**Introduction to Anime Resources (ver. 1.3.6)**

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**• Print:**

The Anime Encyclopedia, Revised and Expanded Edition: A Guide to Japanese Animation Since 1917. Jonathon Clements & Helen McCarthy. Berkeley, Cal.: Stone Bridge Press, 2006. ISBN 1933330104. <http://www.amazon.com/dp/1933330104#reader_1933330104>

The Anime Companion: What’s Japanese in Japanese Animation? Gilles Poitras. Berkeley, Cal.: Stone Bridge Press, 1998. ISBN 1880656329.

The Anime Companion 2: More… What’s Japanese in Japanese Animation? Gilles Poitras. Berkeley, Cal.: Stone Bridge Press, 2005. ISBN 1880656329.

Anime Essentials: Every Thing a Fan Needs to Know. Gilles Poitras. Berkeley, Cal.: Stone Bridge Press, 2001. ISBN 188656531. <http://books.google.com/books?id=wQ7JqkWjPNcC>

Anime Classics Zettai!: 100 Must-See Japanese Animation Masterpieces. Brian Camp & Julie Davis. Berkeley, Cal.: Stone Bridge Press, 2007. ISBN 1933330228. (For suggestions on what to watch.) http://books.google.com/books?id=X6YtQxURSvUC

The Otaku Encyclopedia: An Insider’s Guide to the Subculture of Cool Japan. Patrick W. Galbraith. Tokyo: Kodansha International, 2009. ISBN 9784770031013.

Otaku USA Magazine. McClean, Va.: Sovereign Media Inc. Bimonthly. 2007–present. Web site: <http://www.otakuusamagazine.com/>

**• Internet resources:**

**•• News:**

Anime News Network (The primary anime news source.)

<http://www.animenewsnetwork.com/>

AnimeNation Anime News Blog (Has fewer posts and duplicates other sites, but is better written.)

<https://www.animenation.net/blog/category/anime-news/>

The Fandom Post (The new home of Chris Beverage, former owner of Anime on DVD)

<http://www.fandompost.com/>

**•• Information:**

**••• Databases:**

Anime News Network Encyclopedia (Probably the most comprehensive catalog of anime (and manga) on the Web.)

<http://www.animenewsnetwork.com/encyclopedia/>

AniSearch.com (A good place for sample screenshots.)

<https://www.anisearch.com/anime/index>

MyAnimeList.net (Better than the ANN Encyclopedia for identifying characters.)

<http://myanimelist.net>

AnimeNfo (As a backup for MyAnimeList.net; no longer maintained.)

<http://www.animenfo.com>

**••• General:**

Japanese Pronunciation Guide

<http://docwatson42.livejournal.com/1045.html>

The Anime and Manga Portal (at Wikipedia)

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portal:Anime_and_Manga>

Glossary of anime and manga (at Wikipedia)

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glossary_of_anime_and_manga>

Gilles’ Service to Fans Page (Various anime-related information, including the Anime Companion Supplement, which details Japanese culture using anime and manga

examples, and a rather complete bibliography of books in English on anime and manga.)

<http://www.koyagi.com>

“Ask John” (A daily column; the best place to ask questions about anime and manga, and receive thoughtful, balanced answers.)

<http://www.animenation.net/blog/category/ask-john>

“Answerman” (A thrice weekly column; also a good place to ask questions about anime and manga)

<https://www.animenewsnetwork.com/answerman/>

Schoolgirl Milky Crisis (the official blog of Jonathan Clements, co-author of The Anime Encyclopedia and all around anime and manga professional)

<http://schoolgirlmilkycrisis.com/>

Anime Job Titles (who does what in the anime industry, and what they are called)

<https://web.archive.org/web/20171021041801/http://www.janscottfrazier.com/content/articles/jobs/index.htm>

Heisei Democracy: “A Discourse on Moe, Part I: Introduction and a Moetic Taxonomy” (A dissection of moe (“moh-ay”))

[http://heiseidemocracy.com/2005/02/28/62/](http://web.archive.org/web/20071020033837/http://heiseidemocracy.com/2005/02/28/62/)

**••• Anime in North America:**

"Free Legal Streaming Anime Master List v2" at The Fandom Post’s forums (what is *legally* available on-line)

<https://fandompost.vbulletin.net/forum/anime-manga-discussions/us-blu-ray-dvd-and-simulcast-industry-news/7577-free-legal-streaming-anime-master-list-v2>

AnimeMania: Anime Commercially Available in English (Complete through November 2006)

<http://animemania01.tripod.com>

BIG DVD List -- Michael's Movie Mayhem ("The Web's most complete database of Region 1 DVD releases")

