

# SITE REVIEWS

or truly be hiding from the mob? If the answers to these questions keep you up at night check out Black-Ops—before it's shut down, that is. An alphabetized listing of conspiracy theories ranging from Area-51 to Loch Ness to the New Mexico desert gives you access to information you may not be ready for—but you owe it to yourself to find out. *FColagiovanni*

## MOVIES

### Filmbug Filmbug.com

Trying to find the right movie for a date? Boning up on your movie trivia? Stalking your favorite movie star? Updated daily, filmbug.com features plot summaries and cast lists of new releases and less current films. The site is chock full of Academy Award listings, biographies, birthdays, and movie polls. Searches for movies or stars bring up links with the expected—reviews, MPAA ratings—and the unexpected—a nearly nude Antonio Banderas or Jennifer Lopez. *HHubbard*



### Moviesounds Moviesounds.com

Have you ever wished your computer could talk like they do in the movies? Well now it can. Moviesounds.com has a complete, well-organized catalog of sound clips from some of the most popular movies of the 80s and 90s. If you want Ferris Bueller on your answering machine or the voice of Morpheus from *The Matrix* as your shut-down sound—or if you want to wake up your roommate with Robin Williams screaming “Good-morning Vietnam,” check out this site. *FColagiovanni*

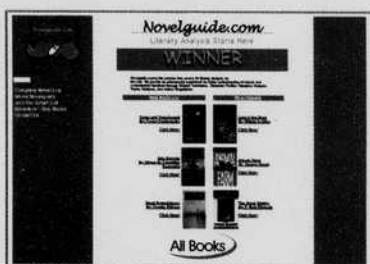
### Movie mistakes Movie-mistakes.com

Does Kate Winslet have a tattoo on her arm in *Titanic*? Is Indiana Jones in the crowd at the podrace in *The Phantom Menace*? Can you spot a film discrepancy at 50 feet? Then check out movie-mistakes.com. Loaded with some of Hollywood's best films, and best mistakes, you can also submit or correct as desired. Read the latest movie news and reviews, and “watch films differently.” *EFeick*

## STUDY HELP

### Novelguide novelguide.com

Lit-101 just got a little easier. If you're looking for summaries, character profiles, theme and metaphor analysis, quotes or author bios for the books on your syllabus, you'll likely find them at novelguide.com. With titles ranging from *Alice in Wonderland* to *Wuthering Heights* it's a good, cheap alternative to Cliffs Notes. It's still no substitute for reading the book but if you're unprepared for class discussion at 9am on a Monday morning, you can't beat it. *FColagiovanni*



### Funk & Wagnalls funkandwagnalls.com

My first exposure to Funk & Wagnalls was when I was a little kid and my mom got it to help with my homework—it was a pile of brown books. That was then, funkandwagnalls.com is now. It's an easy to navigate and simple to use online resource for anyone looking for quick information on a broad range of topics. Combining an encyclopedia, dictionary, thesaurus, atlas and media gallery (photos, animations, interactive content), it has a little something for everyone. *FColagiovanni*

## TRAVEL

### Frommer's frommers.com

If you have ever spent time researching travel, or looking through the travel section at your local bookstore, you have likely come across the name Arthur Frommer. He is a travel guru, and frommers.com is the new media home for this acclaimed travel expert. Fortunately, it is not just an electronic reprint of his BudgetTravel magazine; rather, it is a separate entity offering a daily newsletter, advice, travel ideas, message boards and links. Perhaps the best thing about this site is that its candor is not disrupted by big-money/big business like so many other travel sites. Its candid opinions are presented on a clean, nicely framed site with fast uploads—a good resource for any traveler. *MDougherty*

### Lonely Planet Lonelyplanet.com

The famed off-the-beaten track guidebook series offers its services for free on the web, with advice for the frugal backpacker setting out for destinations from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe. Lonely Planet eschews traditional tourist approaches to travelling, refusing to hold your hand. Instead, it offers all the essential advice necessary to safely travel the world on your own, as well as rich cultural background. At the end of each entry (categorized by country and city) it offers reading suggestions ranging from essential health handbooks to “The Odyssey” for travelers to Greece. *CDavenport*



## FOR FUN

### The Periodic Table of Funk www.toshistation.com/funk/funk.htm

L Silky is the funkiest chemistry professor you will ever find. I mean, c'mon, he wears a purple pinstripe suit. Silky speaks in jive as he goes through all the elements like T, the Mr. T element, or F, Bruce Lee's fist. Clicking on each element brings you to a small lesson on a crucial individual or item in 70s funk history that corresponds to the first letter of the element. When you're done going through the periodic table, return to the station entrance and explore some more. Ya dig? *TMaor*

### Black comedy FadetoBlack.com

Instead of retelling ridiculous jokes based on incredible scenarios, fadetoBlack.com succeeds in presenting the inherent humor in everyday life that most people are too uptight to recognize. From highlighting the absurdities of contemporary civil rights leaders (Why do they have to rhyme all the time? D'oh!) to their Dumb Quote of the Day, usually victimizing notable Hollywood role models, Fade to Black's humor is aimed most harshly towards its readers, as they are the ones who celebrate the idiocy that FadetoBlack.com presents as humor. *JLowenthal*