago.</p> <p>I hadn't used this site in a long time but when I started writing my FF I thought it was another place to share my work other than on regular FF site.</p> <p>I think this place feels more like a community than the FF site. I try not to get too caught up in views/reviews, but I don't think it's a coincidence I've had about 3 times less views of my story</p>

	on here than FF but just as many, if not more reviews/positive comments. Some of my nicest/most motivating reviews have come on this site.
26	Mandrake Scamander: I was looking for Harry Potter forums and found this site.
27	Charlie Lupin: I have found this 3 years ago when I fell in love with a series. I was too scared to make an account but now I did. I am currently working on my FF and you can find it under, FF help or whatever the forum was. I love showing my writing skills that I have learned over my years of things and I'm glad I have this account now!
28	Longliveh3dwig: I did a Harry Potter writing camp (There's a story I'm writing that was the story from the camp called Sunset dawn and in between) and she talked about a good website (this one) my teacher recommended. I sounded like Yoda I did
4 29	Penelope Gryffin_Pygmy Puff: I was looking for Drarry fanfics as I was obsessed with that ship at the time. =w= And then Bam! I came across an amazing, incredible Harry Potter FanFiction website. AKA this one. ;3
30	Pomona Nymphadora Scamander: One or two years ago, I was reading Max and Harvey fics on Wattpad but in the end it said I needed an account and for some reason it kept saying my password was wrong so I gave up. Later on, I was bored during lockdown and found a good harry potter fanfic so I googled harry potter fanfiction and found this website. Or something like that.
31	Bookpanda12: I just searched dramione and Harry Potter Fan fiction websites.
	What does HPFF actually mean to you?
32	Pomona Nymphadora Scamander: What does HPFF mean to you? Personally, it's sort of like a friend for me, if that makes sense, because I usually sit alone at lunch in school so I can have a think about life and HPFF tends to pop up. I've just been trying to persuade my friend to join this website so I have someone to talk about fanfics with. Lol. So yeah, why did you join and what does the website mean to you?
33	RavenPaw: I love it so much, I'm usually a loner, this makes me make friends with fellow HP fans! And I love to write!
34	Dew_drops: I actually started recently, I was bored and just wanted to try out writing. I had already read quite a lot. But now I really can't stand a day without writing or reading at least one chapter! It's my past, my present, and my future! (Stops my Harry Potter puns) I'm really shy though, so no one really knows I do this.
	What reason do you have for participating on this site?
35	Bookpanda12: Both, I just wanted more HP, I wanted to design, and I LOVE reading. I also love meeting new people and chatting.
36	Personwithnoame: My friend told my about this website and one of the books she wrote and now I'm reading and in the middle of writing 2 books
	Introductions
37	SarahDiggory: Hi everyone! My name is Sarah, am 33, but suffering from a severe Peter Pan syndrome so want to stay young forever I am a very, very proud Hufflepuff. My house is covered in Hufflepuff items and I own more yellow clothes than I ever thought I'd own hahahaha I live in Amsterdam, the Netherlands but also lived in London for a while when I was studying (I went to dramaschool).

	<p>Used to write a LOT of fanfics, never about HP though, did always like to read them. Dream is to one day actually write a book.</p> <p>I have a bookstagram account that I share with my sister and one we are quite proud of (@bookmermaids).</p> <p>I've seen The Cursed Child in London twice and last Christmas I went to New York to see it there. I've been to the HP studios in London 5x now... dream is to go to Orlando and see HP world (and go to Disneyworld. As I am a MASSIVE Disney nerd and go to Disneyland Paris every year).</p> <p>I have 2 cats, they are brothers, they are 8 months old, I got them when they were very tiny and sick (they were found outside in a box). Their names are Romeo & Mercutio and I love them more than anything.</p>
38	<p>KJCartmell; Hello there! I'm a writer from California. I write about a boy named Liam Wren, a Hufflepuff who is post-Harry Potter but pre-Next Generation. I haven't posted on this site since before the transition of management, but I watch my reads here and I'm planning to come back.</p>
39	<p>YaYaGoddess: Hello. My real name is Dawn and I live in the Cleveland, Ohio area, USA, where I am a librarian at a public library.</p> <p>I first came to this site over ten years ago. I started writing HP fan fiction when a bunch of young teenagers who used to hang out at my library challenged me to write stuff they could read that would continue the Harry Potter story. So I did.</p> <p>Then, things happened. One of my favorite "library kids" died of sickle cell. Just weeks later, another four were killed in a horrible car accident. I grieve them to this day, so many years later. The world was stripped of those beautiful young lives and the great futures they had before them. But a couple months ago, one young man, now nearing 30, came in and asked me to finish the story I was working on when I stopped.</p> <p>So, that's what I'm doing. However, I have discovered that I now do not like the current story, The Truth Will Out, as I had begun it all those years ago, so I am completely re-working it, going back to early chapters to edit in plot developments for the story as it is now going to go off in a completely new direction.</p> <p>Dedicated to Bianca, LaTieka, Evanna, Ben, & Dez.</p>
40	<p>Blue Kat: Hello!</p> <p>I'm Blue Kat! I've been reading/writing fanfic for over half of my life, which is a crazy thing to think about. I started out mostly in the LOTR fandom, but started shifting to Harry Potter in college and now that's pretty much exclusively what I read/write as far as fanfiction goes. I'm a sucker for fics with Fred or George Weasley as the romantic lead and I really enjoy well-written OCs. I have two fics in progress here.</p> <p>In real life, I'm a librarian and I enjoy many things that you might associate with a librarian--reading, writing, knitting, cats, cardigans, answering questions, learning new things.</p> <p>I somehow managed to be completely unaware of HPFF until right around when the relaunch was announced, but I think I was researching reader's advisory for fanfiction, which led me to Fanfic Recommendations, which led me to here.</p>
41	<p>Hello!</p> <p>I'm Nina 1299</p> <p>I've been an aspiring author for about 12 years. I've written various kinds of novels, short stories, and probably about 30 fanfics. Half which I've deleted, and the rest can be found in various</p>

	<p>places such as Ao3 and FF.Net.</p> <p>I have loved the Harry Potter series since about 2003, when I picked up the first books in the library one day and eventually bought the entire set of books and movies.</p> <p>I'm also a big fan of nearly every Disney film, Star Wars, and Marvel movies. Movie nights are a big thing with my family! I'm a mom of three children.</p>
42	<p>Darsynia: Hello! I'm Darsy, and I live in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I just turned 40 this past Friday, and I've been writing fanfiction since 2003, and Harry Potter fanfiction since 2005. I found this site in 2007, and I'm lucky in that my stuff is still here somehow, with all the reviews intact! When I'm not writing I crochet and knit on commission.</p> <p>I mostly write about Hermione, Remus, and Sirius, but I have a variety of oneshots with different pairings as well. I am currently writing almost exclusively on an OC/Sirius OC/Remus story that I'm very proud of, it's going to be very long. I also have a soulmate Remus/Hermione work in progress, and another time travel Remus/Hermione I haven't started to post yet. I write very fast, and average about 20,000 words a week, but despite the speed I promise you it's good stuff.</p> <p>My Harry Potter claim to fame is that I went on hiatus in 2009 to have three little girls and came back in 2017, posting a new chapter to a popular story after 8 years. Someone tweeted about it and it went viral! I am still working on that story, slowly but surely! That one is on here from when I first posted, it's a Hermione/Sirius</p>
43	<p>JMilz Hi there! My name is Jheri and I live in Denver, CO. I'm originally from Michigan, though. I'm currently in the tech industry. I have been a professional writer for five years (I write for big tech, currently, but I've ghostwritten novels, articles, and web copy/content), but I started writing goofy short stories when I learned to put together sentences around age six or seven. I haven't written fanfiction since I was eleven, but I've recently picked it back up again at the ripe age of twenty-five.</p> <p>I have a sweet Maine Coon kitty named Athene and two chinchillas named Pandora and Loki. Sometimes you may see me re-edit a chapter ten times because Athene likes to walk across my keyboard.</p>
44	<p>Maraudeer: hello lovely friends!</p> <p>I'm maraudeer and I'm a Ravenclaw! I live in Boise, Idaho and I love reading, piano, and rock climbing. I use far too many italics and ellipses when I write because I love to be dramatic.</p> <p>I came to this site because I had just finished Harry Potter for the I don't know how many times, and it broke my heart every time I stopped living, being a part of that universe. I've grown to love how fanfiction creates new stories, new characters in a world that feels like home. Writing fanfiction allows for me to just...express everything that piece of literature has meant to me and never let go of the familiar feeling, while adding my own elements and characters as a writer. I'm currently writing a Jily story and its been really fun to take my own approach to their dynamic.</p> <p>I can't wait to meet so many great people in this fandom and read more great fanfiction ! xoxo</p>
45	<p>Legion in a box: Hi all, most people online refer to me as 'Legion' but I prefer Lia. I found this site from a link on reddit.</p> <p>I've been sorted into Ravenclaw by Pottermore but most of my favourite characters to read about are in Slytherin, though my absolute favourite character is probably Hermione. (But I am a Ravenclaw, truly.) I'm 28 and I live in Canada. According to Pottermore my Patronus is a ginger cat, which seems oddly accurate, as cats are my favourite animals and I'd own about 50 if I wasn't allergic. (Okay, I'd more likely own 2, but just the idea of drowning in a puddle of cats is appealing.)</p>

	<p>I've been reading Harry Potter fanfic for over 10 years, and I started writing my own this year. I hope to find other people to talk to about writing fanfic--the fic I'm working on at the moment is my most ambitious writing project to date, and it's been a rollercoaster of emotions.</p> <p>Outside of writing and cats I like kpop, and eating novel and exciting foods. On my bucket list is to eat strawberry kakigooori and an authentic chip butty in their home countries.</p>
2 46	<p>Bsk: Hey everyone!</p> <p>I can't believe I haven't posted an introduction yet. I'm bsk and am currently working on a next gen fic (JSP/OC). I originally started writing it because I didn't find enough diversity in terms of JSP/OC's and am so appreciative of every response and reaction it's gotten.</p> <p>HPFF has been such a huge part of my life especially in high school when I was suffering from the biggest HP hangover if that makes sense haha. I was super sad the books ended and was thrilled to find that people were keeping the stories and adventures of most of my favorite characters still going in the form of this site. I'm so happy the site is up and running and really appreciate the hard work you guys have been putting in to maintain it!</p> <p>I can't wait to read what everyone's working on because even though I have soooo much studying and work to catch up on, I still find myself being sucked into the wonderful vortex that is HPFF! But yeah I love reading and leaving reviews so don't hesitate to let me know what you're working on</p>
47	<p>Majamariamaja: I cannot believe this site is back. I've been writing stories on here since 2008, but took a break for a year or so and my heart broke when I visited the site again only to find it had disappeared.... All my stories were gone. Poof. Years and years of creative energy and hard work had vanished forever. Or so I thought! By pure chance I found my old ipad yesterday which has been turned off for a long time, and the tab for hpff was still on my internet browser. I clicked it and there it was again. But the chances of my stories still being here was slim to none but I still searched and lo and behold THEY'RE STILL HERE!!!! I have to admit that I ugly-cried for about ten minutes straight xD</p> <p>To sum it up, thank you thank you thank you for bringing this site back to life.</p> <p>Oh and btw my name is Maria, I'm norwegian, a mom, 27 years old, hopeless romantic, and beyond excited to come back here. Give my fanfics a read if you want, I'd love some new feedback!! (I'm especially proud of Otherwise Engaged, and its sequel Expecting Otherwise)</p>
48	<p>DobbyMinerva: New author here! I'm a grad student who has never written fanfiction before coming to this site. I was an avid lurker on the original HPFF site many moons ago and only very recently decided to get back into it as a writer. I suppose I'm here because I owe the HP universe a debt of gratitude for always being there when I'm dealing with difficult things and need a creative escape. As someone who's only written nonfiction in the past, I'm also hoping to become better (or at least more confident!) at writing fiction in general.</p> <p>My ongoing story is Casa Oscura. It started out as a one-shot, then became a short story, and now I'm churning it out as a novel-length thing mostly for the heck of it It's sort of an organizational nightmare narrative-wise, but I'm having fun writing it. (P.S.: I would appreciate any reviews, even critical ones!)</p> <p>Lastly, kudos to the site administrators. Personally I think the user-friendliness and organization of this site is unparalleled to any other fanfiction site I've encountered.</p>
49	<p>TommyPotterhead: Hi! I'm Tommy. I've been a Harry Potter fan since about 2001 when I saw the first film with my children. Since then we've all read and reread the books and seen all the films countless times. I started writing fan fiction close to 10 years ago. I started doing it just to have something to do honestly. As time went by and my writing got better, I shared some of my stories with some friends that were Harry Potter fans and they enjoyed them too. I stumbled onto this website looking for fan fiction to read in hopes to spark an idea or two for my next writing project. Once I started my new writing project, Snapshots From Life, I started posting it here. I</p>

	like reading other people's stories and seeing their take on some of our favorite characters. This website is really great and a wonderful resource!
50	<p>Mr McGrath: Hey im Zac! I've been read Harry potter fanfics for awhile now but only started trying to write my own recently. I live in Waterford,Ireland its not much but hey!its home. There are many fandoms i want to write about; Harry Potter,spiderman and SAO to name a few. Im a huge fan of sports mainly footbal/soccer with hopes to go professional</p> <p>Im also a animal lover with two dogs max(who has three legs) and bella. I decided to make an account here because the sense of community and all the support for new authors. Not sure what else to sat sooo BYE!</p>
51	<p>Haley Riddle: Hi guys! I'm Haley and I'm From Florida. I looooooove Harry Potter with all my Heart. Most of my friends go to me for big break downs of Lord Voldemort. Not sure if it's a good thing that every test I've taken I've gotten his character. I love writing and I'm working on a story at the moment. My house is Slytherin, I'm a pureblood, and I'm in the Riddle family. Ewww (i know) lol. My Patronus Is a red squirrel. My <i>Absolute</i> favorite character is Voldemort or Scabior (if you guys know him). Anyway. I grew so fond of Harry Potter when I first read one of the books and before that, I swore I didn't like it. Now it's like literally my life. Also Go death Eaters!</p>
3 52	<p>Tsubasa Kurono: Ayy humans,</p> <p>Pretty late with the introduction shenanigans, but here I go.</p> <p>Name's Tsubasa, but most people online call me Tsu or Kuro. I've been sorted a few times on Pottermore and I'm proud to say that I'm a Slytherclaw. Currently living somewhere in Asia, where English is not my native language. I have been a Harry Potter fan since 1999 after coming across the first book in my school library, but I didn't start writing fanfics for this fandom until I was in high school. Before that, I mostly wrote original stories that wasn't English. I also love poetry; sadly this site doesn't allow poems, but it's cool.</p> <p>HPFF was shut down shortly after I had joined the site, so I'm afraid I don't know anyone here, or have any close ties or relationships with the veterans on this site. But hey, now that the site is back with a new look, I can start things fresh again, why not?</p> <p>Although I have plans to write my own JSP fanfic series to curb my huge disappointment and despair at the unsatisfactory works called <i>Cursed Child</i> and the <i>James Potter</i> fanon, right now I'm polishing my writing with short stories. Some of the entries I have posted in my collections were Judges' Picks or winning works from contests on other sites.</p> <p>Other than writing, I'm a fresh graduate in graphic and games design, and I make my own book covers as a pastime. I'm currently working on a few original books that I hope I can self-publish them one day.</p> <p>Ta-ta!</p>
53	<p>ScorpiusRose17: i I'm Jenn! I'm from Michigan (the state that looks like a mitten)! Over the past 8 months I have overwhelmingly lost myself and lost touch with what makes me, me. I was in the process of going back to school when my life took a turn personally and since then I have been fighting and struggling to finding the person I was and know that I am after it all. So finding out that the forums are back up has really given me hope that I can find the part of me that loved the Potter World and writing.</p> <p>I have been around for awhile and writing on HPFF since when they shut down. I'm a Slytherin or a Slytherpuff depending on the day. I write mostly Scorpius/Rose as the screen name suggests. I am so thankful for the forums to be back up and running. I look forward to getting to know you and hopefully conquer my writer's block. Any helpful tips would be greatly appreciated.</p>

