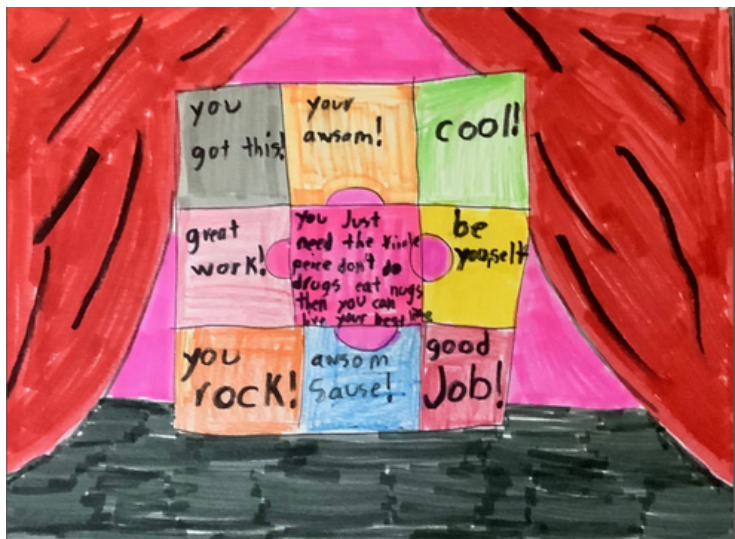


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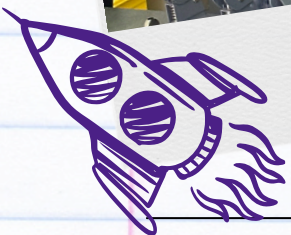
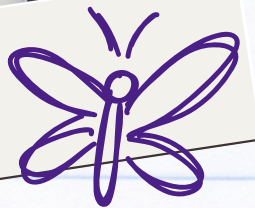
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Is the Future of Social Media, AI?

By: Robert L.

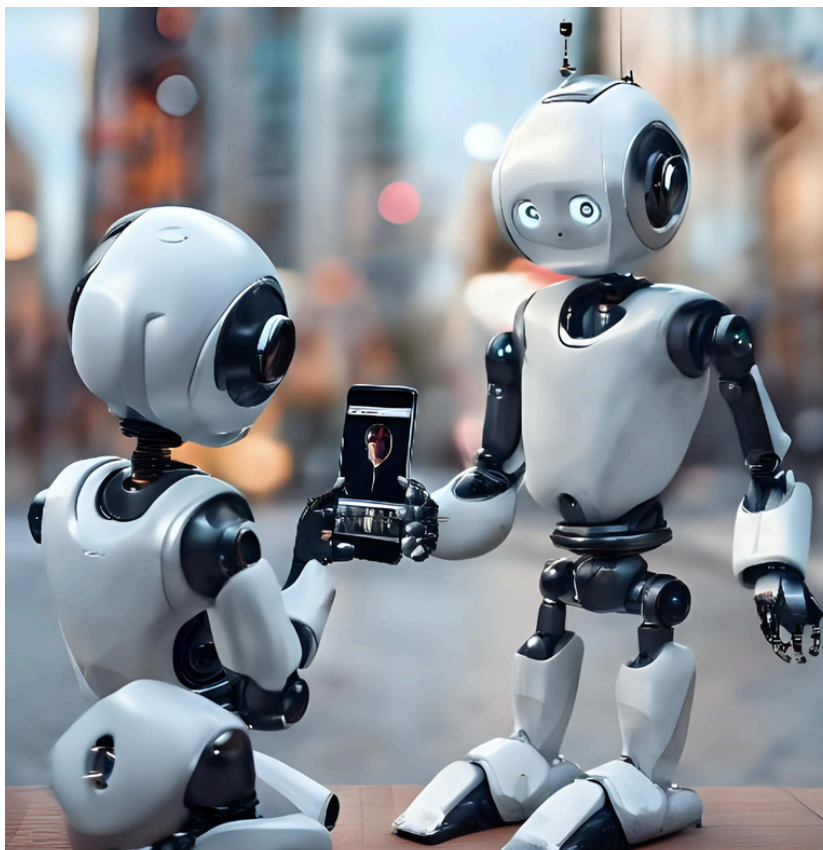
Would it be a shock to you if I told you that within the next decade, a good majority of social media content would be AI Generated?

