

# JB's Extensive Listing of Pulp-Related Gaming Resources

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# Pulp Gaming Resources

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

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

## ROLEPLAYING GAMES

Some of these games are out of print, while others are available only as electronic files, so getting your hands on them may require a trip to an online vendor such as **RPGNow** or perhaps even **eBay**. When attempting to locate these games, we suggest making the **Pen & Paper** website your first stop.

**Adventure!** (White Wolf)  
**The Adventures of Indiana Jones** (TSR)  
**Barbarians of Lemuria - with the Dicey Tales Companion** (BBG)  
**Blood Shadows** (West End Games)  
**Boomtown Planet** (Timeless Games)  
**Buck Rogers: High Adventure Cliffhangers** (TSR)  
**Call of Cthulhu** (Chaosium)  
**Castle Falkenstein** (R. Talsorian Games)  
**Crimefighters** (Dragon Magazine #47)  
**Crimson Skies** (FASA)  
**D20 Past-Pulp Heroes** (Wizards of the Coast)  
**D20 Pulp Heroes** (Wizards of the Coast)  
**D20 Pulp Heroes-Northport** (Polyhedron #161)  
**Danger Quest** (Torchlight Games)  
**Daredevils** (Fantasy Games Unlimited)  
**Dime Heroes** (Deep 7)  
**Forbidden Kingdoms** (OtherWorld Creations)  
**Gangbusters** (TSR)  
**Gear Krieg** (Dream Pod 9)  
**Golden Hero** (Pisces All Media)  
**Golden Heroes** (Games Workshop)  
**GURPS Cliffhangers** (Steve Jackson Games)  
**GURPS Lensman** (Steve Jackson Games)  
**Hellboy** (Steve Jackson Games)  
**Hollow Earth Expedition** (Exile Game Studio)  
**Indiana Jones Adventures** (West End Games)  
**Justice, Inc.** (HERO Games).

***Mercenaries, Spies, and Private Eyes*** (Flying Buffalo, Inc.)  
***Pulp Adventure*** (Planet Pulp Productions)  
***Pulp Adventures*** (Iron Crown Enterprises)  
***Pulp Era*** (Chapter 13 Press)  
***Pulp HERO*** (DOJ, Inc.)  
***Pulp Zombies*** (Eden Studios)  
***Rocketship Empires: 1936*** (StoryART Games)  
***Shades of Earth*** (HinterWelt Enterprises)  
***Space: 1889*** (Game Designers Workshop)  
***Spirit of the Century*** (Evil Hat Productions)  
***Terra Incognita*** (Grey Ghost Games)  
***Thrilling Tales*** (Adamant Entertainment)  
***Top Secret Agent 13 Sourcebook*** (TSR)  
***Two-Fisted Tales*** (Politically Incorrect Games)  
***Victoriana*** (Heresy Gaming)  
***Weird Wars*** (Pinnacle Entertainment Group)  
***Wushu: PulpFu*** (Daniel Bayn)

## ROLEPLAYING AIDS & ACCESSORIES

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

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

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

## MOVIES & TELEVISION

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

*The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai Across the 8th Dimension* (1984)

*The Adventures of Captain Marvel* (1941)

*The Adventures of Captain Zoom* (1996)

*The Adventures of Dr. Fu Manchu* (1956)

*Allan Quartermain and the City of Gold* (1987)

*Angels with Dirty Faces* (1938)

*Army of Darkness* (1993)

*Batman* (1989)

*Batman Begins* (2005)

*Batman Forever* (1995)

*Batman Returns* (1992)

*Batman and Robin* (1997)

*Big Trouble in Little China* (1986)

*Biggles: Adventures in Time* (1986)

*Blade* (1998)

*The Blood of Fu Manchu* (1968)

*The Brides of Fu Manchu* (1968)

*Buck Rogers* (1939 and 1977)

*Buck Rogers in the 25th Century* (1979)

*Buffy the Vampire Slayer* (1992)

*Buffy the Vampire Slayer: The Series* (1997)

*Bullshot* (1983)

*Captain America* (1944)

*Cast a Deadly Spell* (1991)

*Chandu the Magician* (1932)

*Chandu on the Magic Island* (1935)

