

APPENDIX 1. GLOSSARY

! – the exclamation mark between two words acts as a signifier to define a specific category of the character, typically to distinguish between it and the **canon**. For example, Chisnall!Valjean refers to how in this context, Valjean is as portrayed by Dean Chisnall, Black!Javert refers to this Javert being a Black person, or Vampire!Marius refers to Marius being a vampire.

Acafan - A term coined by Henry Jenkins: a portmanteau of Academic-Fan.

Agender – a term for someone who identifies as having no gender.

Allosexual – a term for someone who does not identify as **asexual**, that is, someone who experiences sexual attraction.

Alternate Universe (AU) – a designator in **fanworks** that states the work deviates from the **canon** of the fictional universe that the fanwork is based on. The BBC's *Sherlock* is, for example, a modern!AU of Arthur Conan Doyle's novels in that it chooses to recontextualise the stories in the twenty-first century.

Aromantic (Aro) – a term for someone who does not desire romantic relationships. Sometimes combined with **asexuality** as the shorthand 'Ace/Aro' or 'acearo'.

Asexual (Ace) – a term for someone who is not **allosexual**, that is, someone who does not desire sexual relationships. Sometimes combined with **aromanticism** as the shorthand 'Ace/Aro' or 'acearo'.

ArchiveOfOurOwn (AO3) – a hosting website for **fanfiction**; one of the largest in the English-speaking world.

Barricade Boys – (see **Les Amis**).

Brick – the nickname given to the novel *Les Misérables* by fans who compare its size and weight to a brick.

Britpicker – a fandom term for a person who is specifically hired to 'nit-pick' **fanfiction** set in

Britain to ensure that it is culturally accurate.

Canon – the canon is the accepted understanding of ‘facts’ from the source text(s). In this case, it is ‘canonical’ that Jean Valjean was a prisoner at Toulon in the novel, and Cosette’s relationship with Marius is ‘canon’ in the novel and in most adaptations, because they are citeable occurrences in the text.

Carrd – a webtool used to create mini-websites or landing pads for online profiles, often used to supplement social media bios with limited characters (*see also Linktree*).

Cisgender (Cis) – a term for someone who is not **transgender**, as in identifies as the gender they were assigned at birth.

Cosplay – a portmanteau of ‘costume’ and ‘play’, it is the act of dressing in the costume of a character.

Crack – crack fic or crack works are works purposefully intended to be unintelligible and non-**canonical**, typically for humorous intent (originating from the idea that the fan would have had to have been on crack to come up with the idea). An example of a crack **ship** is Joly and “Mr Clean” from the Procter & Gamble commercials.

Discord – an instant messaging platform with a community focus, allowing for private and group chats with text, voice and video options. Unlike Facebook’s *Messenger*, *WhatsApp* and *Instagram*, Discord does not encourage users to give out their legal identities.

Doxxing – the act of publicly revealing previously private personal information, usually through the internet and often as a form of online shaming, extortion or vigilantism. The information is often gleaned via social media or through the hacking of databases.

Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) – A Tabletop Roleplaying game designed by Gary Gygax and Dave Arneson, first published in 1974 where players create characters to explore a world created by a Dungeon Master.

ER – (sometimes styled as E/R or ExR) is the **ship** name for the characters Enjolras (E) and Grantaire (R). Grantaire’s nickname comes from the self-made pun that his name sounds like *grand R* [capital R] (III,4,i,542).

Face claim – the act of designating a person as the imagined face for that character. This may be ‘**canonical**’ i.e. the actor Aaron Tveit as Enjolras (who played the character in the 2012 film), or ‘**headcanon**’, i.e. the actor Dev Patel, who has never portrayed him.

Fanart – artwork (including digital paintings, sketches, illustrations, comics) made by fans, depicting characters or scenes from a source work, though often remixed.

Fandom – the collective term for a group of fans; a portmanteau of ‘fan’ and ‘kingdom’.

Fanfiction – literature (including prose and poetry) made by fans, depicting characters or scenes from a source work, though often remixed.

Fanwork – work (including art, literature, videos, cosplay, metafiction) depicting characters or scenes from a source work, though often remixed.

F/F – a term used on **fanfiction** websites to note that the main pairing is a female/female relationship (*see also M/M, F/M and Gen*).

F/M – a term used on **fanfiction** websites to note that the main pairing is a female/male relationship (*see also M/M, F/F and Gen*).

Gen – a term used on **fanfiction** websites to note that a fanfic contains no romantic or sexual relationships, or that relationships are not the main focus of the work (*see also F/F, F/M and M/M*).

