

Pixelated Literature in the Digital World



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What are pixels?

- A pixel is the smallest unit of a digital image or graphic that can be displayed and represented on a digital display device.
 - pix = picture, el = element

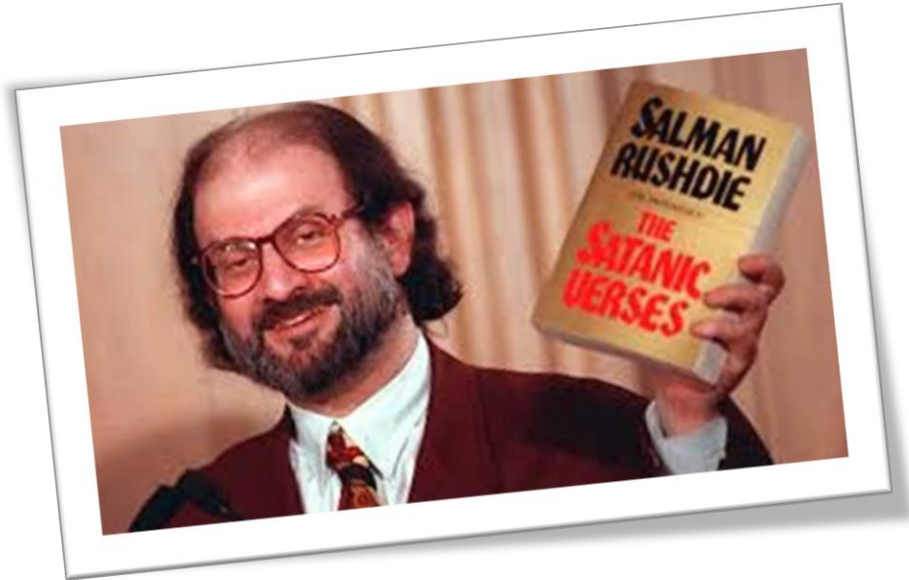




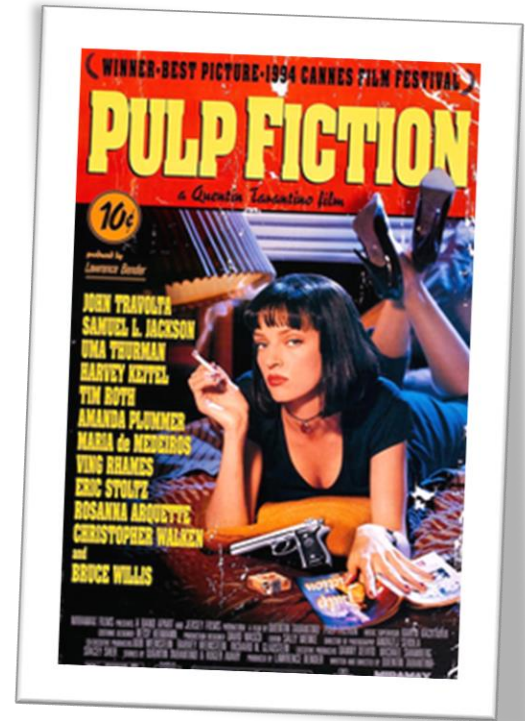
The origin of Digital Literature or Electronic Literature

- The post-modern era of the 1950s
- Time of atom bomb fear... this led people move towards more abstract and non-traditional era
- Art underwent a major change... art was presented in 3D... themes were abstract
- Tim Burton
- Salman Rushdie
- Quentin Tarantino
- Tony Morrison

Tim Burton



Quentin Tarantino

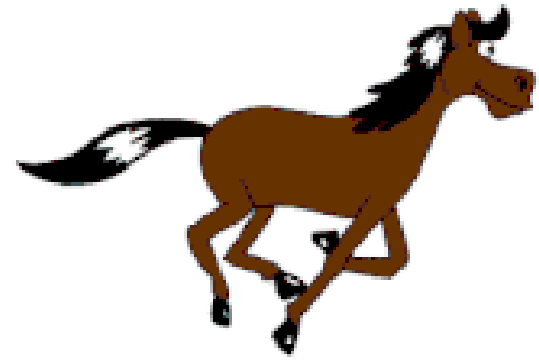
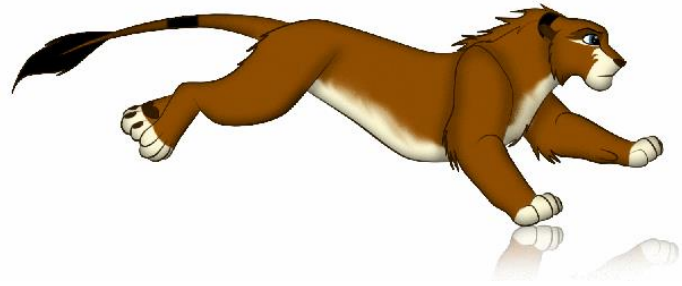


Tony Morrison



A story to start with...







