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## Introduction

I started using pen names under the influence of French science fiction writer Boris Vian, who took up the practice during World War II as a way of confusing the Nazi mind police.

He continued using pen names after the war, scoring his best-selling novel, *I Spit on Your Graves*, under a pen name. He pointed out that it was a good defense against being typecast.

It's mainly for that reason that I have continued to follow Vian's advice—and have passed on the habit to my star pupil, Anne Rice.

—Ray Nelson  
El Cerrito, California  
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**W**hile not as prevalent today as in the past, science fiction and fantasy authors continue to use pseudonyms, or pen names. Some possible reasons for this practice include the following:

- 1) Publishers of prolific authors want to avoid flooding the market with many books by the same author.
- 2) Magazine editors want to disguise the fact that two different stories in an issue are by the same author.
- 3) Magazine editors want to disguise the fact that one of the stories in an issue is by the editor himself or herself.
- 4) Authors write in different genres, and want to have a particular name associated with a particular genre.
- 5) Authors with names similar to those of other writers use pen names to avoid confusing the reader.
- 6) Collaborations between authors are disguised by a pen name.
- 7) A publisher has a series of stories and wants to be able to continue the series without interruption if the author doing the series leaves, so he requires the stories to be written under a "house" name.
- 8) An author wants to disguise his or her sex to make the story more credible.
- 9) Authors want to disguise authorship because of personal revelations made, the sensitive nature of the story, the quality of the story, to conceal their writing activities from their principal employer and/or their colleagues, etc.

## Author Names: Pseudonyms

**Forrest J Ackerman:** 4E, 4SJ, Ackermonster, Dr. Acula, Bobby Benson, J. Forrester Eckman, Jacques DeForest Erman, Forijay, Forjak, Aime Merrit, Ralph 124E41, Clair Voyant, Hubert George Wells, Damon Wright, Weaver Wright, many others.

**Brian Aldiss:** Jael Cracken, Peter Pica, John Runcimar, Arch Medicant, others.

**Poul Anderson:** A. A. Craig, Michael Karageorge, Winston P. Sanders.

**Isaac Asimov:** George E. Dale, Paul French, H. B. Ogden.

**Eric Temple Bell:** Richard C. Badger, John Taine, James Temple.

**Alfred Bester:** John Lennox, Sonny Powell.

**Drexel J. L. Bixby:** Jerome Bixby, Jay B. Drexel, Thornecliff Herrick (house name), D. B. Lewis, Harry Neal, Alger Rome (with Algis J. Budrys), Albert Russell, others.

**James Blish:** William Atheling, Jr., Donald Laverty (with Damon Knight), John MacDougal (with Robert W. Lowndes), Arthur Merlin, Luke Torley, others.

**Robert Bloch:** Tarleton Fiske, Nathan Hindin, Wilson Kane, Sherry Malone, John Sheldon, others.

**Ray Bradbury:** D. R. Banat, Edward Banks, Leonard Douglas, William Elliot, Don Reynolds, Douglas Spaulding, Leonard Spaulding, others.

**Marion Zimmer Bradley:** Lee Chapman, John Dexter, Brian Morley, Dee O'Brien, others.

**Fredric Brown:** Felix Graham.

**John Brunner:** K. Houston Brunner, John Loxsmith, Trevor Staines, Keith Woodcott, others.

**Edgar Rice Burroughs:** Norman Bean, John Tyler McCulloch.

**John W. Campbell, Jr.:** Authur McCann, Don A. Stuart, Karl van Campen.

**Orson Scott Card:** Brian Green, Noam D. Pellume, Byron S. Walley.

**A. Bertram Chandler:** Andrew Dunstan, George Whitley, others.

**Carolyn Janice Cherry:** C. J. Cherryh.

**Arthur C. Clarke:** E. G. O'Brien, Charles Willis.

**Michael Crichton:** Michael Douglas, Jeffrey Hudson, John Lange.

**L. Sprague de Camp:** Lyman R. Lyon, J. Wellington Wells, J. W. Wells.

**Ramon Alvarez Del Rey:** John Alvarez, R. Alvarez, Lester del Rey (usual name), Cameron Hall, Marion Henry, Philip Janes, Edson McCann (with Frederik Pohl), Philip St. John, Eric van Lihn, Kenneth Wright.