<http://dvdlist.kazart.com/DVDList2.php>

Anti-bootleg resources for anime, manga, and related goods

<http://docwatson42.livejournal.com/1826.html>

Anime′ [Prime] - No Editing Zone (What’s been cut, and how; out of date, but still useful)

<https://web.archive.org/web/20130802050528/http://animeprime.burntoutcomic.com:80/edit/index.shtml> (Mirror)

AnimeCons (News about and a schedule of anime-relation conventions and other events)

<http://animecons.com/>

**••• Clubs:**

BellaOnline: Anime Conventions and Clubs (some parts of the site may be out of date, but the maintainer does respond to E-mail)

<http://www.bellaonline.com/subjects/2973.asp>

Anime Clubs Unite (somewhat out of date, but recently active)

<http://www.animeclubsunite.org/>

Curlie - Arts: Animation: Anime: Clubs and Organizations / Google Directory - Arts > Animation > Anime > Clubs and Organizations

<http://www.curlie.org/Arts/Animation/Anime/Clubs_and_Organizations/>

Mu Epsilon Kappa (a large, multi-college geek club)

<http://www.muepsilonkappa.com/>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mu_Epsilon_Kappa>

Anime Boston: Find a Friend forums (sub-forums: "Hometown Anime Fans" and "Clubs, Colleges, and Other Schools)

<http://forums.animeboston.com/viewforum.php?f=14>

Meetup (search for "anime")

<https://www.meetup.com/>

**•• Discussion forums:**

AnimeNation Forums

<https://www.animenation.com/>

The Fandom Post (The new home of Chris Beverage, former owner of Anime on DVD)

<https://fandompost.vbulletin.net/>

Anime News Network forums

<http://www.animenewsnetwork.com/bbs/phpBB2/>

**•• Reviews:**

7 "Gateway" Anime Sure to Get Newbies Hooked

<http://www.animenewsnetwork.com/the-list/2014-08-23/.77834>

Anime Primer, or What Anime Should I Watch Now?, The

<http://robkelk.ottawa-anime.org/primer/index.html>

Anime News Network, including the regular columns "Shelf Life" (reviews of current releases), "The Mike Toole Show" (reviews of more obscure shows, genres, and industry figures), "Buried Treasure", now "Pile of Shame" (reviews of obscure and neglected anime), "The Stream" (a column on the season's Internet streaming simulcasts), and the former "Brain Diving" (reviews of prose works)

<http://www.animenewsnetwork.com/review/>

<http://www.animenewsnetwork.com/shelf-life/>

<http://www.animenewsnetwork.com/the-mike-toole-show/>

<http://www.animenewsnetwork.com/the-stream/>

<http://www.animenewsnetwork.com/buried-treasure/>

<https://www.animenewsnetwork.com/pile-of-shame/archive>

"Shelf Life Catalog v.2" thread

<http://admin.animenewsnetwork.com/bbs/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?t=2815460>

The Fandom Post (The new home of Chris Beverage, former owner of Anime on DVD)

<http://www.fandompost.com/category/anime-manga-news-reviews/anime-manga-reviews/>

Anime Jump (Calling a spade a f---ing shovel since 1998)

<http://web.archive.org/web/20080505055434/http://www.animejump.com/>

THEM Anime Reviews

<http://www.themanime.org/>

The Beginner's Guide to Anime - Science Fiction

<http://www.sidereel.com/_post/184231>

**•• Retailers:**

The Right Stuf International (The best sales (daily, weekly, and studio, plus the bargain bin), and the best service)

<http://www.rightstuf.com>

Robert’s Anime Corner Store

<http://www.animecornerstore.com/>

DVD Price Search (For checking the prices of non-specialty retailers)

<http://dvdpricesearch.com>

**• Suggestions of what to watch (by genre):**

Action: City Hunter, Cowboy Bebop, Darker than Black, Dirty Pair, Gunsmith Cats, Mezzo Forte/Mezzo DSA, New Cutey Honey, Noir, Outlaw Star, Read or Die, Saber Marionette J, Trigun

Comedy: All Purpose Cultural Cat-Girl Nuku-Nuku (OAVs), Animation Runner Kuromi (both episodes), Azumanga Daioh, Dragon Half, Excel Saga, Golden Boy, Here Is Greenwood, Jubei-chan (both series), Maris the Chojo (Rumik World), Martian Successor Nadesico, The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya, NieA\_7, Project A-Ko, You’re Under Arrest!