Digital literature vs literature on the web

Mending Wall

BY [ROBERT FROST](#)

Something there is that doesn't love a wall,
That sends the frozen-ground-swell under it,
And spills the upper boulders in the sun;
And makes gaps even two can pass abreast.
The work of hunters is another thing:
I have come after them and made repair
Where they have left not one stone on a stone,
But they would have the rabbit out of hiding,
To please the yelping dogs. The gaps I mean,
No one has seen them made or heard them made,
But at spring mending-time we find them there.
I let my neighbor know beyond the hill;
And on a day we meet to walk the line
And set the wall between us once again.
We keep the wall between us as we go.
To each the boulders that have fallen to each.
And some are loaves and some so nearly balls
We have to use a spell to make them balance:
'Stay where you are until our backs are turned!'



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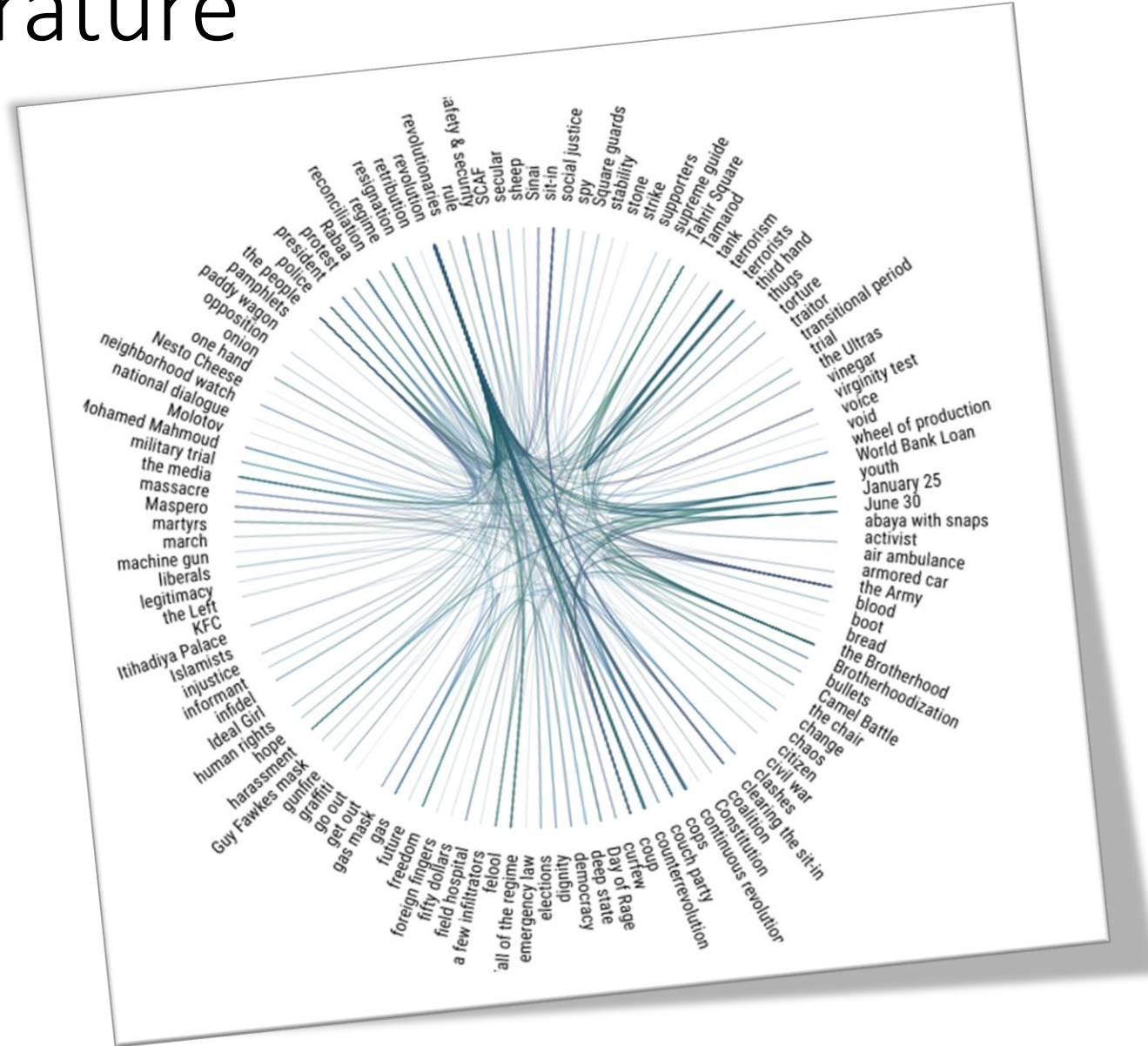
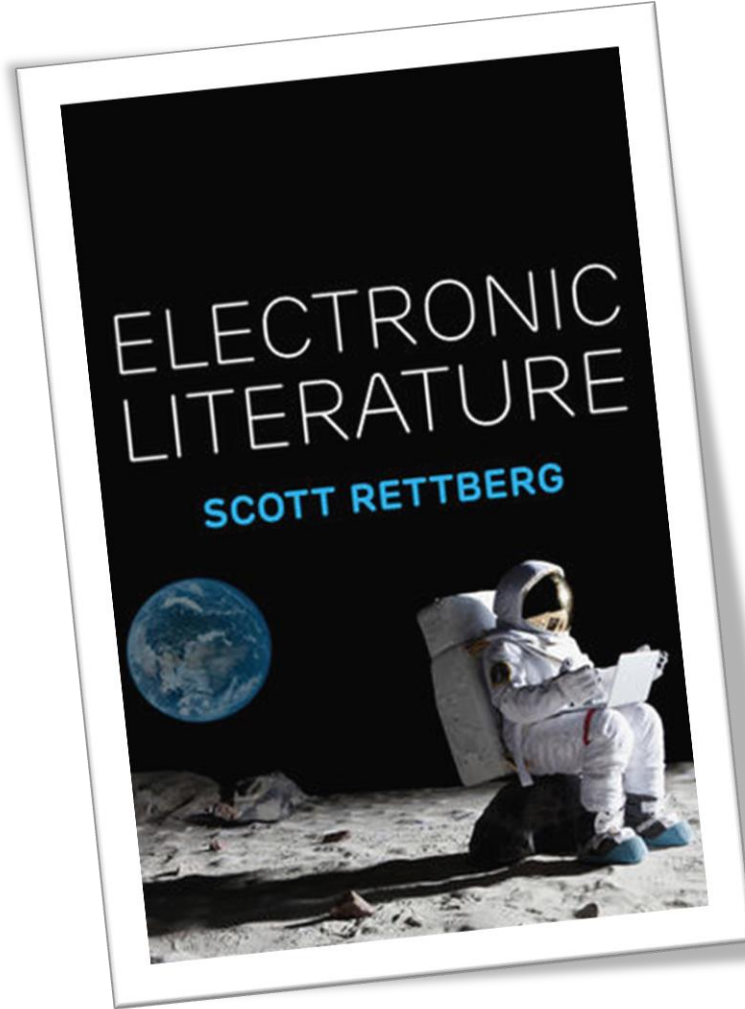
Digital literature (DL)