**August Derleth:** Stephen Grendon, Eldon Heath, Kenyon Holmes, Tally Mason, Michael West, others.

**Philip K. Dick:** Richard Phillips, Mark Van Dyke.

**Julian Chain May Dikty:** Julian Chain, Lee N. Falconer, Julian May, George Zanderbergen, others.

**Thomas M. Disch:** Thom Demijohn, Cassandra Knye (both with John Sladek), Victor Hastings, Dobbin Thorpe, others.

**Harlan Ellison:** Cordwainer Bird, Paul Merchant, Ellis Robertson (with Robert Silverberg), Jay Solo, Derry Tiger, others.

**Paul Ernst:** Kenneth Robeson (house name), Paul F. Stern, George Alden Edson.

**E. Everett Evans:** Harry J. Gardener, Harry J. Gardner, H. E. Verett.

**Philip José Farmer:** Nick Adams; Martin Eden; Jonathan Swift Somers; Kilgore Trout; John H. Watson, MD; others.

**John M. Ford:** Michael J. Dodge.

**Daniel F. Galouye:** Louis G. Daniels.

**Horace L. Gold:** Clyde Crane Campbell, Dudley Dell, Harold C. Fosse, H. L. Gold, others.

**Ron Goulart:** Josephine Kains, Julian Kearny, Howard Lee, Frank S. Shawn, Joseph Silva, many others.

**Roger Phillips Graham:** Craig Browning, Rog Phillips, Melva Rogers, others.

**James E. Gunn:** Edwin James.

**Joeseoph William Haldeman:** Robert Graham (house name), Joe Haldeman (usual name).

**Edmond Hamilton:** Robert Castle, Hugh Davidson, Will Garth, Robert Wentworth, others.

**James Judson Harmon:** Judson Grey (with Ron Haydock), Jim Harmon (usual name), Jim Harvey, Portia Perkins, others.

**John Wyndham Parks Lucas Beynon Harris:** John Beynon, Johnson Harris, Lucas Parks, Wyndham Parkes, John Wyndham, others.

**Harry Harrison:** Felix Boyd, Hank Dempsey, Wade Kaempfert, others.

**Robert Anson Heinlein:** Anson MacDonald, Lyle Monroe, John



Riverside, Caled Saunders, Simon York.

**Robert E. Howard:** Patrick Erwin, Patrick Howard, Sam Walser.

**L. Ron Hubbard:** Frederick Engelhardt, Rene Lafayette, Kurt von Rachen, others.

**Malcolm Jameson:** Colin Keith, Mary MacGregor.

**William Fitzgerald Jenkins:** William Fitzgerald, Louisa Carter Lee, Murray Leinster.

**Gwyneth Jones:** Ann Halam.

**Stephen King:** Richard Bachman, Steve King.

**Philip J. Klass:** Kenneth Putnam, William Tenn.

**Damon Knight:** Ritter Conway, Stuart Fleming, Donald Laverty (with James Blish).

**Dean Koontz:** Dean Ray Koontz, Aaron Wolfe, Brian Coffey, David Axton, Deanna Dwyer, John Hill, K. R. Dwyer, Anthony North, Owen West, Richard Paige.

**Cyril M. Kornbluth:** Earl Balons, Gabriel Barclay, Arthur Cooke (with other Futurians), Cecil Corwin, Walter C. Davies, Simon Eisner, Kenneth Falconer, S. D. Gottesman (with Frederik Pohl), Cyril Judd (with Judith Merrill), Martin Pearson (with Donald Wollheim), Dirk Wylie (with other Futurians), others.

**Henry Kuttner:** Keith Hammond, Lawrence O'Donnell, Lewis Padgett (all with wife C. L. Moore), Kelvin Kent, Woodrow Wilson Smith, Charles Stoddard, others.

**Mindret Lord:** Mildret Lord, Mildred Lord, Gladys Lord, Mindred Lord, Garland Lord, Nathaniel Grew.

**Keith Laumer:** Anthony LeBaron.

**Paul M. A. Linebarger:** Felix Forrest, Carmichael Smith, Cordwainer Smith.

**Amelia Reynolds Long:** A. R. Long, Adrian Reynolds, Patrick Laing, Mordred Weir, Kathleen Buddington Coxe (with Edna McHugh).