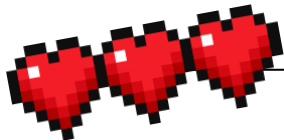
Social media has always been a way for people to express themselves, whether it's in art, or their opinions, their reactions, etc. But what happens when all the content is AI generated? Does it still hold the same value as videos made by real people?

The most notable and recent example of course is Sora, made by OpenAI, yes the same ones behind ChatGPT. Sora has been wildly successful and viral because of its uncanny ability to make some very convincing videos of just about anything you want. Sora laid the foundation for what is potentially, the new normal of social media. Think about it this way, normal content creation can be very time consuming, especially if you want to be uploading on a consistent basis, all the recording or editing or even the ideas can take both a mental and physical toll on someone.

Now with Sora, you can make very interesting yet convincing videos, in a matter of minutes. Currently, Sora only lets you generate content that is about 10 seconds long, but as the technology improves, so will the length of AI generated videos.

So keep an eye on your favorite social media apps because the ways media is created is changing for better or for worse.





The Unique Video Game Music Discography

By: Noah



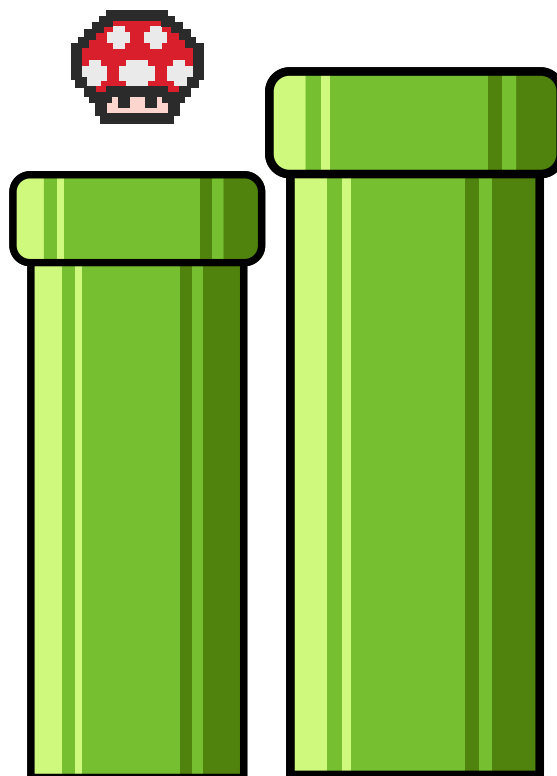
When people think of video game music usually what would come to mind for most is a simple little pixelated melody on loop, however such an idea only scratches the surface.

Video game music is great! There are dozens of examples of awesome video game, among many games with great soundtracks there is bound to be something that you enjoy.

To begin with a few notable examples one would be the game Cuphead with its style of big band Jazz while most Jazz is meant to be soothing, to calm the nerves. The music in this game is composed to be high energy to fit the high octane nature of the game as its gameplay consists mostly of fighting a wide variety of opponents, known as a “boss”. Standout tracks include, floral fury, the king’s court, and threatening zeppelin’. A more personal choice from me would have to be the music from the 1993 2D side scroller made for the Sega genesis add on the Sega cd Sonic CD, specifically the original Japanese version. Yes the game had a separate soundtrack made for America, and while that one is fine enough the original version is generally considered to be the superior one. With the Sega CD’s increased audio capabilities, Sonic CD was able to have a soundtrack like no other on top of that each stage theme has 3 separate variants, at the time it was ground breaking for the few people who experienced it but even now it has managed to stand the test of time. Notable tracks include stardust speedway bad future mix, Quartz Quadrant, and Tidal Tempest.