Cyberpunk: Akira, Armitage III, Battle Angel, Bubblegum Crisis OAVs, Ergo Proxy, Ghost in the Shell (movies), Ghost in the Shell: Stand Alone Complex (TV), Key: The Metal Idol, Serial Experiments Lain, Texhnolyze

Directors/creators (auteurs): Yoshitoshi ABe, Akitaro Daichi, Satoshi Kon, Hayao Miyzaki, Mamoru Oshii, Katsuhiro Otomo, Akiyuki Simbo (Akiyuki Shinbo), Makoto Shinkai, Isao Takahata, Shinichi Watanabe (AKA Nabeshin)

Drama: Beck: Mongolian Chop Squad, Black Jack, Jin-Roh, Now and Then, Here and There, Revolutionary Girl Utena

Etchi/Hentai (heterosexual): Bible Black, Buttobi CPU (I Dream of Mimi), Consenting Adultery, Cool Devices, End of Summer, Kite (uncut edition), Lingeries (AKA Office Lingerie), The Tales Trilogy (AKA Tales of...), Urotsukidōji: Perfect Collection (episodes 1–5), Viper GTS, Weather Report Girl

Etchi/Hentai (shounen ai/yaoi (homosexual)): Kizuna, (what else?)

Fantasy: El Hazard OAVs (first series), Fullmetal Alchemist, Fushigi Yugi, Heroic Legend of Arislan (first two OAVs), KamiChu!, Magic Users Club, Moribito: Guardian of the Spirit, Record of Lodoss War OAVs, The Slayers, Strange Dawn, Twelve Kingdoms, The Vision of Escaflowne

Fighting/Shounen Adventure: Bleach, Dragon Ball/Dragon Ball Z, The Guyver: Bio-Booster Armor, Naruto, One Piece, Ranma ½, Saint Seiya, Street Fighter II: The Animated Movie, Yoroiden Samurai Troopers (AKA the original, uncut Ronin Warriors), Yuu Yuu Hakusho

Historical: Carried by the Wind: Tsukikage Ran, Dagger of Kamui, Fire Tripper (Rumik World), Ninja Scroll, Otogi Zoshi (first half), Rurouni Kenshin

Horror: Devil Hunter Yohko, Ghost Hunt, Ghost Slayer Ayashi, Hellsing, The Laughing Target (Rumik World), Mermaid's Forest OAV (Rumik World), Phantom Quest Corp., Vampire Hunter D, Vampire Princess Miyu, Wicked City, X TV

Magical Girl/Shoujo (general): Bishoujo Senshi Sailor Moon, Card Captor Sakura, Magical Stage Fancy Lala, Princess Tutu, Saint Tail, Wedding Peach

Mecha: Armored Trooper Votoms, The Big O (both series), Char’s Counterattack (Mobile Suit Gundam), Code Geass: Lelouch of the Rebellion, Flag, Giant Robo, Macross Plus, Mobile Suit Gundam (movies), Mobile Suit Gundam 0080: War in the Pocket, Mobile Suit Gundam Seed, Mobile Suit Gundam Wing, Patlabor, RahXephon, Super Dimensional Fortress Macross (TV), Vandread, Zeta Gundam

Mystery/Suspense: Boogiepop Phantom, Case Closed, Le Chevalier D’Eon, Death Note, Fantastic Children, Kaze no Yojimbo, Master Keaton, Perfect Blue, When They Cry: Higurashi no Naku Koroni

Romantic Comedy: Ah! My Goddess OAVs, Fruits Basket, Kimagure Orange Road, Love Hina, Maison Ikkoku, Sakura Diaries, Tenchi Muyo OAVs, Urusei Yatsura

Science Fiction: Arcadia of My Youth, Crest of the Stars/Banner of the Stars, Gall Force, Gankutsuou: The Count of Monte Cristo, Irresponsible Captain Tylor, Kino's Journey, Legend of the Galactic Heroes, Megazone 23, Memories, Metropolis, Starship Operators, Steamboy, They Were Eleven, Voices of a Distant Star, Yamato (AKA Starblazers)

Sports: Battle Athletes, Fighting Spirit, Hikaru no Go, Initial D, Princess Nine, Yawara!: A Fashionable Judo Girl

Surreal: Catnapped, Night on the Galactic Railroad, Paprika, Paranoia Agent, Spring and Chaos

And as a half-way joke (“all an otaku needs are the two ‘G’s’—Ghibli and Gainax”):

Studio Ghibli (including independent Miyazaki & Takahata): (Everything), Grave of the Fireflies, Kiki’s Delivery Service, Lupin III: Castle of Cagliostro, Nausicäa of the Valley of Wind, Panda! Go Panda!, Porco Rosso, Princess Mononoke, Spirited Away

Gainax: Aim for the Top! Gunbuster, FLCL, Gunbuster 2, Gurren Lagann, His and Hers Circumstances, Magical Shopping District Abenobashi, Mahoromatic, Nadia: Secret of the Blue Water, Neon Genesis Evangelion, Otaku no Video, Royal Space Force: Wings of Honneamise