**Gabrielle Margaret Vere Long:** Marjorie Bowen, Joseph Shearing, George R. Preedy, John Winch, Robert Paye, Margaret Campbell.

**Howard Phillips Lovecraft:** H. P. Lovecraft, Lawrence Appleton, Robert Barlow, J. H. Brownlow, John T. Dunn, John J. Jones, Ward Phillips, Edward Softly, Lewis Theobald, others.

**Robert W. Lowndes:** Arthur Cooke, S. D. Gottesman, Paul Dennis Lavond, John MacDougal, Lawrence Woods (all with fellow Futurians),

Robert Wright (with Forrest J Ackerman).

**Richard A. Lupoff:** Ova Hamlet, Dick O'Donnell, Addison E. Steele, Dick Lupoff.

**Katherine MacLean:** Charles Dey, G. A. Morris.

**Barry N. Malzberg:** Mike Barry, Claudia Dumas, K. M. O'Donnell, Gerrold Watkins, others.

**Thorp McClusky:** L. MacKay Phelps.

**Judith Merrill:** Cyril Judd (with C. M. Kornbluth), Rose Sharon.

**Michael Moorcock:** William Barclay, Edward P. Bradbury, many others.

**C. L. Moore:** Keith Hammond, Hudson Hastings, C. H Liddel, Lawrence O'Donnell, Lewis Padgett (all with husband Henry Kuttner).

**Radell Faraday Nelson:** Ray Nelson (usual name), Ray Faraday Nelson, R. F. Nelson, R. N. Elson, Jeffrey Lord.

**Kris Neville:** Henderson Starke.

**William F. Nolan:** Frank Anmar, Mike Cahill, F. E. Edwards.

**Alice Mary Norton:** Andrew North, André Norton (usual name), Allen Weston (with Grace Allen).

**Charles Nutt:** Charles Beaumont (usual name), C. B. Lovehill, Charles McNutt, Michael Phillips, others.

**Symmes Chadwick Oliver:** Chad Oliver.

**Raymond A. Palmer:** G. H. Irwin, Frank Patton, Wallace Quitman (all house names), Robert N. Webster, others.

**John R. Pierce:** J. J. Coupling, John Roberts.

**Frederik Pohl:** James MacCreigh, Edson McCann (with Lester Del Rey), and Jordan Park, S. D. Gottesman, Paul Dennis Lavond, Scott Mariner, Jordan Park (all with fellow Futurians), others.

**E. Hoffmann Price:** Hamlin Daly, Martin McCall.

**Dallas McCord Reynolds:** Mark Mallory, Mack Reynolds (usual name), Dallas Ross.

**Anne Rice:** Anne Rampling, A. N. Roquelaire.

**George Scithers:** Felix Lance Falkon, Karl Wurf.

**Richard S. Shaver:** Wes Amherst, G. H. Irwin, Frank Patton, Richard Sharpe, others.

**Robert Sheckley:** Phillips Barbee, Ned Lay, Finn O'Donnevan.

**Alice Hastings Sheldon:** Alice Bradley, Raccoona Sheldon, James

Tiptree, Jr.

**Robert Silverberg:** Gordon Aghill, Loren Beauchamp (adult), David Challon (adult), Dirk Clinton (mysteries), Dan [Don] Elliott (adult), Calvin M. Knox, Dan Malcolm (mysteries), Ellis Robertson (with Harlan Ellison), Eric Rodman (mysteries), Mark Ryan (mysteries), many others, several with Randall Garrett.