*Chinatown* (1974)

*Daredevil* (2003)

*Darkman* (1990)

*Devil in a Blue Dress* (1995)

*Dick Tracy* (1990)

*Doc Savage, the Man of Bronze* (1976)

*Evil Dead* (1981)

*Evil Dead II* (1987)

*The Face of Fu Manchu* (1965)

*Firefly* (2002)

*Flash Gordon* (1954, 1980, and 1996)

*Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe* (1940)

*Hellboy* (2004)

*Highlander* (1986)

*Highlander: The Series* (1992)

*High Road to China* (1983)

*Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* (1989)  
*Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* (1984)  
*Jake Speed* (1986)  
*The Jewel of the Nile* (1985)  
*King Kong* (1933 and 2005)  
*King of the Rocket Men* (1949)  
*King Solomon's Mines* (1950 and 1985)  
*The Land that Time Forgot* (1975)  
*Lara Croft: Tombraider* (2001)  
*Lara Croft Tombraider: Cradle of Life* (2003)  
*Lassiter* (1984)  
*League of Extraordinary Gentlemen* (2003)  
*The Maltese Falcon* (1941)  
*The Mask of Fu Manchu* (1932)  
*The Mask of Zorro* (1998)  
*The Masked Marvel* (1943)  
*The Mummy* (1999)  
*The Mummy Returns* (2001)  
*National Treasure* (2004)  
*National Treasure: Book of Secrets* (2007)  
*The Phantom* (1943 and 1996)  
*The Phantom Creeps* (1939)  
*Pulp Cinema* (2001)  
*Radioland Murders* (1994)  
*Raiders of the Lost Ark* (1981)  
*Relic Hunter* (1999)  
*Remo Williams: The Adventure Begins* (1985)  
*Remo Williams* (1988)  
*The Return of Chandu* (1934)  
*The Rocketeer* (1991)  
*Romancing the Stone* (1984)  
*Sahara* (2005)  
*The Shadow* (1940 and 1994)  
*Sin City* (2005)  
*Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow* (2004)  
*Steamboy* (2005)  
*Tales of the Gold Monkey* (1982)  
*Tarzan Escapes* (1936)  
*Tarzan and the Amazons* (1945)  
*Tarzan and the Lost City* (1998)  
*Things to Come* (1936)  
*The Secret Adventures of Jules Verne* (2002)  
*The Thirteenth Floor* (1999)  
*The Untouchables* (1959 and 1987)  
*Van Helsing Chronicles* (1997)  
*Van Helsing* (2004)  
*The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles* (1992)  
*Zone Troopers* (1986)  
*Zorro* (1957, 1981, and 1990)



## PULP STORIES & REFERENCE BOOKS

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

### Stories

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

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

### Books About the Pulp Era/Genre

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

*Dragon Hunter* by Charles Gallenkamp and Michael J. Novacek  
*Gangland's Doom* by Frank Eisgruber, Jr.  
*The Great Pulp Heroes* by Don Hutchinson  
*The Great Radio Heroes* by Jim Harmon  
*The Hero Pulp Index* by Robert Weinberg and Lorh McKinstry  
*It's a Man's World: Men's Adventure Magazines, the Postwar Pulp*s by Adam Parfrey (Editor)  
*The Pulp*s by Tony Goodstone (Editor)  
*Pulp Art: Original Cover Paintings for the Great American Pulp Magazines* by Robert Lesser  
*Pulp Fictioneers* by John Locke (Editor)  
*The Pulp Jungle* by Frank Gruber  
*Pulp Masters* by Edward Gorman and Martin H. Greenberg (Editors)  
*Pulpwood Editor* by Harold Hersey  
*Richard Halliburton's Complete Book of Marvels* by Richard Halliburton  
*The Pulp*s: Fifty Years of American Pop Culture by Tony Goodstone

*The Shudder Pulps* by Robert Kenneth Jones  
*Those Macabre Pulps* by Darrell C. Richardson  
*Walter B. Gibson and the Shadow* by Thomas J. Shimeld  
*Yesterday's Faces: A Study of Series Characters in the Early Pulp Magazines* by Robert Sampson