So, what differentiates video game music from regular music in any other creative medium is how its able to change to accommodate specific situations. With movies or television shows you can watch them as many times as you like and the soundtrack never changes, with video games your listening experience can be completely different from someone else, there could be extra instruments added when you get a power up, or the song gradually transitions into another track when you’re crossing from one area to another, or it can just add a random instrument each time you play the game. So much variety that can be achieved in a video game soundtrack

Video game music is a wide spectrum it is very restricting to simply label it as a genre! And i hope i have shown you this truth well, until next time!



FROM FICTION TO FILM

Today Ms. Gamma is **THRILLED** to tell you about the top 5 books that were transformed into movies along with 5 books that should have already been made.

1st Harry potter series This series was inspired by the wonderful mind of J.K Rowling who combines magic and drama with a couple of cute actors. Just my cup of tea.

2nd is Hunger Games. Based in a dystopian society where the capital forces each of its districts to send two teens to fight. There could only be one winner...unless.

3rd Wimpy kid is based off a novel series about Greg Heffley, a kind of rude middle-schooler who illustrates his daily life in a diary with his dramatic personality, sense of humor (and hot brother) the movies were of course a hit!

4th Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. This coming-of-age story follows a young girl as she starts to question the world around her...and herself.

5th Hidden figures. This movie was an inspiring work of art that never gets old, truly a classic tear-jerking heart throbbing drama that evolves around real history.



Now, get ready here are 5 books that are destined to be blockbuster hits!

1st Dry by Jarrod Shusterman and Neal Shusterman No water in California? modern day apocalypse with a bunch of teens??? I think yes.

2nd Dork Diaries by Kathryn Lasky Personally I would freak out if these books became a movie series like OMG! Definitely for the girlies.

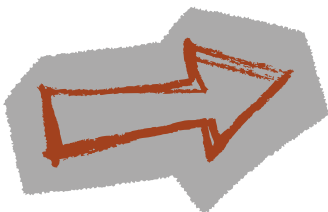
3rd The alchemist. This daring story follows the journey of a young man who discovers the ever so divine power of alchemy.

4th One of my top picks is The Book of Secrets by A.L. Tait. Like the Harry Potter series I mentioned earlier, it's packed with adventure and magic, but its characters feel more down to earth and honestly wayyy more personality.

5th The Midwife's Apprentice From homeless to home helper this woman has overcome challenges that many of us wish to never face. This novel is of a young woman who finds her place in the world.

Now I want to know what you think!

Scan the QR code and fill out the
survey



Unusual Terrors: H.P. Lovecraft in Rhyme

By: Duck

HP Lovecraft is an Infamous horror writer. Lovecraft is famous creatures that break the mind of the reader but someone took it a step further by adding Dr. Seuss to the mix.

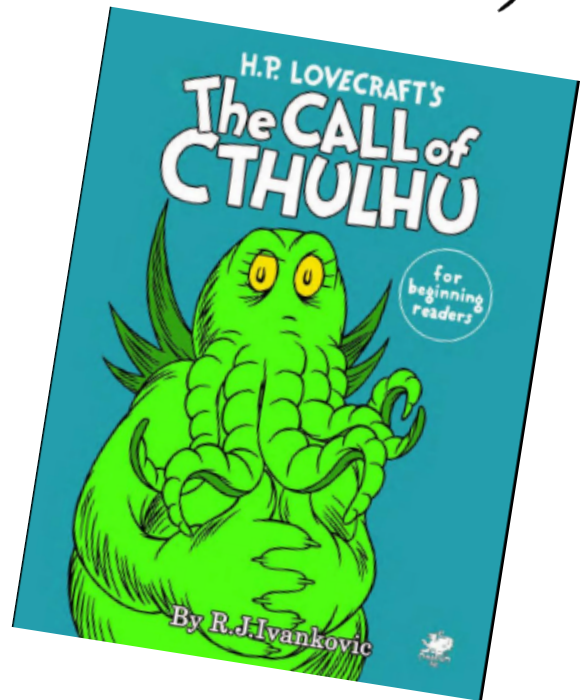
Horror is a tough genre to get into especially people who are not used to the genre may find Lovecraft difficult to digest. However R.J. Ivankovic takes HP Lovecraft's work and makes it much more palatable.