	<p>Also, I am obsessed with Sloths and Anime. My favorite Anime: Bleach, One Punch Man, The Devil is a Part Timer.</p>
54	<p>Kamiccola: Hello all. I'm a fanfiction writer and I'm looking for new places to publish my work and I basically want to know if this is the right place. Is there a reader demand for crossovers in this community?</p> <p>My epic story is a multifandom mix, it takes place in HP world. Book 1 is set during Chamber of Secrets timeline. Book 2 will be in Prisoner of Azkaban. Book 3 will be in the future and at Ilvermorny.</p> <p>I see that there is a crossover genre and I tried to check it out to see what's here already but it's difficult to filter and search stories by fandom which makes it clear that this site wasn't designed to host crossovers.</p> <p>But in any case, are crossovers popular here or are HPFF readers more interested in pure HP stories?</p>
55	<p>Squix: Hey, I'm a French writer. I recently finished my own book taking place in the HP universe, but, and that's the trick, in France. So I can't say that's traditional fanfiction, because setting, characters, plot, everything is different from HP. I wrote it in French and I'm wondering if there are some French readers on this website, because I will post it in French. I plan to translate it in English though, but it will take time.</p> <p>Aside from that, I love everything related to creativity and art. I like to use different medium to tell stories. I'm also a huge fan of HP obviously ! (oh, and a Ravenclaw)</p> <p>I'm happy to meet you all !</p>
56	<p>Inkflow: Just realised I've been posting but haven't introduced myself oops.</p> <p>So I'm InkFlow aka Ali. I'm from England. I was on this site way back under a different penname but I'm reinventing myself and my writing style so there's that. I was honestly so upset when the original site went down and I didn't even realise it came back. I've still been writing fanfic in it's absence, though I haven't actually worked up the nerve to post anything anywhere. I have to admit I strayed to some different fandoms (mostly TV shows) but I've recently reignited my passion for hpff which is convenient, right?</p> <p>So hopefully I'm not gonna jinx this but I think I'm gonna stick around for a while longer. And I hope you guys don't think my writing sucks cause it's precious to me.</p>
57	<p>Houseofmalfoy: Hi, everyone! My name's Tessa, I'm from the Netherlands and I'm 18 years old. Before I've actually only been in online fandoms on tumblr and instagram, and while I'm still active on tumblr I'm looking for more places to talk about HP, specifically more rare ships and specific interests. According to some friends, forums like this one are usually easier for finding people with the same rarepair ships and favourite characters as you, so here I am! I write fanfiction, under the name houseofmalfoy on ao3. My hp themed tumblr is also under that url, if anyone's interested. I mostly write Narcissa centric stuff, and especially like lucissa, narlily, cissamione, and sirius/narcissa for ships. I can also be woken up at night for any slytherdor femslash pairing, and most slytherdor ships in general.</p>
58	<p>Lee: Wow!! First, I have to thank the staff for running a pro site! I am mostly computer illiterate but this place is tight! Ok next um hi. I'm Lee and I had never heard of fanfiction until about a month ago when my son was explaining to me what he was reading. Once he had, I was hearkened to this HP story that I had written in 2016-2017. Funny thing. I felt like it was illegal and took a long time to even write it. I spent the meantime trying to imagine sending it somehow to JK, but I figure that's futile. After looking the place over and copy/pasting my old story, I am deciding that I may have</p>

	to rewrite. I had intentionally avoided flourishing, but if it really is as it appears, my little story could become a full novel with a lot of work! (you have plenty time for that, it took forever to write a handful of pages as it is.) Which leads into the rest of my introduction. I am a blissfully wed man with a wife of 17 years, 2 step children followed by 2 children, 7 pets and a father-in-law. I am a self-employed construction worker with a son in college and another about to get his driver's license. So I don't really have a lot of time but I will try to read all your stories!
59	Solmussa: Hello! My real name is Cata and I'm 28 years old. I am originally from Spain. I used to write and read FF ages ago (2008-2010) in the old site, and have come back recently after re-reading all 7 books. It makes me happy to see some of my favourite are still available and have re-read the two I used to love most (one Sirius/OC and one Dramione). I mostly love marauders' stories, I am absolutely fascinated by their antics at school and I am totally in love with Sirius Black but also enjoy good Dramione fics. I am loving the new site and looking forward to reading new fics and publishing my new one
60	Clas Myrddin: Hello, I'm Clas Myrddin (muggle name is Robert). I recently turned 30 but I'm still waiting for my owl, I know it's still coming, it probably just got lost. In the meantime, I placate my self with fanfiction. I've been reading for about 8 years now, mostly on FF.net but I've been branching out recently (that's how I found this place). I'm definitely a Dramione fan or just Hermione turning dark in general, I love a little good witch gone bad. I look forward to a new world of fanfiction with all of you.
61	Lunar Cycle: Hello. I am Lunar Cycle, and I a fanfiction author and reader. I have an AO3 account, which is where most of my stories are located. I specialize in writing fics about my favorite characters (mainly Lupin, but Barty and Wormtail as well.)
62	Weepingbird: Hello! My name is Ann. I used to lurk on this site, way back in the day, but never found the courage to post anything! Recently, after realizing how dreadfully I missed writing, I decided to return to my first love, and participate as a writer this time too.
63	RonsGirlFriday: So, um, hi, my name is Melanie, and I'm full of feelings to be typing on an HPFF forum once again. I was a member here forever and a day ago, having joined around 2009. The last time I posted anything was probably 2012 or so. I always said I'd come back and never did, just putting it off, being overwhelmed IRL, and losing motivation until last year (I think) I received an email about the site being shut down (right? I didn't hallucinate that?). Last month my sister randomly texted me and asked when I was going to finish one of her favorite WIP's. She said she would drop in on HPFF once in awhile to see if I'd ever come back. I told her the site was shut down, she sent me the link to my page and I just could have died, I was so shocked to see all my stories still there! I think that was the nudge I needed. This month I'm doing NaNoWriMo, working on an original fic, and I've hit a wall with it and my mind keeps wandering back to here, where I have WIP's that are near and dear to my heart that I've never finished. I'm eager to get acquainted with these new forums and meet some new friends (maybe even find some old ones?) I love writing Ron (see: username), but possibly even more than that, I love writing Percy, a rich character who doesn't get nearly enough attention. Two of my beloved WIP's are about Percy, and I'm currently working on updates. I also like writing Snape and exploring new ways to depict that whole hot mess. And once in a while I like to do a one-shot about more minor characters or non-canon pairings. Reading back over my old fics is interesting. Some I still love as much as I did nearly a decade ago, and some have serious issues and I may end up reworking some or just plain taking them down. But it's a great process of learning and growing!
64	Bookworm045: hi guys! my name is kat and I used to be a semi-active member on hpff (and the forums) in 2010-2012 and then again in 2015 and here I am again?? I'm 23 years old (even though I just almost wrote 22??) I live in Chicago and have a huge variety of artistic-lean hobbies. I discovered HPFF when I was NINE and joined after deathly hallows came out because I was curious about the next gen of kids! I actually had no idea that other fandoms also had fanfiction

	<p>for a few years after the fact, and I definitely credit the site for introducing me to a life-long love of writing, even if I would rather cut off my foot than link anyone to my old fic</p> <p>I'm a firm Slytherin, I dream of being a novelist one day, and I mostly write on ao3 these days (sorry, mods) though I've been revisiting some old favs on hpff this year, which is what prompted me to remake.</p> <p>things I like: harry potter, taylor swift, painting, kid shows, marvel movies, soapy tv shows, youtube, vine, one direction, buying books</p> <p>nice to be bac</p>
65	<p>Melusina: If anyone's still around o/ I'm Monika, and I take up a lot of issues with HP, but enjoy the world building, so I generally use it as my playground for writing fantasy. I wanted to gain a wider audience for a current fic I'm writing, and was wondering how active the site is :0 I'm stupid desperate for validation, lmao.</p> <p>Was also wondering what the general writing culture is around here? As well as how to upload an avatar on the site and/or a cover image for the story?</p>
66	<p>RDeHwyl: Hello, and thank you for allowing me to participate!</p> <p>I've been writing Fan Fiction for various Fandoms since my early teens, and Harry Potter Fan Fiction since the publication of "Philosopher's Stone". So happy to find a site that is up and working, and I hope to soon upload not only all of my past works, but new content as well... Robert is the name, De Hwyl is my Welsh <i>Nom De Plume</i>, meaning "Of Cheer". It is also the Welsh Feminine nomenclature, making it mean "One who makes the ladies laugh" -- or "One who is laughed at by ladies." So enough language lecturing -- and back to writing again -- I've revived a project that I started almost 15 years ago, and hope to see through to finalization this time; a three-novel set encompassing an Alternate Universe telling of Harry's sixth and seventh years at Hogwarts, and some time beyond. The middle book, "Harry Potter and the Philtre of Promise" has been finished and is being uploaded chapter by chapter as I correct some minor details with the information I didn't have at the time I wrote it. The first book, "Harry Potter and the Rampage of Ages", is half-finished and has been in limbo for the past eight years, but I've started on additional chapters to finish it. The third book, "Harry Potter and the Legacy of Evil" is outlined and awaiting writing time. Looking forward to reading other's works as well as getting back into the Fandom.</p>
67	<p>Theia Luna: Hi everyone,</p> <p>my name is Val or Theia Luna on HPFF. I'm 26 years old and live in sunny California. I've been reading fanfics on HPFF since I was probably 15 years old. I discovered the website I think in 2010? I'm not even positive exactly how I came across it, but I'm happy I did. Most of my teenage years were spent reading fanfics, Harry Potter, Percy Jackson, etc. I started off with Dramione fics and then moved on to Sirius/Hermione (the present by time turner and Complicated series by Jessi_Rose) to Hermione/Remus (Love in the Past by atratus Lupin)back then, if anyone remembers, these were stories that had won awards for how creative, well thought out and written they were. Give em a chance if you can! They're HPFF classics.</p> <p>At some point I started writing as well, my own Sirius/OC and I'm thinking of getting back to it soon! I just need to clear up some plot points on it. All in all, I missed this place and the sense of community it had back then.</p> <p>I'm here if anyone ever wants to talk and/or exchange good fanfics! ^_^</p>
68	<p>Pathfinder: Drew here - an 'Ameripuff'. I was active writing on this site about 5 years ago, but disappeared when the forums went dark in 2016. Glad to see it back up and running.</p> <p>I started writing after I had read the entire HP series to my daughter. Once I was done, I thought to myself, "Hey self. You can write your own novel in the HP universe. After all, how hard can it be?" Turns out it's very hard. I spent about 6 months on my story "The Fifth House" (link here) It's set in current-day America with all OC and (originally) at Ilvermorny. I created it</p>