**John Sladek:** Thom Demijohn, Cassandra Knye (both with Thomas M. Disch), Richard A. Tilms, John Vogh.

**Margaret St. Clair:** William Hazel, Wilton Hazzard, Idris Seabright.

**Harry Clement Stubbs:** Hal Clement (usual name), George Richard.

**Theodore Sturgeon:** Frederick R. Ewing, E. Waldo Hunter, E. Hunter Waldo, Billy Watson.

**Tricia Sullivan:** Valery Leith.

**D. C. Tubb:** L. T. Bronson, Jud Cary, Charles Grey, Gregory Kern, many others.

**Arthur Wilson Tucker:** Bob Tucker, Wilson Tucker, others.

**William A. P. White:** Anthony Boucher, Theo Durrant, H. H. Holmes, Herman W. Mudgett, Parker White.

**John Stewart Williamson:** Nils Sonderland, Will Stewart, Jack Williamson.

**Russell Winterbotham:** R. R. Winterbotham, Russell R. Winterbotham, Russ Winterbotham, R. R. Winter, J. Harvey Bond.

**Donald A. Wollheim:** David Grinnell, Martin Pearson, others (with fellow Futurians).

**Christopher S. Youd:** John Christopher, Hillary Ford, Peter Graaf, others.

**Roger Zelazny:** Harrison Denmark.

## Famous Pen Names: Real Names

**William Atheling, Jr:** James Blish

**Charles Beaumont:** Charles Nutt

**Marjorie Bowen:** Gabrielle Margaret Vere Long

**Jerome Bixby:** Dresel J. Bixby

**Anthony Boucher:** William A. P. White

**John Christopher:** Christopher S. Youd

**J. J. Coupling:** John R. Pierce  
**Lester Del Rey:** Ramon Alvarez Del Rey  
**Paul French:** Isaac Asimov  
**Stephen Grendon:** August Derleth  
**Jim Harmon:** James Judson Harmon  
**Rene Lafayette:** L. Ron Hubbard  
**Murray Leinster:** William Fitzgerald Jenkins  
**James MacCreigh:** Frederik Pohl  
**Anson McDonald:** Robert A. Heinlein  
**Robert Markham:** Kingsley Amis  
**Julian May:** Julian Chain May Dikty  
**André Norton:** Alice Mary Norton  
**Martin Pearson:** Donald A. Wollheim  
**Rog Phillips:** Roger P. Graham  
**Mack Reynolds:** Dallas McCord Reynolds  
**Idris Seabright:** Margaret St. Clair  
**Will Stewart:** John Stewart (Jack) Williamson  
**Don A Stuart:** John W. Campbell, Jr.  
**John Taine:** Eric Temple Bell  
**William Tenn:** Philip Klass  
**James Tiptree, Jr.:** Alice H. Sheldon  
**John Wyndham:** John Wyndham Parks Lucas Beynon Harris  
**Weaver Wright:** Forrest J Ackerman

## 10 Famous House Names

1. **Gabriel Barclay:** Used by Manly Wade Wellman and C. M. Kornbluth
2. **Alexander Blade:** Used by Robert Silverberg, Randall Garrett, Howard Browne, Rog Phillips, Richard Shaver, Edmond Hamilton, others
3. **Will Garth:** Used by Henry Kuttner, Edmond Hamilton, Eando Binder, Manly Wade Wellman, others
4. **S. D. Gottesman:** Used by C. M. Kornbluth, Frederik Pohl, Robert W. Lowndes (see Note)

5. **E. K. Jarvis:** Used by Robert Silverberg, Paul Fairman, Harlan Ellison, Robert Moore Williams, others
6. **Paul Dennis Lavond:** Used by Frederik Pohl, C. M. Kornbluth, Robert W. Lowndes, Dirk Wylie, others (see Note)
7. **Clyde Mitchell:** Used by Harlan Ellison, Robert Silverberg, Randall Garrett, others
8. **Frank Patton:** Used by Ray Palmer, Richard Shaver, others
9. **Brett Sterling:** Used by Ray Bradbury, Edmond Hamilton, others
10. **Ivar Towers:** Used by Richard Wilson, C. M. Kornbluth (see Note)

**Note:** It is impossible at this late date to determine all the contributors to the different pen names used by members of The Futurian Society of New York during the late 1930s and early 1940s (see Damon Knight's *The Futurians*).

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## About the Authors

Ray Nelson is a longtime National Fantasy Fan Federation member, artist, and science fiction author. Nelson—inventor of the propeller beanie—co-wrote *The Ganymede Takeover* with Philip K. Dick. His most recent novel, *Virtual Zen*, was published in 1996.

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