- There are many definitions to this phrase...
 - Literature made of texts that were created digitally, and that are meant to be read on a computer. [<http://eliterature.org/pad/elp.html>]
 - ELO - Electronic Literature Organization defines DL as Work with an important literary aspect that takes advantage of the capabilities and context provided by the stand-alone or networked computer.
[<https://directory.eliterature.org/article/4573>]
 - It is a new medium for literature that takes advantage of technology to both create and present a piece of literature.
[<https://dlsanthology.mla.hcommons.org/electornic-literature-contexts-and-poetics/>]

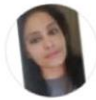
Digital literature vs literature on the web

- If a novel or a short story has been written on a word document and if it is printed... that is not an example of digital literature
- But if a novel is written and published on a blog page or a social media website and the readers access and interpret it using a computer or a smartphone... that is digital literature.

Genres of Digital Literature



TWITTERATURE



Ramyaniranjani Sudhanthiram

12 Feb 2020 · ⚙️

I always feel that i am one of the testimonies of the height, depth and width of God's redemptive power!

His grace surrounds me regardless of my weakness!


Every time when my mind is left alone , the first thing it starts examining is the love of God!

When It shouts " you don't deserve it "

He calmly walks in the troubled waters of my life and warns it to keep quiet!

The Voice of Him echoes

Until He sets me free!

 [Mathialagan Duraisami and 6 others](#)



DeadEndFiction
@DeadEndFiction

She left the house looking for fresh excitement. But what she found was: ghosts, monsters, demons, devils and all manifestations of shadow and wonder. Which was everything she had at home already.