	<p>to be very similar in spirit to "The Sorcerer's Stone" with the intent that I could read it to my kids without getting uncomfortable, but set here in the states since I cannot for the life of me write dialogue in British english. As I was finalizing it, Pottermore kept posting more and more updates about Ilvermorny which made my story more and more non-canon and I didn't know how to fix it, plus the forums at that time were in the last stages of meltdown. I ended up abandoning the effort and stepping away from writing anything for the next four years.</p> <p>So here we are now. A rejuvenating trip to Universal Studios helped me remember my love of the wizarding world, and I dug back up my old story (still here) and am in the process of updating it now. Turns out (according to me anyway) there's more than one magic school in America - Ilvermorny is just the largest of them. My story is now about Gampton Hall Academy and I already have ideas for the gang's next adventures. Besides, with the whole world in a state of Quarantine and Social Distancing, I should have plenty of time to read and write. I'm more than happy to review others' stories as well.</p>
69	<p>Author By Night: Hi! I'm Author By Night - a username I've quite outgrown, and yet it <i>is</i> my Harry Potter fandom identity, so this is the username I chose. I'm very private about who I am IRL, though unlike when I was younger and afraid of sixty year old men finding me, now I'm worried about people I know in person finding me. Talk about the tables turning! All I'll say is that I'm a woman in my thirties from the United States.</p> <p>I'm a Hufflepuff with deep shades of Ravenclaw (creative, uber nerdy) and lighter shades of Gryffindor. I've been in the fandom for half my life, essentially, which is strange to think about. I could write volumes on how significant the books have been to me.</p> <p>I'm sure I read this site back in the day, when I was a teenager and had time I read fanfic everywhere I could find it, but I was directed here most recently from PhoenixSong. I look forward to getting to know everyone and discussing the books!</p>
70	<p>La_topolina: Hi Folks!</p> <p>I'm Noelle, 38, from the midwest USA. I'm a professional musician and a homeschooling mama to four awesome kids. I rediscovered Harry Potter with my kids a couple of years ago when we were listening to the audiobooks, and while I was re-reading the series I started fanficing them in my head. From there it was a short step to actually writing them down. I'm in the middle of a Snape/OC action/adventure/romance trilogy. One of my readers described my style as "catholic noir" and I wear the badge with pride. Flannery O'Conner, Sigrid Undset, Jane Austen, and George McDonald are some of my favorite authors (besides JKR, obviously). I'm a Gryffindor with Slytherin sympathies and tendencies. Looking forward to getting to know everyone!</p>
71	<p>Lissaliv: Hello all! My name's Lissa and I've been writing for well over a decade. I started working on a Next Gen-verse about 7 years ago and have revisited it while quarantining this year. I've found my way back to HPFF as I'm preparing to publish - hoping for a Sept. 1st launch to coincide with my timeline but also definitely want to give my baby of a universe the time it deserves to grow. It's become a bit of a beast as I've revisited it a few times over the years!</p> <p>I'm partial to reading post-war fics right now - especially Oliver Wood/Katie Bell and stories of students returning to school the year after the battle of Hogwarts.</p> <p>I'm a proud, stubborn Gryffindor (with some moderate Slytherin tendencies) and very excited for all the adventures fall has in store.</p>
72	<p>Shades Potter: Hello everyone,</p> <p>I am Shades, I joined this website as an author couple of months ago (cause I can't remember). The reason I became an author by reading some great Ffs here, and they gave me motivations and inspirations. Ffs like Love conquers all by @Harmione for life and Waxing by @Pookha. I wrote my first story (still working on it) After 19 Years and then started a new one along with that one, The Unfortunate. Then I started making posters, the first one was for @Shadow the pup's Sirius makes a choice. I am working on a new project, in which I will be rewriting some</p>

<p>parts of the book and movies to make a new story out of it. That story is called Harry Potter What If... I would love help with it from all of you.</p>
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<p>I hope that I will be helpful to you all and be a part of this diverse community. I made some friends here like Hedwig Potter and LightningRose. I believe that we can all get friends and I am very glad that I took these steps, to become an FF author, to be a member of this family!</p>
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Bijlage 2: Coderen stap 1
Logboek met observaties

Pagina	Observatie
How did you discover HPFF?	
1	Deze topic wordt gestart door staff member Ashley Marie. Zij is benieuwd naar de eerste keer dat mensen gebruik maakten van het platform en met welke reden ze dit deden
	Gebruiker Ravenpaw stelt kort en op letterlijke wijze dat hij/zij op zoek was naar een plek om fanfiction te schrijven. → niet iedereen vertelt een lang verhaal
	Gebruiker Elena is een voorbeeld van een fan die aangeeft verschillende redenen te hebben voor het gebruik maken van het platform, zoals het zoeken van fanfiction over een specifiek koppel maar ook het zelf schrijven van fanfiction. Dus niet altijd één reden.
	Gebruiker Maradeer introduceert een nieuwe reden: het langer willen duren van het verhaal → dus dit proberen te bereiken door fanfiction te lezen. Dit heeft ertoe geleid dat ze zelf ook is gaan schrijven. Lezen leidt dus in sommige gevallen tot het zelf schrijven van fanfics.
	Gebruiker Blue Kat zegt iets over een shutdown, dit zeggen meerdere gebruikers. De site lijkt een tijdje uit de lucht geweest te zijn maar terug opgestart met alle oude fanfictions. Verder vertelt Blue Kat dat ze bibliothecaresse is → gelieerd aan lezen. Ze stelt ook dat in zware tijden in haar jeugd, fanfiction diende als ontsnapping aan de werkelijkheid (nieuwe reden).
	Gebruiker Bri_5_stars noemt ook de reden die Blue Kat noemt: toen zij problemen had met haar vriendinnen was het schrijven van fanfiction een uitlaatklap voor haar. → opvallend: nagenoeg alle gebruikers reageren op de oorspronkelijke eerste comment. Ze gaan vaak niet in gesprek met elkaar
	Llysh benadrukt wat de website voor haar betekent door te stellen “It was home outside of my real life home”. Dit wordt door meerdere gebruikers gesteld → hieraan af te leiden dat HPFF grote impact heeft op het leven van sommige gebruikers
	Gebruiker Gilwen noemt een nieuwe reden, zij praat over de vele vrienden die zij gemaakt heeft op de website.
2	Snitchsista stelt dat zij veel heeft geleerd van het schrijven van fanfiction en het doorbrengen van tijd op de website → kan duiden op zelfontwikkeling mede geresulteerd uit het gebruik van HPFF.
	MagicMuggle spreekt ook over het verdwijnen van de website → maakte haar verdrietig, alle fanfictions waren verdwenen. Ze zegt ook: “Many thanks for taking over and keeping the HP legend alive.” Dit zou erop kunnen wijzen dat bij het heropstarten van de website, dit gedaan is door nieuwe staffmembers (Gecontroleerd: klopt)
	Opvallend: gebruiker Kamiccola geeft opbouwende kritiek voor de layout van de website, mogelijk gericht op de beheerders. Dit wordt niet door veel mensen gedaan, de andere reacties zijn allen overwegend positief. Verder gebruikt Kamiccola HPFF om te kunnen lezen en schrijven.
3	Gebruiker Messenger of Love heeft een lange reactie geschreven waarin zij schrijft over in welke mate zij persoonlijk is gegroeid door het schrijven van fanfiction op HPFF. Ze stelt zelfs dat zij de website te danken heeft voor het behalen van de beste scores in de klas en het krijgen van een beurs voor haar Engelse examens.
	Ginny Lovegood gebruikt haar reactie om fanfiction van vriendinnen te promoten → doen meerdere gebruikers met hun eigen werk.
	PH71 maakt de vergelijking met een andere website, dit noemt hij/zij “The FF site”. Volgens hem/haar is HPFF meer een community dan die andere website. Hij/zij geeft verder aan dat hij/zij gebruikmaakt van de website om fanfiction op te kunnen posten.

	Mandrake Scamander schrijft kort dat de reden dat hij/zij gebruik maakt van het platform zijn de forums.
What does HPFF actually mean to you?	
	Gebruiker Pomona Nymphadora Scamander: opent de topic met de vraag wat HPFF betekent voor de andere gebruikers waarna zij stelt dat HPFF voor haar fungeert als een soort 'vriend', wanneer zij alleen is.
	Ravenpaw schrijft dat de vriendschappen die zij heeft gemaakt op de website erg belangrijk voor haar zijn.
What reason do you have for participating on this site?	
	Deze topic is geopend door gebruiker Harrypeve2 met de vraag waarom gebruikers gebruikmaken van het platform HPFF.
	Opvallend is dat verschillende gebruikers onder deze comment reageren dat ze ook gebruikmaken van HPFF zodat ze kunnen ontwerpen. Gebruikers kunnen op de website bij hun fanfiction een tekening ontwerpen.
Introductions	
1	Deze topic is tevens gestart door beheerder Ashley Marie, ze zegt "We'd love to know more about you." → we slaat waarschijnlijk op de beheerders van de website.
	Opvallend: Hoewel alle topics een ander doel en beginvraag hebben, worden er toch vergelijkbare reacties onder geplaatst.
	YaYaGoddess deelt een persoonlijk verhaal gerelateerd aan het schrijven van fanfiction als doel van het gebruik van HPFF. → geeft aan dat mensen niet bang zijn om persoonlijke informatie te delen, kan wijzen op comfort, misschien door anonimiteit ook?
	Nina1299 schrijft dat zij als 12 jaar auteur is en al lang fan is van Harry Potter.
	Gebruiker Darsynia geeft aan dat zij ook fanfiction schrijft. → Opvallend is dat gebruikers onder dit topic langere reacties schrijven waarin ze zowel vertellen over hun gebruik van HPFF als andere persoonlijke informatie.
	Dit geldt ook voor gebruiker Maraudeer. Hij/zij geeft als voornaamste redenen voor het gebruik van HPFF het kunnen verlengen van het verhaal en het kunnen schrijv3n van fanfiction.
2	BSK geeft ook aan dat het kunnen lezen voor fanfiction voor haar dient als een verlenging van het verhaal van Harry Potter en ze stelt dat ze verdrietig was destijds toen de boeken en films eindigde. → dit lijkt een belangrijke reden voor veel fans. Ze becomplimenteert tevens de beheerders op de site.
	De reacties op de rest van deze pagina komen vrij overeen. Ze bestaan uit een uitgebreide introductie van een gebruiker en de motivatie van deze persoon om fanfiction te lezen of schrijven.
3	Gebruiker Tsubasa Kurono haalt ook het kunnen ontwerpen van book covers aan als passie, net zoals eerdere gebruikers. Deze fan geeft bovendien aan dat zij al gebruik maakte van de site voordat deze afgesloten werd. → er zijn zowel veel nieuwe fans als fans die al op de site te vinden waren voorafgaand aan de overname
	Gebruiker Houseofmalfoy legt uit dat zij specifiek op zoek was naar een website waar zij met anderen kon praten over Harry Potter en over bepaalde ships. → haar reden was dus echt uitsluitend gebaseerd op het vinden van vrienden in eerste instantie.
	Rongirlfriday -> actieve gebruiker, plaatst veel reacties. Haar reactie onder dit topic is erg uitgebreid. Ze schrijft voornamelijk over haar relatie met fanfiction en waarom zij schrijft.
	Gebruiker Melusina schrijft over haar eigen werk en lijkt bevestiging te zoeken van anderen door de te stellen "I'm stupid desperate for validation, lmao."Ze stelt bovendien een aantal vragen over de inhoud van de site en hoe deze te gebruiken.

Bijlage 3: Coderen stap 2
Belangrijke thema's

1. Lezen van Fanfiction,
2. Schrijven van fanfiction
3. Personalisatie van Mediacontent,
4. Verlenging van de duur van het verhaal
5. Ontsnappen aan de Werkelijkheid
6. Vinden van gelijkgestemden
7. Ontwerpen
8. Zelfontwikkeling

Bijlage 4: Coderen stap 3
Toepassen thema's op opmerkingen

NR.	Opmerking – how did you discover HPFF
1	RavenPaw: So, I wanted to write a fanfic, and I was looking for some sites. Then, I stumbled across this! It was a week ago.
2	<p>Elena: It was in 2006 and I had just finished reading Half-Blood Prince. I was so angry that Hermione and Ron were not together yet and I needed some kind of a fix. I searched fanfiction and came upon HPFF. I started reading Ronmione fics, but then was intrigued by all the Dramione stories. This ship had NEVER crossed my mind. I read a few and my first thought was "Ewww, no way!" But then as I kept reading, I fell in LOVE with these characters.</p> <p>After a while, I wanted to try my hand at writing, to see what I could do with these characters and write a story that I'd love to read. A New Life for Hermione (M) was born. I never got to write it's sequel, but this story is the one I favour the most. From there, I also fell in love with Draco/Ginny, Ron/Pansy, Snape/Lily, Sirius/Lily and many other pairings.</p> <p>I keep coming back to Fan Fiction because HP dominates my world. My other obsessions are books, music, and TV shows (Gilmore Girls, Buffy). I also do HP related crafting (knitting and crochet) as well as other fandom crafting.</p>
3	JMilz: I actually didn't know this existed before the shutdown. I hadn't written fanfiction in over 10 years, but I did remember not liking FFN that much. (I tend to cross-post but FFN just feels a bit overwhelming sometimes.) I went looking for a smaller fanfiction community and stumbled upon this one!
4	Maraudeer: I discovered the site around two years ago, having never even read fanfiction before. I've loved Harry Potter since I was a kid, and originally was looking to read next-gen because I was looking for something that felt like a continuation of the series. Since, then, however, I've read lots of different eras and types of stories and I felt very inspired to write my own! I kind of took a break after the site shut down and didn't realize it was back up until I went searching for Harry Potter fanfiction again last fall. It's started to mean even more to me since finding the site again because I found all my favorite stories that I didn't think I would get to read again!
5	Blue Kat: I've been reading/writing fanfic on and off for 15+ years. I think I must have stumbled upon HPFF at some point during that time because stuff like the Dobbys was familiar to me, but I don't actually recall using the site until last year. The sequence of events is a little fuzzy, but I think I found it a few weeks before the shutdown, tried to find it again after the shutdown, somehow found out about fanficrecs where I then saw the notice about the new ownership. I'm a librarian and one of my favorite things is reader's advisory, so I was glad to see something like