## General References

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

## PULP COMICS & GRAPHIC NOVELS

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### In Print

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



## Online

**Adventurer's Club**

**The Apocalypse Plan**

**Astounding SpaceThrills**

**Captain Spectre and the Lightning Legion**

**Captain Task**

**Dak Roth - Science Marshal**

**Danger Squad**

**Dragonblood**

**Femme Noir**

**Giant Fighters**

**Henrietta Hex**

**Hollow Earth**

**Image Comics**

**Kyp Thunder, Space Cowboy**

**LA Paranormal**

**Midnight Medicine**

**Modern Pulp Comics**

**Monster Island**

**Moonstone Books**

**Nightmare World**

**Projekt Werwolf**

**Raven Chronicles**

**Red Kelso & the Incurables**

**Revenant**

**Rorschach Entertainment**

**Triple Noir Theater**

**Vanguard Productions**

**Vertigo**

**Zone Continuum**

## **Pulp-Related Websites**

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

### **The 1939-40 World's Fair**

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

### **The 86th Floor**

Everything you ever wanted to know about Doc Savage — and then some!

### **Alt.Pulp @ Google**

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

### **America in the 1930s**

A great site if you want to fill your games with loads of trivia for a truly immersive experience!

### **The Annals of the Spider**

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

### **The Art of Norman Saunders**

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

### **Blackmask Online Fiction**

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

### **The Buck Rogers Website**

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

### **The Dirty 30s**

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

### **ERBzine**

An online `zine focusing on Edgar Rice Burroughs. A bit difficult to navigate, but loaded with information!

### **Fortean Times**

Fortean Times is a monthly magazine of news, reviews and research on strange phenomena and experiences, curiosities, prodigies and portents. A great source of adventure seeds and campaign ideas!

### **The Golden Era Slang Dictionary**

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

### **The Holloway Pages**

An introduction to some popular Pulp heroes: Doc Savage, The Shadow, John Carter, et al.

### **How to Survive Being a Character in a Pulp Movie**

The title is pretty much self-explanatory!

### **The H.P. Lovecraft Archives**

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

### **The Indiana Jones Equipment Gallery**

Gotta see it to believe it! More detail than any gamer has a right to possess!

### **International Heroes: Pulp Heroes**

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

### **The Museum of RetroTechnology**

The title sort of says it all!

### **Printed Poison**

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

### **The Pulp Avengers: Gamemastering Pulp Adventures in the 1930s and 1940s**

From Brian Misiarzsek, this is a classic web reference that contains scads of information for the aspiring Pulp Narrator! Stop by the website: and give it a read!

### **Pulp and Adventure Heroes of the Pre-War Years**

Need a good name for your character? How about ideas for adventures, or character concepts? this site has info on over a 1,000 heros and villians from the pulp era.

### **Pulp & Dagger Fiction**

Pulp-era short stories and serials. New content every week!

### **The Pulp Gallery**

The Pulp Gallery is a visual reference guide to the wonderful cover art of pulp and pin-up magazines from the 1920's through the 1950's.

### **The Ultimate Pulp Gear Archive**

The Ultimate Pulp Era Gear Archive is a series of free visual reference documents for use with any Pulp roleplaying game. Scroll down the Archives section to find it.

### **Pulp HERO Thread Compilation**

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

### **Pulp Net**

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

### **Pulp Project 1557**

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

### **Radio Lovers**

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

### **The Raygun Gallery**

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

### **Robert Weinberg’s Pulp Collection**

Lots of pretty covers...and if these aren’t enough, hop on over to [Fantastic Collectibles](#) for a bunch more!

### **The Rocket Page**

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

### **The Shadow in Review**

Reviews of all 325 Shadow serials, agent biographies, a Shadow FAQ, and a weekly “Two-Minute Mystery” for you to solve!

### **The Tesla Memorial Society of New York**

If it has to do with the enigmatic Nikola Tesla, then you can probably read about it here. ‘Nuff said!

### **The Thrilling Detective**

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

### **Todd Gault’s Serial Experience**

Introducing a new generation of hobbyists to serial (movie) collecting...

### **The Vintage Library**

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

### **The Warrenverse**

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

### **The Zeppelin Library Archive**

Ummm...all about zeppelins!