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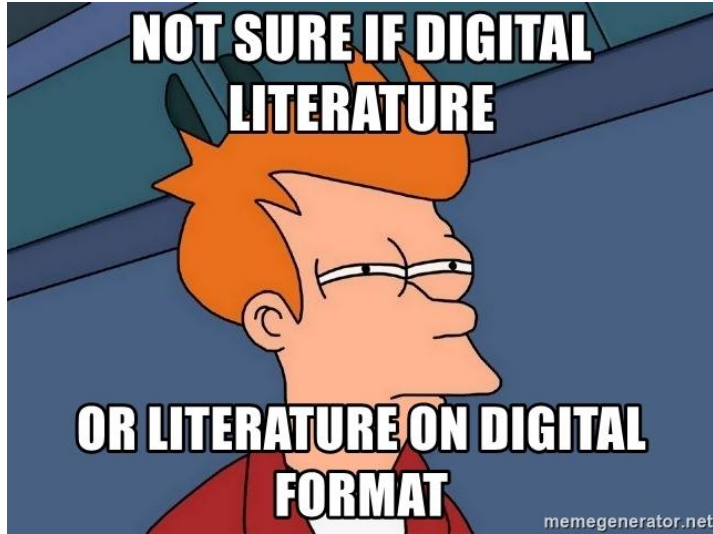


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MICRO FICTION

Mememes



MEME STORIES

IT'S OVER, BOOK...
YOU'RE AN INFERIOR
TECHNOLOGY.



YOUR BIG, CLUNKY
FORMAT IS IRRELEVANT.



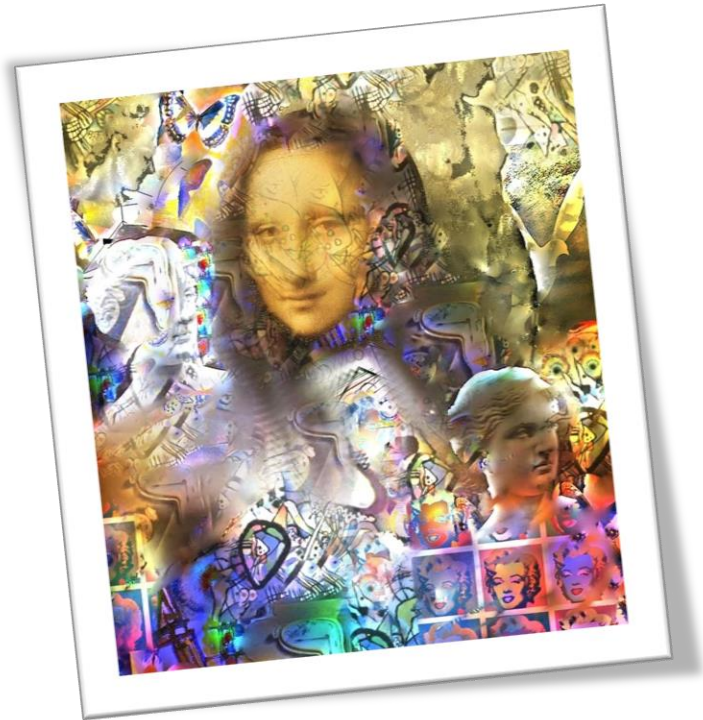
JUST A NIP OF THIS
FLAME AND YOU'D BE
GONE FOREVER!



Hypertext fiction

- This term was coined by Theodore Nelson, Hypertext fiction is a genre of Electronic Literature which is made up of non sequential and interlinking lexia.
- In the 90s, these literary works have been written using software like Storyspace, Hypercard and so on.
- Currently, HTML programming language is being used to produce these works.