	that happening for fanfic through fanficrecs because it's something I have some professional interest in. After reading through the site and some of the info about new goals for HPFF, I was really impressed by the mission articulated by Gwen and Ronnie. I spent a lot of my teenage years and early twenties grappling with several chronic illnesses and fanfic was my lifeline through a lot of that journey. Seeing a similar experience not only described by someone else, but serving as the impetus for developing fanficrecs and then taking on the challenge of reviving HPFF made me think that this was a community that I wanted to be involved in.
6	Tommy Potterhead: I stumbled on HPFF just a few short months ago while I was searching for new fan fics to read and a place to show my own. Since I only really read and write just HP HPFF was the perfect place!
7	Bri_5_Stars: Long ago in 2010ish, I stumbled my way from the juvenile fanfics of Quizilla and found the original haven of HPFF. Perfect! It was just the place for my introverted self to post my first fanfic a very bad Draco/OC from America story. I'd just graduated high school and had a falling out with all but one of my friends and so I kind of dived right into writing my own fanfics and slowly started posting them, and some actually gained a bit of traction. Then I discovered the forums and boy did my world change! The community was really something else and I hated to pull myself away, full of nerdy, supportive and creative people. I loved the challenges and April Fools pranks and the NaNoWriMo hangouts that really helped me actually finish twice. I love this place and I'm so happy that its back.
8	Llysh: Back in 2010, I accidentally came across the general existence of fanfiction just because I googled Harry Potter which fanfiction came along with it. I was mind-blown reading stories by fellow HP lovers on another writing site. I had looked to see if there were more similar sites that had HP fanfiction, and HPFF was among them - and it was solely for Harry Potter - a big plus! I had signed up right away. From then, I had went from a member lurking in the shadows to a participating member, a prefect, then a staffer. It was home outside of my real life home. It was the one place I'd turn to when I needed to escape life. I didn't imagine ever seeing this site up and running again. It's beautiful to me seeing HPFF in its novelty and thriving once more!
9	Scorpiusrose17: I stumbled onto HPFF awhile back... I can't even remember the year that's how long it's been. I was brought to the community because I wanted to read more Harry Potter stories because the others had ended. The first Fanfic I posted was a Wedding Story about Scorpius and Rose. It was slightly popular, but that started my love of the ship. I don't really recall the first review I had gotten, but I believe it was positive. Either way I was excited that anyone would leave me a review at that point let alone read the story too! I have been back to HPFF on and off over the years because I truly enjoy the stories, leaving reviews and writing. I would love to get back into writing again as a way to help me deal with personal issues I have been struggling with.
10	Gilwen: Hi, I'm Gilwen aka Gee. I discovered HPFF in 2007 as iellwen, avid Potterhead looking for more stories. I first read, discovered Dramione and wrote my first fanfic entitled "Closer in Winter". It. Was. Terrible. But a lot of fun to write. Draco was plagued with a schizophrenia-like Dark Soul, Hermione was the only one that saw through his terrible behaviour and saw the pain and fear he was trying to hide, they were both Heads and shared a Dorm, so obviously they got closer (in winter) to each other and no one understood their love but it didn't matter because they had each other. Etc. Not canon at all and cliché, even back then, but as I said, fun to write. I changed my pen name in 2014 or 2015 and reposted a few things as GailWelin (an anagram), had fun participating in challenges of all kinds, kept writing Dramione ships and discovered my love for the (albeit) horrid McGonagall-Snape pairing (coined Snagall by a fellow HPFFer at the time) in a sci-fi AU short-story. I think the first review I ever posted was something along the lines of "OMG this was soooo good pls keep writing OMG!"? HPFF was my second home, a safe place filled with like-minded people and I made a lot of friends here, played Quidditch, loved my Prefect badge, felt good. I'm back because I swore I would come back to the forums if they opened again. It took me a little while (because, life.) but honestly, it's good to be home. I've been out of the HP fanfiction world since the forums closed, so I have a lot of catching up to do

11(2)	<p>Slyhterinchicaa08: I stumbled across fanfiction back in 2001 and I think pretty soon after I originally found fanfiction I found HPFF. Although I was not an official member until about 2008. I spent a lot of time on HPFF back in the day active first as a Slytherin and then switched to the house I still belong to, Hufflepuff. I was a prefect and later a staff member on HPFF and loved every minute of it. HPFF was seriously my second home. I had so many amazing friends here and spent the majority of my free time on the site.</p>
12	<p>Snitchsista: I have been a member of HPFF since 2006, and was named 'Best Podcaster' in 2008 - where I would record and read out other people's stories.</p> <p>Writing is my life, and I have learned so much just by being on here.</p> <p>Since 2006, I have written and posted over fifty stories, and now - between writing an original children's book - I am returning once more to write a sequel to a story I penned about ten years ago.</p> <p>When I heard that this place might be taken down, I cried.</p> <p>That's how much it means to me.</p>
13	<p>Lady Plantagenet: I think I first joined in 2007, after a friend had told me about it. After I read a few stories, I decided that I should give it a go, and for a long time I wrote a lot of very very long novels. Good to be back!</p>
14	<p>Adzrt041: I discovered this website in 2011 when I was grown up enough to read the books myself and finish them. left a hole in my heart so I just cruised around the world wide web and found this website. It introduced me to Dramione, a brilliant ship. Every fiction that I read and fell in love with, gave me this feeling in my heart of another end yet there was so much I had to discover</p>
15	<p>Magicismggle01: I'm not sure when I found the original HPFF site, I think it was sometime after reading the third book (by this time I wanted something to read between J Ks books). Anyway I found HPFF and was overjoyed at the amount of stories, so I started reading.</p> <p>I was had been absent form the site for a rather long period of time and when I came back I was so sad to see that it had been taken down. I was left with so many questions that I would never get answers to and almost gave up hope of it ever returning, and wondered about all those wonderful stories (as well as my own) that I'd never be able to read and continue writing.</p> <p>One day something inside me told me to check the site URL again, and when I saw that HPFF was to be revived once again I was so overjoyed. Then I found out that all my stories had survived and I was thrilled.</p> <p>I'll have to edit my Christmas Capers story so that the old owners don't appear in it anymore.</p> <p>Many thanks for taking over and keeping the HP legend alive.</p>
16	<p>Kamiccola: I don't remember what exactly I was looking for - I may have seen HPFF mentioned in an article about best places for fanfiction.</p> <p>Btw, I think you should update the front page - the low quality graphics don't make a good first impression.</p> <p>Why I brought my stories here: I'm testing the waters to see where my audience is.</p> <p>It's not easy to break in when you don't write about the popular tropes or genres. For a fandom based on middle-grade books, there sure is a lot of mature content supply and demand.</p> <p>Since my works never hit those warning tick boxes, they're not as popular but I wouldn't want it any other way. You write what you love.</p> <p>I figured a one-fandom-focused site would be a little different from all the others and it was</p>

	<p>worth a try.</p> <p>I'm looking forward to reading your stories.</p> <p>I like the forum. It feels exciting to be a part of such young community. Fewer members means that threads move slowly but at least we get to know each other.</p>
17	<p>AlbusdumbledoreHPFF: I heard many students discussing this Harry Potter Fanfiction Forum, so I decided to come pay it a visit myself. I look forward to seeing your take on Hogwarts.</p>
18	<p>Messenger of love: It's so weird for me. I discovered HPFF by chance when I was 12, I don't quite remember how I did or what I was looking for. I read one fic and instantly decided that this was the coolest thing ever. Within half an hour, I had written and posted my own first fic and I was hooked. I wrote more and more, read more and more, and though I didn't realise at the time that chance discovery would end up changing so much for me. Because I was writing so much, even though 95% of it was never posted anywhere, I could see that my own skill with words would increase with every word I wrote, especially in the formative years of my early teens, and each time I wrote I would learn more about myself, really - how I saw the world, how I saw the people around me, how I saw myself. By the time I was in my final year I was top of my year in English and got a scholarship for my English exam, which I attribute almost entirely to how much time I would spend writing and editing and backspacing and writing again. Now I'm studying to be an English major all because fanfiction made me realise how much I love this sort of stuff and how much I want it to be a part of my life going forward. It's just weird for me to wonder if, as a 12-year-old, I hadn't discovered the world of writing, exploring my mind and growing as a person through self-expression, how different I would be now, 8 years later and in a completely new phase of my life. Long story short I really appreciate HPFF lol</p>
19	<p>Rose Pond: I stumbled across HPFF a few months ago after looking for a new place to share my first Dramione fic (Far From Over (15+ - M), link in signature). I've been working on this story for a long time, with a co-writer when she has time to write, and would love some reviews if anyone has time to check it out. I'd been out of the fanfic game for a while, having written some Doctor Who stuff a while back over on FF.Net and FFO was born out of an rpg challenge on HEXRPG that was never really an rpg, as I simply just have to write more deeply; thankfully my writing partner was totally down with making it into a full fic. Lol. I've found a few great stories on this site, though I don't have a lot of time to read for fun with work and my own story, but I occasionally check out the 'read' link at the top of the site and skim the reviews on other fics to see what others think are excellent stories that I should later check out. I was surprised to find out this site has been around for over 10 years! I'm glad it's still up and running and I'm looking forward to checking it out more fully.</p>
20	<p>RonsGirlFriday: I found HPFF about a year after DH was published, when I experienced the crazy feelings of loss so many fans did, with no more books to look forward to. I didn't want the story to end and there were so many untold stories within that universe I wanted to explore. I googled, found HPFF, and fell in love. I've been a bookworm my whole life, studied English lit in college, and since the series ended I've obtained a law degree and practiced law for a decade, and to this day HP remains one of the most engaging, profound stories I've ever read, with characters that burrow into your heart and stay there forever.</p> <p>HP fans in general are a great community because together we keep the story alive and thriving.</p>
21	<p>RDeHwyl: Discovering HPFF was a happy accident, tied to the soft shutdown of phoenixsong.net due to code becoming outdated. When it became no longer possible to upload new material, I saved what I could from the site and went looking for a new place to post. A Google search for "Harry Potter Fan Fiction" brought this site to my attention, I perused as a guest and enjoyed what I saw, and joined -- so here I am, learning the ins and outs of posting and trying figure out why some things don't seem to work for me. I'm sure I'll get the hang of things eventually, and look forward to a long and happy relationship with the site!</p>
22	<p>Cstringey: I discovered HPFF actually through a class at my University. I used to read a lot of FF when I was younger, but haven't in the past few years and need to review a few sites for my Education class. Harry Potter is one of the biggest loves of my life so it was pretty easy for me</p>

	when choosing a FF site to choose this one. I really like how organized everything is and find the overall site great and reliable!
23	LilyEPotter: I found HPFF in 2004 while looking for something to read while waiting for the HBP to release.
24	Ginny Lovegood: I found HPFF from my best friend. She was also obsessed with Harry Potter and was looking for a good place to read fanfictions. When she told me about this site, I jumped into action and posted my first fanfiction that now has over 1000 views. I'm a newbie, I came here on my brother's first birthday in 2019, in December. I inspired my two other Harry Potter BFFs to start writing and posting fanfictions. They are Lilly Malfoy and HermioneSmith if you want to check them out.
25	PH71: Pretty sure it was through somewhere online recommending a reading of Moonlight about 10 years ago. I hadn't used this site in a long time but when I started writing my FF I thought it was another place to share my work other than on regular FF site. I think this place feels more like a community than the FF site. I try not to get too caught up in views/reviews, but I don't think it's a coincidence I've had about 3 times less views of my story on here than FF but just as many, if not more reviews/positive comments. Some of my nicest/most motivating reviews have come on this site.
26	Mandrake Scamander: I was looking for Harry Potter forums and found this site.
27	Charlie Lupin: I have found this 3 years ago when I fell in love with a series. I was too scared to make an account but now I did. I am currently working on my FF and you can find it under, FF help or whatever the forum was. I love showing my writing skills that I have learned over my years of things and I'm glad I have this account now!
28	Longliveh3dwig: I did a Harry Potter writing camp (There's a story I'm writing that was the story from the camp called Sunset dawn and in between) and she talked about a good website (this one) my teacher recommended. I sounded like Yoda I did
4 29	Penelope Gryffin_Pygmy Puff: I was looking for Drarry fanfics as I was obsessed with that ship at the time. =w= And then Bam! I came across an amazing, incredible Harry Potter FanFiction website. AKA this one. ;3
30	Pomona Nymphadora Scamander: One or two years ago, I was reading Max and Harvey fics on Wattpad but in the end it said I needed an account and for some reason it kept saying my password was wrong so I gave up. Later on, I was bored during lockdown and found a good harry potter fanfic so I googled harry potter fanfiction and found this website. Or something like that.
31	Bookpanda12: I just searched dramione and Harry Potter Fan fiction websites.
	What does HPFF actually mean to you?
32	Pomona Nymphadora Scamander: What does HPFF mean to you? Personally, it's sort of like a friend for me, if that makes sense, because I usually sit alone at lunch in school so I can have a think about life and HPFF tends to pop up. I've just been trying to persuade my friend to join this website so I have someone to talk about fanfics with. Lol. So yeah, why did you join and what does the website mean to you?
33	RavenPaw: I love it so much, I'm usually a loner, this makes me make friends with fellow HP fans! And I love to write!
34	Dew_drops: I actually started recently, I was bored and just wanted to try out writing. I had already read quite a lot. But now I really can't stand a day without writing or reading at least one chapter! It's my past, my present, and my future!

	(Stops my Harry Potter puns) I'm really shy though, so no one really knows I do this.
	What reason do you have for participating on this site?
35	Bookpanda12: Both, I just wanted more HP, I wanted to design and I LOVE reading. I also love meeting new people and chatting.
36	Personwithaname: My friend told my about this website and one of the books she wrote and now I'm reading and in the middle of writing 2 books
	Introductions
37	<p>SarahDiggory: Hi everyone!</p> <p>My name is Sarah, am 33, but suffering from a severe Peter Pan syndrome so want to stay young forever I am a very, very proud Hufflepuff. My house is covered in Hufflepuff items and I own more yellow clothes than I ever thought I'd own hahahaha</p> <p>I live in Amsterdam, the Netherlands but also lived in London for a while when I was studying (I went to dramaschool).</p> <p>Used to write a LOT of fanfics, never about HP though, did always like to read them. Dream is to one day actually write a book.</p> <p>I have a bookstagram account that I share with my sister and one we are quite proud of (@bookmermaids).</p> <p>I've seen The Cursed Child in London twice and last Christmas I went to New York to see it there. I've been to the HP studios in London 5x now... dream is to go to Orlando and see HP world (and go to Disneyworld. As I am a MASSIVE Disney nerd and go to Disneyland Paris every year).</p> <p>I have 2 cats, they are brothers, they are 8 months old, I got them when they were very tiny and sick (they were found outside in a box). Their names are Romeo & Mercutio and I love them more than anything.</p>
38	KJCartmell; Hello there! I'm a writer from California. I write about a boy named Liam Wren, a Hufflepuff who is post-Harry Potter but pre-Next Generation. I haven't posted on this site since before the transition of management, but I watch my reads here and I'm planning to come back.
39	<p>YaYaGoddess: Hello. My real name is Dawn and I live in the Cleveland, Ohio area, USA, where I am a librarian at a public library.</p> <p>I first came to this site over ten years ago. I started writing HP fan fiction when a bunch of young teenagers who used to hang out at my library challenged me to write stuff they could read that would continue the Harry Potter story. So I did.</p> <p>Then, things happened. One of my favorite "library kids" died of sickle cell. Just weeks later, another four were killed in a horrible car accident. I grieve them to this day, so many years later. The world was stripped of those beautiful young lives and the great futures they had before them. But a couple months ago, one young man, now nearing 30, came in and asked me to finish the story I was working on when I stopped.</p> <p>So, that's what I'm doing. However, I have discovered that I now do not like the current story, The Truth Will Out, as I had begun it all those years ago, so I am completely re-working it, going back to early chapters to edit in plot developments for the story as it is now going to go off in a completely new direction.</p> <p>Dedicated to Bianca, LaTieka, Evanna, Ben, & Dez.</p>
40	Blue Kat: Hello!

