

## ZineWiki.com

ZineWiki is an open-source encyclopedia devoted to zines and independent media, covering the history, production, distribution, and culture of the small press.

### The Basics

- A user name is required to make edits or create pages.
- Articles should be encyclopedic in nature and written from a neutral point of view. Individuals can write or edit articles about themselves or their zines.
- Articles should be factually accurate and verifiable. All quotations and content making claims or assertions or content likely to be challenged must be attributed to a published source. (Zines are considered an acceptable published source.)
- Because many articles about zine publishers are about living people, please attempt to respect privacy.
  - Only use names as they are presented within a publisher's zine(s). Do not include a person's last name unless it has been published in a zine or other source.
  - Avoid revealing the real name of someone who writes under a pseudonym unless that information is common knowledge or published in another source.
  - Pictures of zine publishers should be uploaded only with the zinester's permission or be a press photo.
  - Images of zine covers are encouraged; cover scans comply with fair use. However, if a zine publisher requests an image from a zine not be published on the site, administrators will consider a request for removal.
  - Please be sensitive to issues of gender. Zinesters include people who are transsexual and transgendered; don't assume a person is male or female and avoid identifying gender unless a person has clearly identified as that gender.
- Look at the Previously Featured Articles for 'good' examples of how a page should be formatted or what it should contain.

### Creating a Page

- The easiest method is to search for whatever term/phrase you'd like your new page to be titled. Ex:
  - You want to add an entry for Zine Title ABC.
  - Searching first ensures that there isn't already an existing page for that zine. (If there is, feel free to make edits!)
  - If there isn't an existing page, click on the red link that says "create this page."
- Add content – including appropriate wiki tags (see below) – and save!
- The title of the article should appear as early as possible, preferably in the first sentence. The first time the article mentions the title, put it in bold (see below).
- If you get stuck, click the Help link in the left navigation menu from any page.
- See [http://www.zinewiki.com/ZineWiki:Manual\\_of\\_Style](http://www.zinewiki.com/ZineWiki:Manual_of_Style) for a sample article you can copy and paste as a starting point for creating a properly formatted article.

### Formatting

- Emphasizing text
  - `'italic'`
  - `'''bold'''`
  - `''''bold italic''''`
- Section headings
  - `=Primary Sections=` large text with horizontal line

- ==Subsections== smaller text than Primary Sections, also with horizontal line
- ===Sub-subsections===
- A Table of Contents box will be automatically created from these section headings when you use 4 or more headings.
- Links
  - For an internal link (linking to a page within the wiki): [[Main Page]]
  - For an internal named link: [[List\_of\_Distros|Distros]] – The text “Distros” will link to the page List\_of\_Distros.
  - External linking (linking to a page outside the wiki): use the URL, including the http://, if you want the URL to display: http://www.undergroundpress.org
  - External named link: [http://www.undergroundpress.org Zine World] – The text “Zine World” will link to the shown URL.
- Lists
  - For bullet lists, use \* . Ex:
    - \* First level list object
    - \*\* Second level list object
    - \*\*\* Third level list object
  - For numbered lists, use # . Ex:
    - # First level list object
    - ## Second level list object
    - ### Third level list object
  - Mixed lists
    - \* First level would be a bullet
    - \*# Second level would be numbered.
    - \*\*# Third level would be a nested bullet.
- Other formatting? See <http://www.zinewiki.com/Help:Editing>.

## Wiki Tags

- Adding tags to the bottom of pages will ensure the page is listed in appropriate categories, making them easier to find. These are examples of tags commonly used on ZineWiki.
  - For zinesters: [[Category:Zinester]]
  - For zines: [[Category:Zine]] or [[Category:Review Zine]] or [[Category:Perzine]]
  - To identify location: [[Category:Portland Zinesters]] or [[Category: UK Zinesters]] or [[Category:Washington Zines]]
  - To identify timeframe: [[Category:2000's publications]]
  - To list it as a library holding: [[Category:West Coast Zine Collection]]
- Including |ziname or |lastname after the category listing (before the closing brackets) is also helpful for organizing the category pages. Ex: [[Category:Distro|Microcosm]]
- For a list of other categories, click the Special Pages link in the left navigation menu, then click Categories under List of Pages.

## Questions? Suggestions? Comments?

- Every page has an attached Discussion page. If you have a question or comment about a specific article, please add to that article's Discussion page.
- If you have a question about the site itself, you can add to the Main Page's Discussion page. You can also leave a message for a specific contributor or editor by adding to that user name's Discussion page.
- Sign your comments: ~~~~ will add your user name, date, and time to the end of your comment.