P. Sullivan's **Pastiche**



I Have Said Nothing by J. Yellowlees Douglas



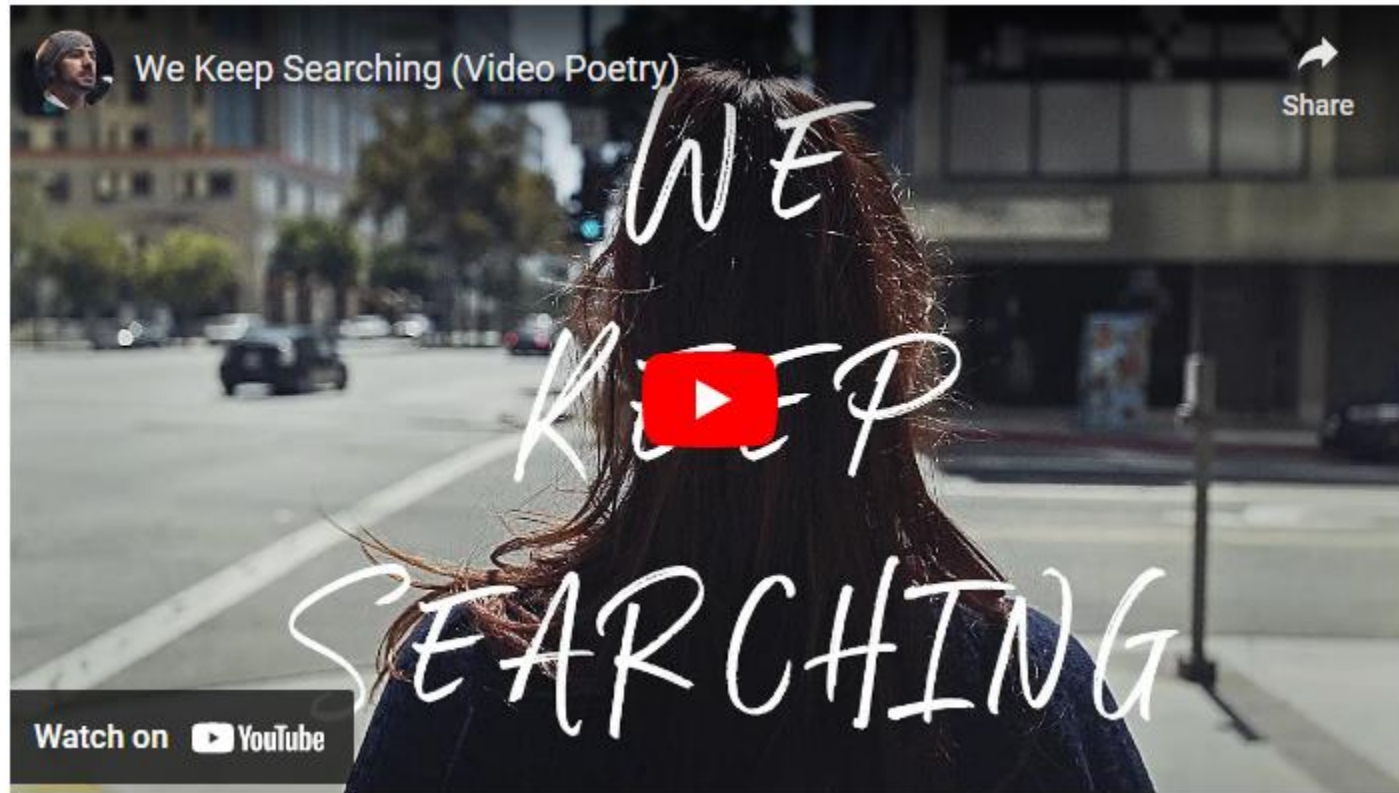
<https://bookriot.com/a-guide-to-hypertext-literature/>

Video poetry

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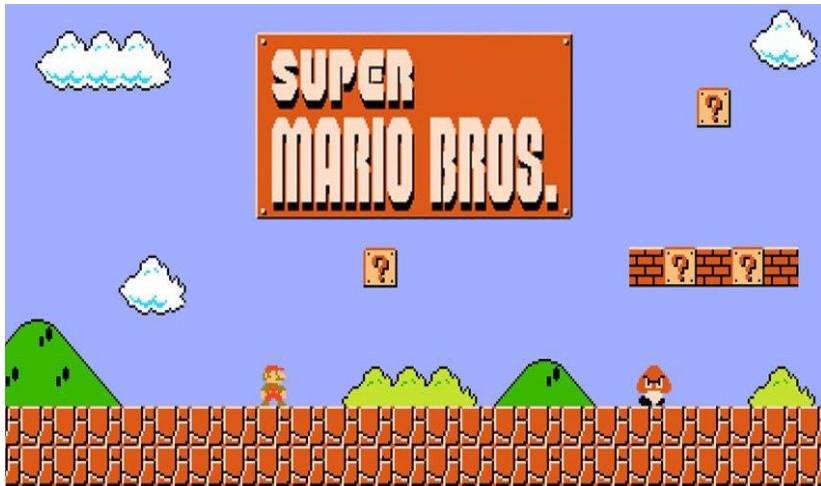
Video poetry



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Interactive fiction

- An adventure or mystery story, usually presented as a video game in which the player or reader is given choices as to how the storyline is to develop or the mystery is to be solved.



Interactive fiction... (cont.)

- Some early examples are digital games from the 70s and 80s like *Zork* and *Enchanter*.



THANK YOU