	<p>I'm Blue Kat! I've been reading/writing fanfic for over half of my life, which is a crazy thing to think about. I started out mostly in the LOTR fandom, but started shifting to Harry Potter in college and now that's pretty much exclusively what I read/write as far as fanfiction goes. I'm a sucker for fics with Fred or George Weasley as the romantic lead and I really enjoy well-written OCs. I have two fics in progress here.</p> <p>In real life, I'm a librarian and I enjoy many things that you might associate with a librarian--reading, writing, knitting, cats, cardigans, answering questions, learning new things.</p> <p>I somehow managed to be completely unaware of HPFF until right around when the relaunch was announced, but I think I was researching reader's advisory for fanfiction, which led me to Fanfic Recommendations, which led me to here.</p>
41	<p>Hello!</p> <p>I'm Nina 1299</p> <p>I've been an aspiring author for about 12 years. I've written various kinds of novels, short stories, and probably about 30 fanfics. Half which I've deleted, and the rest can be found in various places such as Ao3 and FF.Net.</p> <p>I have loved the Harry Potter series since about 2003, when I picked up the first books in the library one day and eventually bought the entire set of books and movies.</p> <p>I'm also a big fan of nearly every Disney film, Star Wars, and Marvel movies. Movie nights are a big thing with my family! I'm a mom of three children.</p>
42	<p>Darsynia: Hello! I'm Darsy, and I live in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I just turned 40 this past Friday, and I've been writing fanfiction since 2003, and Harry Potter fanfiction since 2005. I found this site in 2007, and I'm lucky in that my stuff is still here somehow, with all the reviews intact! When I'm not writing I crochet and knit on commission.</p> <p>I mostly write about Hermione, Remus, and Sirius, but I have a variety of oneshots with different pairings as well. I am currently writing almost exclusively on an OC/Sirius OC/Remus story that I'm very proud of, it's going to be very long. I also have a soulmate Remus/Hermione work in progress, and another time travel Remus/Hermione I haven't started to post yet. I write very fast, and average about 20,000 words a week, but despite the speed I promise you it's good stuff.</p> <p>My Harry Potter claim to fame is that I went on hiatus in 2009 to have three little girls and came back in 2017, posting a new chapter to a popular story after 8 years. Someone tweeted about it and it went viral! I am still working on that story, slowly but surely! That one is on here from when I first posted, it's a Hermione/Sirius</p>
43	<p>JMilz Hi there! My name is Jheri and I live in Denver, CO. I'm originally from Michigan, though. I'm currently in the tech industry. I have been a professional writer for five years (I write for big tech, currently, but I've ghostwritten novels, articles, and web copy/content), but I started writing goofy short stories when I learned to put together sentences around age six or seven. I haven't written fanfiction since I was eleven, but I've recently picked it back up again at the ripe age of twenty-five.</p> <p>I have a sweet Maine Coon kitty named Athene and two chinchillas named Pandora and Loki. Sometimes you may see me re-edit a chapter ten times because Athene likes to walk across my keyboard.</p>
44	<p>Maraudeer: hello lovely friends!</p> <p>I'm maraudeer and I'm a Ravenclaw! I live in Boise, Idaho and I love reading, piano, and rock climbing. I use far too many italics and ellipses when I write because I love to be dramatic.</p> <p>I came to this site because I had just finished Harry Potter for the I don't know how many times,</p>

	<p>and it broke my heart every time I stopped living, being a part of that universe. I've grown to love how fanfiction creates new stories, new characters in a world that feels like home. Writing fanfiction allows for me to just...express everything that piece of literature has meant to me and never let go of the familiar feeling, while adding my own elements and characters as a writer. I'm currently writing a Jily story and its been really fun to take my own approach to their dynamic.</p> <p>I can't wait to meet so many great people in this fandom and read more great fanfiction ! xoxo</p>
45	<p>Legion in a box: Hi all, most people online refer to me as 'Legion' but I prefer Lia. I found this site from a link on reddit.</p> <p>I've been sorted into Ravenclaw by Pottermore but most of my favourite characters to read about are in Slytherin, though my absolute favourite character is probably Hermione. (But I am a Ravenclaw, truly.) I'm 28 and I live in Canada. According to Pottermore my Patronus is a ginger cat, which seems oddly accurate, as cats are my favourite animals and I'd own about 50 if I wasn't allergic. (Okay, I'd more likely own 2, but just the idea of drowning in a puddle of cats is appealing.)</p> <p>I've been reading Harry Potter fanfic for over 10 years, and I started writing my own this year. I hope to find other people to talk to about writing fanfic--the fic I'm working on at the moment is my most ambitious writing project to date, and it's been a rollercoaster of emotions.</p> <p>Outside of writing and cats I like kpop, and eating novel and exciting foods. On my bucket list is to eat strawberry kakigoori and an authentic chip butty in their home countries.</p>
2 46	<p>Bsk: Hey everyone!</p> <p>I can't believe I haven't posted an introduction yet. I'm bsk and am currently working on a next gen fic (JSP/OC). I originally started writing it because I didn't find enough diversity in terms of JSP/OC's and am so appreciative of every response and reaction it's gotten.</p> <p>HPFF has been such a huge part of my life especially in high school when I was suffering from the biggest HP hangover if that makes sense haha. I was super sad the books ended and was thrilled to find that people were keeping the stories and adventures of most of my favorite characters still going in the form of this site. I'm so happy the site is up and running and really appreciate the hard work you guys have been putting in to maintain it!</p> <p>I can't wait to read what everyone's working on because even though I have soooo much studying and work to catch up on, I still find myself being sucked into the wonderful vortex that is HPFF! But yeah I love reading and leaving reviews so don't hesitate to let me know what you're working on</p>
47	<p>Majamariamaja: I cannot believe this site is back. I've been writing stories on here since 2008, but took a break for a year or so and my heart broke when I visited the site again only to find it had disappeared.... All my stories were gone. Poof. Years and years of creative energy and hard work had vanished forever. Or so I thought! By pure chance I found my old ipad yesterday which has been turned off for a long time, and the tab for hpff was still on my internet browser. I clicked it and there it was again. But the chances of my stories still being here was slim to none but I still searched and lo and behold THEY'RE STILL HERE!!!! I have to admit that I ugly-cried for about ten minutes straight xD</p> <p>To sum it up, thank you thank you thank you for bringing this site back to life.</p> <p>Oh and btw my name is Maria, I'm norwegian, a mom, 27 years old, hopeless romantic, and beyond excited to come back here. Give my fanfics a read if you want, I'd love some new feedback!! (I'm especially proud of Otherwise Engaged, and its sequel Expecting Otherwise)</p>
48	<p>DobbyMinerva: New author here! I'm a grad student who has never written fanfiction before coming to this site. I was an avid lurker on the original HPFF site many moons ago and only very recently decided to get back into it as a writer. I suppose I'm here because I owe the HP</p>

	<p>universe a debt of gratitude for always being there when I'm dealing with difficult things and need a creative escape. As someone who's only written nonfiction in the past, I'm also hoping to become better (or at least more confident!) at writing fiction in general.</p> <p>My ongoing story is Casa Oscura. It started out as a one-shot, then became a short story, and now I'm churning it out as a novel-length thing mostly for the heck of it. It's sort of an organizational nightmare narrative-wise, but I'm having fun writing it. (P.S.: I would appreciate any reviews, even critical ones!)</p> <p>Lastly, kudos to the site administrators. Personally I think the user-friendliness and organization of this site is unparalleled to any other fanfiction site I've encountered.</p>
49	<p>TommyPotterhead: Hi! I'm Tommy. I've been a Harry Potter fan since about 2001 when I saw the first film with my children. Since then we've all read and reread the books and seen all the films countless times. I started writing fan fiction close to 10 years ago. I started doing it just to have something to do honestly. As time went by and my writing got better, I shared some of my stories with some friends that were Harry Potter fans and they enjoyed them too. I stumbled onto this website looking for fan fiction to read in hopes to spark an idea or two for my next writing project. Once I started my new writing project, Snapshots From Life, I started posting it here. I like reading other people's stories and seeing their take on some of our favorite characters. This website is really great and a wonderful resource!</p>
50	<p>Mr McGrath: Hey im Zac! I've been read Harry potter fanfics for awhile now but only started trying to write my own recently. I live in Waterford,Ireland its not much but hey!its home. There are many fandoms i want to write about; Harry Potter,spiderman and SAO to name a few. Im a huge fan of sports mainly footbal/soccer with hopes to go professional</p> <p>Im also a animal lover with two dogs max(who has three legs) and bella. I decided to make an account here because the sense of community and all the support for new authors. Not sure what else to sat sooo BYE!</p>
51	<p>Haley Riddle: Hi guys! I'm Haley and I'm From Florida. I looooooove Harry Potter with all my Heart. Most of my friends go to me for big break downs of Lord Voldemort. Not sure if it's a good thing that every test I've taken I've gotten his character. I love writing and I'm working on a story at the moment. My house is Slytherin, I'm a pureblood, and I'm in the Riddle family. Ewww (i know) lol. My Patronus Is a red squirrel. My <i>Absolute</i> favorite character is Voldemort or Scabior (if you guys know him). Anyway. I grew so fond of Harry Potter when I first read one of the books and before that, I swore I didn't like it. Now it's like literally my life. Also Go death Eaters!</p>
3 52	<p>Tsubasa Kurono: Ayy humans,</p> <p>Pretty late with the introduction shenanigans, but here I go.</p> <p>Name's Tsubasa, but most people online call me Tsu or Kuro. I've been sorted a few times on Pottermore and I'm proud to say that I'm a Slytherclaw. Currently living somewhere in Asia, where English is not my native language. I have been a Harry Potter fan since 1999 after coming across the first book in my school library, but I didn't start writing fanfics for this fandom until I was in high school. Before that, I mostly wrote original stories that wasn't English. I also love poetry; sadly this site doesn't allow poems, but it's cool.</p> <p>HPFF was shut down shortly after I had joined the site, so I'm afraid I don't know anyone here, or have any close ties or relationships with the veterans on this site. But hey, now that the site is back with a new look, I can start things fresh again, why not?</p> <p>Although I have plans to write my own JSP fanfic series to curb my huge disappointment and despair at the unsatisfactory works called <i>Cursed Child</i> and the <i>James Potter</i> fanon, right now I'm polishing my writing with short stories. Some of the entries I have posted in my collections were Judges' Picks or winning works from contests on other sites.</p>

	<p>Other than writing, I'm a fresh graduate in graphic and games design, and I make my own book covers as a pastime. I'm currently working on a few original books that I hope I can self-publish them one day.</p> <p>Ta-ta!</p>
53	<p>ScorpiusRose17: i I'm Jenn! I'm from Michigan (the state that looks like a mitten)! Over the past 8 months I have overwhelmingly lost myself and lost touch with what makes me, me. I was in the process of going back to school when my life took a turn personally and since then I have been fighting and struggling to finding the person I was and know that I am after it all. So finding out that the forums are back up has really given me hope that I can find the part of me that loved the Potter World and writing.</p> <p>I have been around for awhile and writing on HPFF since when they shut down. I'm a Slytherin or a Slytherpuff depending on the day. I write mostly Scorpius/Rose as the screen name suggests. I am so thankful for the forums to be back up and running. I look forward to getting to know you and hopefully conquer my writer's block. Any helpful tips would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Also, I am obsessed with Sloths and Anime. My favorite Anime: Bleach, One Punch Man, The Devil is a Part Timer.</p>
54	<p>Kamiccola: Hello all.</p> <p>I'm a fanfiction writer and I'm looking for new places to publish my work and I basically want to know if this is the right place.</p> <p>Is there a reader demand for crossovers in this community?</p> <p>My epic story is a multifandom mix, it takes place in HP world. Book 1 is set during Chamber of Secrets timeline. Book 2 will be in Prisoner of Azkaban. Book 3 will be in the future and at Ilvermorny.</p> <p>I see that there is a crossover genre and I tried to check it out to see what's here already but it's difficult to filter and search stories by fandom which makes it clear that this site wasn't designed to host crossovers.</p> <p>But in any case, are crossovers popular here or are HPFF readers more interested in pure HP stories?</p>
55	<p>Squix: Hey,</p> <p>I'm a French writer. I recently finished my own book taking place in the HP universe, but, and that's the trick, in France.</p> <p>So I can't say that's traditional fanfiction, because setting, characters, plot, everything is different from HP.</p> <p>I wrote it in French and I'm wondering if there are some French readers on this website, because I will post it in French. I plan to translate it in English though, but it will take time.</p> <p>Aside from that, I love everything related to creativity and art. I like to use different medium to tell stories. I'm also a huge fan of HP obviously ! (oh, and a Ravenclaw)</p> <p>I'm happy to meet you all !</p>
56	<p>Inkflow: Just realised I've been posting but haven't introduced myself oops.</p> <p>So I'm InkFlow aka Ali. I'm from England. I was on this site way back under a different penname but I'm reinventing myself and my writing style so there's that. I was honestly so upset when the original site went down and I didn't even realise it came back. I've still been writing fanfic in it's absence, though I haven't actually worked up the nerve to post anything anywhere. I have to admit I strayed to some different fandoms (mostly TV shows) but I've recently reignited</p>