The Call of Cthulhu by R.J. Ivankovic takes H.P. Lovecraft story and mixes it with Dr Seuss's style and rhymes. Allowing for you to enjoy the story in a much more fun and whimsy style. Making it much more approachable for people who want to get into horror without jumping in the deep end.

Whether you're a fan of the horror genre, or love Lovecraft or enjoy Dr. Seuss style or are barely ready to get a little spooked. The Call of Cthulhu by R.J. Ivankovic has something for everyone.

The Call of Cthulhu by R.J. Ivankovic can be found on Amazon for 15 to 17 bucks.

Dr. Seuss



The most merciful thing
in the world, I believe,
is humanity's failure
to fully conceive
of the cosmical horrors
we've yet to reveal,
and which up until now
I have tried to conceal.



Great Cthulhu once led them
across outer space,
when they flew here to Earth
from some far away place.



Yu-Gi-Oh! Card Game

The Chronicles

You-Gi-Oh! Card Game Chronicles is an animated project created by KONAMI to bring the stories hidden in the cards to life. It is currently being released on YouTube, on their official channel.

KONAMI

KONAMI is a Japanese company most famous for their Video Games, such as Metal Gear, and Silent Hill. They are also the Developers of the Yu-Gi-Oh! Card game which the chronicles project is based off.

Story Overveiw

The Story of **The Fallen & The Virtuous** is centered around two specific characters.

Albaz, a mysterious boy with no memories of his past, and Ecclesia, a young saint of the Dogmatika Church.

Some other important figures are the Tri-Brigade, a group of freedom fighter. As well as the Dogmatika Church, a seemingly oppressive religious group. And the Spriganns, a group of treasure hunters. I'm sure as the story progresses more influential characters will appear as well.



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ROAST OR RAVE ANIME EDITION

BY: ARGENT CORVUS



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The Fallen & The Virtuous

If you were a fan of the old Yu-Gi-Oh! Anime from back in the early 2000s and 2010s, then you'd be shocked to learn that Konami is coming out with a new take on the anime.

This new take on the anime focuses on the many different archetypes in the game and their stories rather than the card game itself, like we've seen in previous iterations of the anime. Take for example, The Fallen & The Virtuous storyline, which is the latest installment of the larger Yu-Gi-Oh!Card Game the Chronicles project.

Released in the summer of 2025, The Fallen & The Virtuous story is stated to have a five episode release, each of which will be just over six minutes long, all of which are already out. With the Fallen & The Virtuous story line following the Branded lore that is depicted across nine different interconnected archetypes, many of the fans argue that the five episode release would not be nearly enough episodes needed to cover the whole story, with many hoping that a return to the story be planned in the future.

Though they'll just have to be content with what we have now. And what we have are beautiful scenes ripped right out of the cards themselves, with wonderful character designs and fantastical backgrounds. And to go along with such wonderful visual art we also have some absolutely amazing voice acting. And though it may only be in Japanese at the moment, the voice actors are still able to communicate what their characters are feeling so well that it passes through any language barriers there may be.

It's a Rave👍: With beautiful visuals, amazing voice acting, as well as a fantastic story, coupled with the fact that each episode is just over six minutes long this mini series is definitely something to binge watch with your friends.

Meet the Phoenix Journalism Team!



Duck is a horror enthusiast and believes it can be appreciated all year not just October. Horror not just blood and guts. It can be weird, beautiful, colorful just like DUCK!

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