	<p>my passion for hpff which is convenient, right?</p> <p>So hopefully I'm not gonna jinx this but I think I'm gonna stick around for a while longer. And I hope you guys don't think my writing sucks cause it's precious to me.</p>
57	<p>Houseofmalfoy: Hi, everyone! My name's Tessa, I'm from the Netherlands and I'm 18 years old. Before I've actually only been in online fandoms on tumblr and instagram, and while I'm still active on tumblr I'm looking for more places to talk about HP, specifically more rare ships and specific interests. According to some friends, forums like this one are usually easier for finding people with the same rarepair ships and favourite characters as you, so here I am!</p> <p>I write fanfiction, under the name houseofmalfoy on ao3. My hp themed tumblr is also under that url, if anyone's interested. I mostly write Narcissa centric stuff, and especially like lucissa, narlily, cissamione, and sirius/narcissa for ships. I can also be woken up at night for any slytherdor femslash pairing, and most slytherdor ships in general.</p>
58	<p>Lee: Wow!! First, I have to thank the staff for running a pro site! I am mostly computer illiterate but this place is tight!</p> <p>Ok next um hi. I'm Lee and I had never heard of fanfiction until about a month ago when my son was explaining to me what he was reading. Once he had, I was hearkened to this HP story that I had written in 2016-2017. Funny thing. I felt like it was illegal and took a long time to even write it. I spent the meantime trying to imagine sending it somehow to JK, but I figure that's futile. After looking the place over and copy/pasting my old story, I am deciding that I may have to rewrite. I had intentionally avoided flourishing, but if it really is as it appears, my little story could become a full novel with a lot of work! (you have plenty time for that, it took forever to write a handful of pages as it is.) Which leads into the rest of my introduction. I am a blissfully wed man with a wife of 17 years, 2 step children followed by 2 children, 7 pets and a father-in-law. I am a self-employed construction worker with a son in college and another about to get his driver's license. So I don't really have a lot of time but I will try to read all your stories!</p>
59	<p>Solmussa: Hello! My real name is Cata and I'm 28 years old. I am originally from Spain. I used to write and read FF ages ago (2008-2010) in the old site, and have come back recently after re-reading all 7 books. It makes me happy to see some of my favourite are still available and have re-read the two I used to love most (one Sirius/OC and one Dramione). I mostly love marauders' stories, I am absolutely fascinated by their antics at school and I am totally in love with Sirius Black but also enjoy good Dramione fics. I am loving the new site and looking forward to reading new fics and publishing my new one</p>
60	<p>Clas Myrddin: Hello, I'm Clas Myrddin (muggle name is Robert). I recently turned 30 but I'm still waiting for my owl, I know it's still coming, it probably just got lost. In the meantime, I placate my self with fanfiction. I've been reading for about 8 years now, mostly on FF.net but I've been branching out recently (that's how I found this place). I'm definitely a Dramione fan or just Hermione turning dark in general, I love a little good witch gone bad. I look forward to a new world of fanfiction with all of you.</p>
61	<p>Lunar Cycle: Hello. I am Lunar Cycle, and I a fanfiction author and reader. I have an AO3 account, which is where most of my stories are located. I specialize in writing fics about my favorite characters (mainly Lupin, but Barty and Wormtail as well.)</p>
62	<p>Weepingbird: Hello! My name is Ann. I used to lurk on this site, way back in the day, but never found the courage to post anything! Recently, after realizing how dreadfully I missed writing, I decided to return to my first love, and participate as a writer this time too.</p>
63	<p>RonsGirlFriday: So, um, hi, my name is Melanie, and I'm full of feelings to be typing on an HPFF forum once again. I was a member here forever and a day ago, having joined around 2009. The last time I posted anything was probably 2012 or so, I always said I'd come back and never did, just putting it off, being overwhelmed IRL, and losing motivation until last year (I think) I received an email about the site being shut down (right? I didn't hallucinate that?).</p> <p>Last month my sister randomly texted me and asked when I was going to finish one of her favorite WIP's. She said she would drop in on HPFF once in awhile to see if I'd ever come back. I told her the site was shut down, she sent me the link to my page and I just could have died, I was so shocked to see all my stories still there! I think that was the nudge I needed.</p> <p>This month I'm doing NaNoWriMo, working on an original fic, and I've hit a wall with it and</p>

	<p>my mind keeps wandering back to here, where I have WIP's that are near and dear to my heart that I've never finished. I'm eager to get acquainted with these new forums and meet some new friends (maybe even find some old ones?)</p> <p>I love writing Ron (see: username), but possibly even more than that, I love writing Percy, a rich character who doesn't get nearly enough attention. Two of my beloved WIP's are about Percy, and I'm currently working on updates. I also like writing Snape and exploring new ways to depict that whole hot mess. And once in a while I like to do a one-shot about more minor characters or non-canon pairings.</p> <p>Reading back over my old fics is interesting. Some I still love as much as I did nearly a decade ago, and some have serious issues and I may end up reworking some or just plain taking them down. But it's a great process of learning and growing!</p>
64	<p>Bookworm045: hi guys! my name is kat and I used to be a semi-active member on hpff (and the forums) in 2010-2012 and then again in 2015 and here I am again?? I'm 23 years old (even though I just almost wrote 22??) I live in Chicago and have a huge variety of artistic-lean hobbies.</p> <p>I discovered HPFF when I was NINE and joined after deathly hallows came out because I was curious about the next gen of kids! I actually had no idea that other fandoms also had fanfiction for a few years after the fact, and I definitely credit the site for introducing me to a life-long love of writing, even if I would rather cut off my foot than link anyone to my old fic</p> <p>I'm a firm Slytherin, I dream of being a novelist one day, and I mostly write on ao3 these days (sorry, mods) though I've been revisiting some old favs on hpff this year, which is what prompted me to remake.</p> <p>things I like: harry potter, taylor swift, painting, kid shows, marvel movies, soapy tv shows, youtube, vine, one direction, buying books nice to be bac</p>
65	<p>Melusina: If anyone's still around o/ I'm Monika, and I take up a lot of issues with HP, but enjoy the world building, so I generally use it as my playground for writing fantasy. I wanted to gain a wider audience for a current fic I'm writing, and was wondering how active the site is :0 I'm stupid desperate for validation, lmao.</p> <p>Was also wondering what the general writing culture is around here? As well as how to upload an avatar on the site and/or a cover image for the story?</p>
66	<p>RDeHwyl: Hello, and thank you for allowing me to participate! I've been writing Fan Fiction for various Fandoms since my early teens, and Harry Potter Fan Fiction since the publication of "Philosopher's Stone". So happy to find a site that is up and working, and I hope to soon upload not only all of my past works, but new content as well... Robert is the name, De Hwyl is my Welsh <i>Nom De Plume</i>, meaning "Of Cheer". It is also the Welsh Feminine nomenclature, making it mean "One who makes the ladies laugh" -- or "One who is laughed at by ladies." So enough language lecturing -- and back to writing again -- I've revived a project that I started almost 15 years ago, and hope to see through to finalization this time; a three-novel set encompassing an Alternate Universe telling of Harry's sixth and seventh years at Hogwarts, and some time beyond. The middle book, "Harry Potter and the Philtre of Promise" has been finished and is being uploaded chapter by chapter as I correct some minor details with the information I didn't have at the time I wrote it. The first book, "Harry Potter and the Rampage of Ages", is half-finished and has been in limbo for the past eight years, but I've started on additional chapters to finish it. The third book, "Harry Potter and the Legacy of Evil" is outlined and awaiting writing time. Looking forward to reading other's works as well as getting back into the Fandom.</p>
67	<p>Theia Luna: Hi everyone,</p>

	<p>my name is Val or Theia Luna on HPFF. I'm 26 years old and live in sunny California. I've been reading fanfics on HPFF since I was probably 15 years old. I discovered the website I think in 2010? I'm not even positive exactly how I came across it, but I'm happy I did. Most of my teenage years were spent reading fanfics, Harry Potter, Percy Jackson, etc. I started off with Dramione fics and then moved on to Sirius/Hermione (the present by time turner and Complicated series by Jessi_Rose) to Hermione/Remus (Love in the Past by atratus Lupin)back then, if anyone remembers, these were stories that had won awards for how creative, well thought out and written they were. Give em a chance if you can! They're HPFF classics.</p> <p>At some point I started writing as well, my own Sirius/OC and I'm thinking of getting back to it soon! I just need to clear up some plot points on it. All in all, I missed this place and the sense of community it had back then.</p> <p>I'm here if anyone ever wants to talk and/or exchange good fanfics! ^_^</p>
68	<p>Pathfinder: Drew here - an 'Ameripuff'. I was active writing on this site about 5 years ago, but disappeared when the forums went dark in 2016. Glad to see it back up and running.</p> <p>I started writing after I had read the entire HP series to my daughter. Once I was done, I thought to myself, "Hey self. You can write your own novel in the HP universe. After all, how hard can it be?" Turns out it's very hard. I spent about 6 months on my story "The Fifth House" (link here) It's set in current-day America with all OC and (originally) at Ilvermorny. I created it to be very similar in spirit to "The Sorcerer's Stone" with the intent that I could read it to my kids without getting uncomfortable, but set here in the states since I cannot for the life of me write dialogue in British english. As I was finalizing it, Pottermore kept posting more and more updates about Ilvermorny which made my story more and more non-canon and I didn't know how to fix it, plus the forums at that time were in the last stages of meltdown. I ended up abandoning the effort and stepping away from writing anything for the next four years.</p> <p>So here we are now. A rejuvenating trip to Universal Studios helped me remember my love of the wizarding world, and I dug back up my old story (still here) and am in the process of updating it now. Turns out (according to me anyway) there's more than one magic school in America - Ilvermorny is just the largest of them. My story is now about Gampton Hall Academy and I already have ideas for the gang's next adventures. Besides, with the whole world in a state of Quarantine and Social Distancing, I should have plenty of time to read and write. I'm more than happy to review others' stories as well.</p>
69	<p>Author By Night: Hi! I'm Author By Night - a username I've quite outgrown, and yet it <i>is</i> my Harry Potter fandom identity, so this is the username I chose. I'm very private about who I am IRL, though unlike when I was younger and afraid of sixty year old men finding me, now I'm worried about people I know in person finding me. Talk about the tables turning! All I'll say is that I'm a woman in my thirties from the United States.</p> <p>I'm a Hufflepuff with deep shades of Ravenclaw (creative, uber nerdy) and lighter shades of Gryffindor. I've been in the fandom for half my life, essentially, which is strange to think about. I could write volumes on how significant the books have been to me.</p> <p>I'm sure I read this site back in the day, when I was a teenager and had time I read fanfic everywhere I could find it, but I was directed here most recently from PhoenixSong. I look forward to getting to know everyone and discussing the books!</p>
70	<p>La_topolina: Hi Folks!</p> <p>I'm Noelle, 38, from the midwest USA. I'm a professional musician and a homeschooling mama to four awesome kids. I rediscovered Harry Potter with my kids a couple of years ago when we were listening to the audiobooks, and while I was re-reading the series I started fanficing them in my head. From there it was a short step to actually writing them down. I'm in the middle of a Snape/OC action/adventure/romance trilogy. One of my readers described my style as "catholic</p>

	<p>noir" and I wear the badge with pride. Flannery O'Conner, Sigrid Undset, Jane Austen, and George McDonald are some of my favorite authors (besides JKR, obviously). I'm a Gryffindor with Slytherin sympathies and tendencies. Looking forward to getting to know everyone!</p>
71	<p>Lissaliv: Hello all! My name's Lissa and I've been writing for well over a decade. I started working on a Next Gen-verse about 7 years ago and have revisited it while quarantining this year. I've found my way back to HPFF as I'm preparing to publish - hoping for a Sept. 1st launch to coincide with my timeline but also definitely want to give my baby of a universe the time it deserves to grow. It's become a bit of a beast as I've revisited it a few times over the years!</p> <p>I'm partial to reading post-war fics right now - especially Oliver Wood/Katie Bell and stories of students returning to school the year after the battle of Hogwarts.</p> <p>I'm a proud, stubborn Gryffindor (with some moderate Slytherin tendencies) and very excited for all the adventures fall has in store.</p>
72	<p>Shades Potter: Hello everyone, I am Shades, I joined this website as an author couple of months ago (cause I can't remember). The reason I became an author by reading some great Ffs here, and they gave me motivations and inspirations. Ffs like Love conquers all by @Harmione for life and Waxing by @Pookha. I wrote my first story (still working on it) After 19 Years and then started a new one along with that one, The Unfortunate. Then I started making posters, the first one was for @Shadow the pup's Sirius makes a choice. I am working on a new project, in which I will be rewriting some parts of the book and movies to make a new story out of it. That story is called Harry Potter What If... I would love help with it from all of you.</p> <p>I hope that I will be helpful to you all and be a part of this diverse community. I made some friends here like Hedwig Potter and LightningRose. I believe that we can all get friends and I am very glad that I took these steps, to become an FF author, to be a member of this family!</p>

Bijlage 5: Coderen stap 4
Opmerkingen per thema

Thema 1: Lezen van Fanfiction,

Elena: I started reading Ronmione fics, but then was intrigued by all the Dramione stories. This ship had NEVER crossed my mind. I read a few and my first thought was "Ewww, no way!" But then as I kept reading, I fell in LOVE with these characters.

Maraudeer: I discovered the site around two years ago, having never even read fanfiction before. I've loved Harry Potter since I was a kid, and originally was looking to read next-gen because I was looking for something that felt like a continuation of the series. Since, then, however, I've read lots of different eras and types of stories

Blue Kat: I've been reading/writing fanfic on and off for 15+ years. I think I must have stumbled upon HPFF at some point during that time because stuff like the Dobbys was familiar to me, but I don't actually recall using the site until last year. I spent a lot of my teenage years and early twenties grappling with several chronic illnesses and fanfic was my lifeline through a lot of that journey.

Tommy Potterhead: I stumbled on HPFF just a few short months ago while I was searching for new fan fics to read

Llysh: Back in 2010, I accidentally came across the general existence of fanfiction just because I googled Harry Potter which fanfiction came along with it. I was mind-blown reading stories by fellow HP lovers on another writing site. I had looked to see if there were more similar sites that had HP fanfiction, and HPFF was among them - and it was solely for Harry Potter - a big plus!

Gilwen: Hi, I'm Gilwen aka Gee.

I discovered HPFF in 2007 as iellwen, avid Potterhead looking for more stories. I first read, discovered Dramione I've been out of the HP fanfiction world since the forums closed, so I have a lot of catching up to do

Slyhterinchicaa08: I stumbled across fanfiction back in 2001 and I think pretty soon after I originally found fanfiction I found HPFF.

Magigmuggle01: I'm not sure when I found the original HPFF site, I think it was sometime after reading the third book (by this time I wanted something to read between J Ks books). Anyway I found HPFF and was overjoyed at the amount of stories, so I started reading. I was left with so many questions that I would never get answers to and almost gave up hope of it ever returning, and wondered about all those wonderful stories (as well as my own) that I'd never be able to read and continue writing.

Kamiccola: I don't remember what exactly I was looking for - I may have seen HPFF mentioned in an article about best places for fanfiction.

I'm looking forward to reading your stories.

Messenger of love: It's so weird for me. I discovered HPFF by chance when I was 12, I don't quite remember how I did or what I was looking for. I read one fic and instantly decided that this was the coolest thing ever.

Rose Pond: Lol. I've found a few great stories on this site, though I don't have a lot of time to read for fun with work and my own story, but I occasionally check out the 'read' link at the top of the site and skim the reviews on other fics to see what others think are excellent stories that I should later check out.

RonsGirlFriday: ... I've been a bookworm my whole life, studied English lit in college, and since the series ended I've obtained a law degree and practiced law for a decade, and to this day HP remains one of

the most engaging, profound stories I've ever read, with characters that burrow into your heart and stay there forever.

Cstringey: I discovered HPFF actually through a class at my University. I used to read a lot of FF when I was younger, but haven't in the past few years and need to review a few sites for my Education class

LilyEPotter: I found HPFF in 2004 while looking for something to read while waiting for the HBP to release.

Ginny Lovegood: I found HPFF from my best friend. She was also obsessed with Harry Potter and was looking for a good place to read fanfictions....

Pomona Nymphadora Scamander: Later on, I was bored during lockdown and found a good Harry Potter fanfic so I googled Harry Potter fanfiction and found this website. Or something like that.

Bookpanda12: I just searched Dramione and Harry Potter Fan fiction websites.

Bookpanda12: Both, I just wanted more HP, I wanted to design, and I LOVE reading. I also love meeting new people and chatting.

Personwithname: My friend told me about this website and one of the books she wrote and now I'm reading and in the middle of writing 2 books

SarahDiggory: Used to write a LOT of fanfics, never about HP though, did always like to read them. Dream is to one day actually write a book.

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Marauderer: I can't wait to meet so many great people in this fandom and read more great fanfiction ! xoxo

Legion in a box: I've been reading Harry Potter fanfic for over 10 years, and I started writing my own this year.

Bsk: I can't wait to read what everyone's working on because even though I have soooo much studying and work to catch up on, I still find myself being sucked into the wonderful vortex that is HPFF! But yeah I

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Thema 2: Schrijven van fanfiction

RavenPaw: So, I wanted to write a fanfic, and I was looking for some sites. Then, I stumbled across this! It was a week ago.

Elena: After a while, I wanted to try my hand at writing, to see what I could do with these characters and write a story that I'd love to read. A New Life for Hermione (M) was born. I never got to write it's sequel, but this story is the one I favour the most. From there, I also fell in love with Draco/Ginny, Ron/Pansy, Snape/Lily, Sirius/Lily and many other pairings.

JMilz: I actually didn't know this existed before the shutdown. I hadn't written fanfiction in over 10 years, but I did remember not liking FFN that much. (I tend to cross-post but FFN just feels a bit overwhelming sometimes.)

Marauder: I discovered the site around two years ago, having never even read fanfiction before. I've loved Harry Potter since I was a kid, and originally was looking to read next-gen because I was looking for something that felt like a continuation of the series. Since, then, however, I've read lots of different eras and types of stories and I felt very inspired to write my own!

Blue Kat: The sequence of events is a little fuzzy, but I think I found it a few weeks before the shutdown, tried to find it again after the shutdown, somehow found out about fanficrecs where I then saw the notice about the new ownership. I'm a librarian and one of my favorite things is reader's advisory, so I was glad to see something like that happening for fanfic through fanficrecs because it's something I have some professional interest in.

Bri_5_Stars: Long ago in 2010ish, I stumbled my way from the juvenile fanfics of Quizilla and found the original haven of HPFF. Perfect! It was just the place for my introverted self to post my first fanfic a very bad Draco/OC from America story

Dew_drops: I actually started recently, I was bored and just wanted to try out writing. I had already read quite a lot.
But now I really can't stand a day without writing or reading at least one chapter! It's my past, my present, and my future!

Scorpiusrose17: The first Fanfic I posted was a Wedding Story about Scorpius and Rose. It was slightly popular, but that started my love of the ship. I don't really recall the first review I had gotten, but I believe it was positive. Either way I was excited that anyone would leave me a review at that point let alone read the story too! I have been back to HPFF on and off over the years because I truly enjoy the stories, leaving reviews and writing

Gilwen: Hi, I'm Gilwen aka Gee.

I discovered HPFF in 2007 as iellwen, avid Potterhead looking for more stories. I first read, discovered Dramione and wrote my first fanfic entitled "Closer in Winter". It. Was. *Terrible*. But a lot of fun to write. I changed my pen name in 2014 or 2015 and reposted a few things as GailWelin (an anagram), had fun participating in challenges of all kinds, kept writing Dramione ships and discovered my love for the (albeit) horrid McGonagall-Snape pairing (coined Snagall by a fellow HPFFer at the time) in a sci-fi AU short-story.

Snitchsista: Writing is my life, and I have learned so much just by being on here.

Since 2006, I have written and posted over fifty stories, and now - between writing an original children's book - I am returning once more to write a sequel to a story I penned about ten years ago.

Lady Plantagenet: I think I first joined in 2007, after a friend had told me about it. After I read a few stories, I decided that I should give it a go, and for a long time I wrote a lot of very very long novels.

Magicismuggle01: I was left with so many questions that I would never get answers to and almost gave up hope of it ever returning, and wondered about all those wonderful stories (as well as my own) that I'd never be able to read and continue writing.....I'll have to edit my Christmas Capers story so that the old owners don't appear in it anymore.

Kamiccola: Why I brought my stories here: I'm testing the waters to see where my audience is. It's not easy to break in when you don't write about the popular tropes or genres. For a fandom based on middle-grade books, there sure is a lot of mature content supply and demand. Since my works never hit those warning tick boxes, they're not as popular but I wouldn't want it any other way. You write what you love.

Messenger of love Within half an hour, I had written and posted my own first fic and I was hooked. I wrote more and more, read more and more, and though I didn't realise at the time that chance discovery would end up changing so much for me. Because I was writing so much, even though 95% of it was never posted anywhere, I could see that my own skill with words would increase with every word I wrote, especially in the formative years of my early teens, and each time I wrote I would learn more about myself, really - how I saw the world, how I saw the people around me, how I saw myself. By the time I was in my final year I was top of my year in English and got a scholarship for my English exam, which I attribute almost entirely to how much time I would spend writing and editing and backspacing and writing again. Now I'm studying to be an English major all because fanfiction made me realise how much I love this sort of stuff and how much I want it to be a part of my life going forward. It's just weird for me to wonder if, as a 12-year-old, I hadn't discovered the world of writing, exploring my mind and growing as a person through self-expression, how different I would be now, 8 years later and in a completely new phase of my life. Long story short I really appreciate HPFF lol

Rose Pond: I stumbled across HPFF a few months ago after looking for a new place to share my first Dramione fic (Far From Over (15+ - M), link in signature). I've been working on this story for a long time, with a co-writer when she has time to write, and would love some reviews if anyone has time to check it out. I'd been out of the fanfic game for a while, having written some Doctor Who stuff a while back over on FF.Net and FFO was born out of an rpg challenge on HEXRPG that was never really an rpg, as I simply just have to write more deeply; thankfully my writing partner was totally down with making it into a full fic

RDeHwyl: When it became no longer possible to upload new material, I saved what I could from the site and went looking for a new place to post. ... so here I am, learning the ins and outs of posting and trying figure out why some things don't seem to work for me. I'm sure I'll get the hang of things eventually, and look forward to a long and happy relationship with the site!

Ginny Lovegood: ... When she told me about this site, I jumped into action and posted my first fanfiction that now has over 1000 views. I'm a newbie, I came here on my brother's first birthday in 2019, in December. I inspired my two other Harry Potter BFFs to start writing and posting fanfictions. They are Lilly Malfoy and HermioneSmith if you want to check them out.

PH71: I hadn't used this site in a long time but when I started writing my FF I thought it was another place to share my work other than on regular FF site.

Charlie Lupin: I am currently working on my FF and you can find it under, FF help or whatever the forum was. I love showing my writing skills that I have learned over my years of things and I'm glad I have this account now!

Longliveh3dwig: I did a Harry Potter writing camp (There's a story I'm writing that was the story from the camp called Sunset dawn and in between) and she talked about a good website (this one) my teacher recommended. I sounded like Yoda I did

RavenPaw: I love it so much, I'm usually a loner, this makes me make friends with fellow HP fans! And I love to write!

Personwithnoname: My friend told my about this website and one of the books she wrote and now I'm reading and in the middle of writing 2 books

SarahDiggory: ... Used to write a LOT of fanfics, never about HP though, did always like to read them. Dream is to one day actually write a book.

KJCartmell; Hello there! I'm a writer from California. I write about a boy named Liam Wren, a Hufflepuff who is post-Harry Potter but pre-Next Generation. I haven't posted on this site since before the transition of management, but I watch my reads here and I'm planning to come back.

YaYaGoddess: I first came to this site over ten years ago. I started writing HP fan fiction when a bunch of young teenagers who used to hang out at my library challenged me to write stuff they could read that would continue the Harry Potter story. So I did.....So, that's what I'm doing. However, I have discovered that I now do not like the current story, The Truth Will Out, as I had begun it all those years ago, so I am completely re-working it, going back to early chapters to edit in plot developments for the story as it is now going to go off in a completely new direction.

Blue Kat: Hello! I'm Blue Kat! I've been reading/writing fanfic for over half of my life, which is a crazy thing to think about. I started out mostly in the LOTR fandom, but started shifting to Harry Potter in college and now that's pretty much exclusively what I read/write as far as fanfiction goes.

Nina 1299: I've been an aspiring author for about 12 years. I've written various kinds of novels, short stories, and probably about 30 fanfics. Half which I've deleted, and the rest can be found in various places such as Ao3 and FF.Net.

Darsynia: Hello! I'm Darsy, and I live in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I just turned 40 this past Friday, and I've been writing fanfiction since 2003, and Harry Potter fanfiction since 2005. I found this site in 2007, and I'm lucky in that my stuff is still here somehow, with all the reviews intact! When I'm not writing I crochet and knit on commission.

I mostly write about Hermione, Remus, and Sirius, but I have a variety of oneshots with different pairings as well. I am currently writing almost exclusively on an OC/Sirius OC/Remus story that I'm very proud of, it's going to be very long. I also have a soulmate Remus/Hermione work in progress, and another time travel Remus/Hermione I haven't started to post yet. I write very fast, and average about 20,000 words a week, but despite the speed I promise you it's good stuff.

JMilz: I have been a professional writer for five years (I write for big tech, currently, but I've ghostwritten novels, articles, and web copy/content), but I started writing goofy short stories when I learned to put together sentences around age six or seven. I haven't written fanfiction since I was eleven, but I've recently picked it back up again at the ripe age of twenty-five.

Marauder: I've grown to love how fanfiction creates new stories, new characters in a world that feels like home. Writing fanfiction allows for me to just...express everything that piece of literature has meant to me and never let go of the familiar feeling, while adding my own elements and characters as a writer. I'm currently writing a Jily story and its been really fun to take my own approach to their dynamic.

Legion in a box: and I started writing my own this year. I hope to find other people to talk to about writing fanfic--the fic I'm working on at the moment is my most ambitious writing project to date, and it's been a rollercoaster of emotions.

Bsk: I can't believe I haven't posted an introduction yet. I'm bsk and am currently working on a next gen fic (JSP/OC). I originally started writing it because I didn't find enough diversity in terms of JSP/OC's and am so appreciative of every response and reaction it's gotten.

Majamariamaja: I've been writing stories on here since 2008, but took a break for a year or so and my heart broke when I visited the site again only to find it had disappeared.... All my stories were gone. Poof. Years and years of creative energy and hard work had vanished forever. Or so I thought!I clicked it and there it was again. But the chances of my stories still being here was slim to none but I still searched and lo and behold THEY'RE STILL HERE!!!!

DobbyMinerva: New author here! I'm a grad student who has never written fanfiction before coming to this site. I was an avid lurker on the original HPFF site many moons ago and only very recently decided to get back into it as a writer.As someone who's only written nonfiction in the past, I'm also hoping to become better (or at least more confident!) at writing fiction in general.My ongoing story is Casa Oscura. It started out as a one-shot, then became a short story, and now I'm churning it out as a novel-length thing mostly for the heck of it. It's sort of an organizational nightmare narrative-wise, but I'm having fun writing it. (P.S.: I would appreciate any reviews, even critical ones!)

TommyPotterhead:I started writing fan fiction close to 10 years ago. I started doing it just to have something to do honestly. As time went by and my writing got better, I shared some of my stories with some friends that were Harry Potter fans and they enjoyed them too. I stumbled onto this website looking for fan fiction to read in hopes to spark an idea or two for my next writing project. Once I started my new writing project, Snapshots From Life, I started posting it here. I like reading other people's stories and seeing their take on some of our favorite characters. This website is really great and a wonderful resource!

Mr McGrath: but only started trying to write my own recently.There are many fandoms i want to write about; Harry Potter,spiderman and SAO to name a few.

Haley Riddle: I love writing and I'm working on a story at the moment. My house is Slytherin, I'm a pureblood, and I'm in the Riddle family. Ewww (i know) lol. My Patronus Is a red squirrel.

Tsubasa Kurono:but I didn't start writing fanfics for this fandom until I was in high school. Before that, I mostly wrote original stories that wasn't English. I also love poetry; sadly this site doesn't allow poems, but it's cool. Although I have plans to write my own JSP fanfic series to curb my huge disappointment and despair at the unsatisfactory works called *Cursed Child* and the *James Potter* fanon, right now I'm polishing my writing with short stories. Some of the entries I have posted in my collections were Judges' Picks or winning works from contests on other sites.

Kamiccola: I'm a fanfiction writer and I'm looking for new places to publish my work and I basically want to know if this is the right place..... Is there a reader demand for crossovers in this community? ... My epic story is a multifandom mix, it takes place in HP world. Book 1 is set during Chamber of Secrets timeline. Book 2 will be in Prisoner of Azkaban. Book 3 will be in the future and at Ilvermorny.

Squix: Hey, I'm a French writer. I recently finished my own book taking place in the HP universe, but, and that's the trick, in France. So I can't say that's traditional fanfiction, because setting, characters, plot, everything is different from HP. I wrote it in French and I'm wondering if there are some French readers on this website, because I will post it in French. I plan to translate it in English though, but it will take time.

Inkflow: ...So I'm InkFlow aka Ali. I'm from England. I was on this site way back under a different penname but I'm reinventing myself and my writing style so there's that. I was honestly so upset when the original site went down and I didn't even realise it came back. I've still been writing fanfic in it's absence, though I haven't actually worked up the nerve to post anything anywhere. And I hope you guys don't think my writing sucks cause it's precious to me.

Houseofmalfoy: I write fanfiction, under the name houseofmalfoy on ao3. I mostly write Narcissa centric stuff, and especially like Lucissa, Narlily, Cissamione, and Sirius/Narcissa for ships.

Lee: Once he had, I was hearkened to this HP story that I had written in 2016-2017. Funny thing. I felt like it was illegal and took a long time to even write it. I spent the meantime trying to imagine sending it somehow to JK, but I figure that's futile. After looking the place over and copy/pasting my old story, I am deciding that I may have to rewrite. I had intentionally avoided flourishing, but if it really is as it appears, my little story could become a full novel with a lot of work! (you have plenty time for that, it took forever to write a handful of pages as it is.)

Solmussa: Hello! My real name is Cata and I'm 28 years old. I am originally from Spain. I used to write and read FF ages ago (2008-2010) in the old site, and have come back recently after re-reading all 7 books

Lunar Cycle: Hello. I am Lunar Cycle, and I a fanfiction author and reader. I have an AO3 account, which is where most of my stories are located. I specialize in writing fics about my favorite characters (mainly Lupin, but Barty and Wormtail as well.)

Weepingbird: Hello! My name is Ann. I used to lurk on this site, way back in the day, but never found the courage to post anything! Recently, after realizing how dreadfully I missed writing, I decided to return to my first love, and participate as a writer this time too.

RonsGirlFriday: So, um, hi, my name is Melanie, and I'm full of feelings to be typing on an HPFF forum once again. I was a member here forever and a day ago, having joined around 2009. The last time I posted anything was probably 2012 or so. I told her the site was shut down, she sent me the link to my page and I just could have died, I was so shocked to see all my stories still there! I think that was the nudge I needed.....This month I'm doing NaNoWriMo, working on an original fic, and I've hit a wall with it and my mind keeps wandering back to here, where I have WIP's that are near and dear to my heart that I've never finished.

Bookworm045: I actually had no idea that other fandoms also had fanfiction for a few years after the fact, and I definitely credit the site for introducing me to a life-long love of writing, even if I would rather cut off my foot than link anyone to my old fic I'm a firm Slytherin, I dream of being a novelist one day, and I mostly write on ao3 these days (sorry, mods) though I've been revisiting some old favs on hpff this year, which is what prompted me to remake.

Melusina: I wanted to gain a wider audience for a current fic I'm writing, and was wondering how active the site is :0 I'm stupid desperate for validation, lmao.

RDeHwyl: Hello, and thank you for allowing me to participate!
I've been writing Fan Fiction for various Fandoms since my early teens, and Harry Potter Fan Fiction since the publication of "Philosopher's Stone". So happy to find a site that is up and working, and I hope to soon upload not only all of my past works, but new content as well... I've revived a project that I started almost 15 years ago, and hope to see through to finalization this time; a three-novel set encompassing an Alternate Universe telling of Harry's sixth and seventh years at Hogwarts, and some time beyond. The middle book, "Harry Potter and the Philtre of Promise" has been finished and is being uploaded chapter by chapter as I correct some minor details with the information I didn't have at the time I wrote it. The first

book, "Harry Potter and the Rampage of Ages", is half-finished and has been in limbo for the past eight years, but I've started on additional chapters to finish it. The third book, "Harry Potter and the Legacy of Evil" is outlined and awaiting writing time.

Theia Luna: At some point I started writing as well, my own Sirius/OC and I'm thinking of getting back to it soon! I just need to clear up some plot points on it. All in all, I missed this place and the sense of community it had back then.

Pathfinder: Drew here - an 'Ameripuff'. I was active writing on this site about 5 years ago, but disappeared when the forums went dark in 2016. I started writing after I had read the entire HP series to my daughter. Once I was done, I thought to myself, "Hey self. You can write your own novel in the HP universe. After all, how hard can it be?" Turns out it's very hard. I spent about 6 months on my story "The Fifth House" (link [here](#)) It's set in current-day America with all OC and (originally) at Ilvermorny. I created it to be very similar in spirit to "The Sorcerer's Stone" with the intent that I could read it to my kids without getting uncomfortable, but set here in the states since I cannot for the life of me write dialogue in British english. As I was finalizing it, Pottermore kept posting more and more updates about Ilvermorny which made my story more and more non-canon and I didn't know how to fix it, plus the forums at that time were in the last stages of meltdown. I ended up abandoning the effort and stepping away from writing anything for the next four years.

La_topolina: I rediscovered Harry Potter with my kids a couple of years ago when we were listening to the audiobooks, and while I was re-reading the series I started fanficing them in my head. From there it was a short step to actually writing them down. I'm in the middle of a Snape/OC action/adventure/romance trilogy. One of my readers described my style as "catholic noir" and I wear the badge with pride. Flannery O'Conner, Sigrid Undset, Jane Austen, and George McDonald are some of my favorite authors (besides JKR, obviously).

Lissaliv: Hello all! My name's Lissa and I've been writing for well over a decade. I started working on a Next Gen-verse about 7 years ago and have revisited it while quarantining this year. I've found my way back to HPFF as I'm preparing to publish - hoping for a Sept. 1st launch to coincide with my timeline but also definitely want to give my baby of a universe the time it deserves to grow. It's become a bit of a beast as I've revisited it a few times over the years!

Shades Potter: The reason I became an author by reading some great Ffs here, and they gave me motivations and inspirations. Ffs like Love conquers all by @Harmione for life and Waxing by @Pookha. I wrote my first story (still working on it) After 19 Years and then started a new one along with that one, The Unfortunate. Then I started making posters, the first one was for @Shadow the pup's Sirius makes a choice. I am working on a new project, in which I will be rewriting some parts of the book and movies to make a new story out of it. That story is called Harry Potter What If... I would love help with it from all of you.

Thema 3: Personalisatie van Mediacontent,

Elena: It was in 2006 and I had just finished reading Half-Blood Prince. I was so angry that Hermione and Ron were not together yet and I needed some kind of a fix. I searched fan fiction and came upon HPFF.

Adzrt041:It introduced me to Dramione, a brilliant ship. Every fiction that I read and fell in love with, gave me this feeling in my heart of another end yet there was so much I had to discover

Blue Kat: Hello!

I'm Blue Kat! I'm a sucker for fics with Fred or George Weasley as the romantic lead and I really enjoy well-written OCs. I have two fics in progress here.

Maraudeer:Writing fanfiction allows for me to just...express everything that piece of literature has meant to me and never let go of the familiar feeling, while adding my own elements and characters as a writer. I'm currently writing a Jily story and its been really fun to take my own approach to their dynamic.

Tsubasa Kurono: ...Although I have plans to write my own JSP fanfic series to curb my huge disappointment and despair at the unsatisfactory works called *Cursed Child* and the *James Potter* fanon,

RonsGirlFriday: I love writing Ron (see: username), but possibly even more than that, I love writing Percy, a rich character who doesn't get nearly enough attention. Two of my beloved WIP's are about Percy, and I'm currently working on updates. I also like writing Snape and exploring new ways to depict that whole hot mess. And once in a while I like to do a one-shot about more minor characters or non-canon pairings.

Melusina: If anyone's still around o/ I'm Monika, and I take up a lot of issues with HP, but enjoy the world building, so I generally use it as my playground for writing fantasy.

Pathfinder: I started writing after I had read the entire HP series to my daughter. Once I was done, I thought to myself, "Hey self. You can write your own novel in the HP universe. After all, how hard can it be?"

Thema 4: Verlenging van de duur van het verhaal

I discovered HPFF when I was NINE and joined after deathly hallows came out because I was curious about the next gen of kids!

HPFF has been such a huge part of my life especially in high school when I was suffering from the biggest HP hangover if that makes sense haha. I was super sad the books ended and was thrilled to find that people were keeping the stories and adventures of most of my favorite characters still going in the form of this site. I'm so happy the site is up and running and really appreciate the hard work you guys have been putting in to maintain it!

Maraudeer: I came to this site because I had just finished Harry Potter for the I don't know how many times, and it broke my heart every time I stopped living, being a part of that universe. I've grown to love how fanfiction creates new stories, new characters in a world that feels like home. Writing fanfiction allows for me to just...express everything that piece of literature has meant to me and never let go of the familiar feeling,

RonsGirlFriday: I found HPFF about a year after DH was published, when I experienced the crazy feelings of loss so many fans did, with no more books to look forward to. I didn't want the story to end and there were so many untold stories within that universe I wanted to explore. I googled, found HPFF, and fell in love. HP fans in general are a great community because together we keep the story alive and thriving.

Adzrt041: I discovered this website in 2011 when I was grown up enough to read the books myself and finish them. left a hole in my heart so I just cruised around the world wide web and found this website.

Scorpiusrose17: I stumbled onto HPFF awhile back... I can't even remember the year that's how long it's been. I was brought to the community because I wanted to read more Harry Potter stories because the others had ended.

Thema 5: Ontsnappen aan de Werkelijkheid

ScorpiusRose17: Over the past 8 months I have overwhelmingly lost myself and lost touch with what makes me, me. I was in the process of going back to school when my life took a turn personally and since then I have been fighting and struggling to finding the person I was and know that I am after it all. So finding out that the forums are back up has really given me hope that I can find the part of me that loved the Potter World and writing.

DobbyMinerva: ... I suppose I'm here because I owe the HP universe a debt of gratitude for always being there when I'm dealing with difficult things and need a creative escape.

Bri_5_Stars: It was just the place for my introverted self to post my first fanfic a very bad Draco/OC from America story. I'd just graduated high school and had a falling out with all but one of my friends and so I kind of dived right into writing my own fanfics and slowly started posting them, and some actually gained a bit of traction.

Llysh: It was home outside of my real life home. It was the one place I'd turn to when I needed to escape life.

Scorpiusrose17: ...I would love to get back into writing again as a way to help me deal with personal issues I have been struggling with.

Thema 6: Vinden van gelijkgestemden

Shades Potter: I hope that I will be helpful to you all and be a part of this diverse community. I made some friends here like Hedwig Potter and LightningRose. I believe that we can all get friends and I am very glad that I took these steps, to become an FF author, to be a member of this family!

Author By Night: I'm sure I read this site back in the day, when I was a teenager and had time I read fanfic everywhere I could find it, but I was directed here most recently from PhoenixSong. I look forward to getting to know everyone and discussing the books!

RDeHwyl: The third book, "Harry Potter and the Legacy of Evil" is outlined and awaiting writing time. Looking forward to reading other's works as well as getting back into the Fandom.

Theia Luna: I'm here if anyone ever wants to talk and/or exchange good fanfics! ^_^

RonsGirlFriday: This month I'm doing NaNoWriMo, working on an original fic, and I've hit a wall with it and my mind keeps wandering back to here, where I have WIP's that are near and dear to my heart that I've never finished. I'm eager to get acquainted with these new forums and meet some new friends (maybe even find some old ones?)

Houseofmalfoy: Hi, everyone! My name's Tessa, I'm from the Netherlands and I'm 18 years old. Before I've actually only been in online fandoms on tumblr and instagram, and while I'm still active on tumblr I'm looking for more places to talk about HP, specifically more rare ships and specific interests. According to some friends, forums like this one are usually easier for finding people with the same rarepair ships and favourite characters as you, so here I am!

ScorpiusRose17:..... I am so thankful for the forums to be back up and running. I look forward to getting to know you and hopefully conquer my writer's block.

Legion in a box: I've been reading Harry Potter fanfic for over 10 years, and I started writing my own this year. I hope to find other people to talk to about writing fanfic--the fic I'm working on at the moment is my most ambitious writing project to date, and it's been a rollercoaster of emotions.

Marauder: ... I can't wait to meet so many great people in this fandom and read more great fanfiction !
xoxo

Bookpanda12: Both, I just wanted more HP, I wanted to design, and I LOVE reading. I also love meeting new people and chatting.

PH71: I think this place feels more like a community than the FF site. I try not to get too caught up in views/reviews, but I don't think it's a coincidence I've had about 3 times less views of my story on here than

FF but just as many, if not more reviews/positive comments. Some of my nicest/most motivating reviews have come on this site.

Mandrake Scamander: I was looking for Harry Potter forums and found this site.

Pomona Nymphadora Scamander: Personally, it's sort of like a friend for me, if that makes sense, because I usually sit alone at lunch in school so I can have a think about life and HPFF tends to pop up.

I've just been trying to persuade my friend to join this website so I have someone to talk about fanfics with. Lol.

RavenPaw: I love it so much, I'm usually a loner, this makes me make friends with fellow HP fans! And I love to write!

Thema 7: Ontwerpen

Tsubasa Kurono: Other than writing, I'm a fresh graduate in graphic and games design, and I make my own book covers as a pastime. I'm currently working on a few original books that I hope I can self-publish them one day.

Bookpanda12: Both, I just wanted more HP, I wanted to design, and I LOVE reading. I also love meeting new people and chatting.

Thema 8: Zelfontwikkeling

RonsGirlFriday: Reading back over my old fics is interesting. Some I still love as much as I did nearly a decade ago, and some have serious issues and I may end up reworking some or just plain taking them down. But it's a great process of learning and growing!

Snitchsista: ...Writing is my life, and I have learned so much just by being on here.

Messenger of love: By the time I was in my final year I was top of my year in English and got a scholarship for my English exam, which I attribute almost entirely to how much time I would spend writing and editing and backspacing and writing again. Now I'm studying to be an English major all because fanfiction made me realise how much I love this sort of stuff and how much I want it to be a part of my life going forward. It's just weird for me to wonder if, as a 12-year-old, I hadn't discovered the world of writing, exploring my mind and growing as a person through self-expression, how different I would be now, 8 years later and in a completely new phase of my life. Long story short I really appreciate HPFF lol