Gender Non-Conforming (GNC) – a term for someone who may or may not be **transgender**, and who does not conform to heterosexual, **cisgender** or patriarchal gender stereotypes.

Genderfluid – a term for someone who feels that their gender is fluid and in motion. They may identify as multiple fixed genders or be in continual flux.

Genderqueer – a term for someone who may not identify as any particular gender, who may have many genders, is someone in flux, or someone who is otherwise aware that they are not the gender they were assigned at birth.

Headcanon – a fan’s personal or communal ‘**canon**’; as in the canon that lives in their head, which may include the headcanon that a character is a certain race or gender. There is a

spectrum of belief with headcanons, ranging from reasonable to **crack**. The common headcanon that Javert is Rromani is reasonable and can be argued as having authorial intent, but the headcanon that certain characters can shift their genitalia to resemble that of animals' is not seen to be, or desired to be, taken as 'canon'.

Hex number – a number that represents a colour by including colour models (Red Green Blue, Hue Saturation Lightness, and Cyan Magenta Yellow Key). By generating a simple code for the selected colour, web- or digital- based programmes can agree that a colour is a colour. #ff5733 is, for example, is a shade of red.

Intersex – a term for someone who was born with genitals, gonads and/or chromosomes that sit outside of the male/female binary.

Les Amis – (*see also* **Barricade Boys**). The group of revolutionary young people from Hugo's novel, dubbed *Les Amis de l'ABC* [the Friends of the ABC], the pun on the last word being its homophone *abaissé*. The canonical members are Enjolras, Joly, Courfeyrac, Grantaire, Combeferre, Feuilly, Jean Prouvaire (Jehan), Bahorel and Lesgle (Bossuet) but often also include Gavroche, Marius, Musichetta, Cosette and Éponine.

Linktree – a webtool used to create mini-websites or landing pads for online profiles, often used to supplement social media bios with limited characters (*see also* **Carrd**).

LiveJournal (LJ) – a hosting website for **fanfiction**.

M/M – a term used on fanfiction websites to note that the main pairing is a male/male relationship (*see also* **F/F**, **F/M** and **Gen**).

Modern!AU – (*see also* **AU**); **fanworks** that are set in the 21st century, especially when the source work is historical, as with *Les Misérables*.

Non-binary (Enby) – a term for someone who does not identify as male or female. Non-binary is often shortened to 'enby' to differentiate it from the already existing 'NB', which typically stands for 'non-Black'.

Organization for Transformative Works (OTW) – the non-profit organization run by and for fans to provide access to and preserve the history of **fanworks** and fan cultures.

Roleplay (RP) – within **fandom** communities, RP typically means roleplaying as characters, usually by taking turns on a forum/chat website, mimicking the characters having a conversation with one another, typically with the goal of having characters reach a romantic conclusion. This may have pre-plotted arcs (with room for improvisation), as well as visual elements like pre-fabricated photos of the characters' **face claims**.

Real Person Fic (RPF) – a type of **fanfiction** in which real people become the subject of the fic rather than the characters they play. For example: a fic that imagines a relationship between the actors Michael Ball and Alfie Boe instead of their characters Javert and Valjean.

Reblog / Retweet – the act of re-sharing a post on the websites **tumblr** and Twitter, respectively.

Ship – short for 'relationship', the term used to denote that a fan supports two or more individuals in a romantic relationship. 'This is my favourite ship', 'I ship them', 'Fans ship them'.

Ship name – the name of a particular **ship**; often a portmanteau of the characters' names. For example, Valjean/Javert become **Valvert**, Enjolras/Grantaire becomes **ER**, Joly/Bossuet/Musichetta becomes J/B/M. The forward slash between names designates the relationship as romantic or sexual, whereas an ampersand (e.g., Enjolras & Combeferre) designates a platonic relationship.

TikTok – a video-sharing focused social media networking service. Currently one of the largest spawning grounds for viral trends and the propagation of memes.

Transformative Works and Cultures (TWC) – an international, peer-reviewed journal published by **OTW**, broadly conceived to publish articles about media studies and the fan community.

Transgender (Trans) – the umbrella term for someone who identifies as a gender that they were not assigned at birth.

tumblr – a microblogging website used by fans to share fan works such as art, gifs and **cosplay**. Often styled with the lower-case T.

Valvert – the **ship** name for Valjean and Javert.

Vine – a short-form video hosting website that only allowed the sharing of six-second long, looping video clips. It spawned several viral memes that continue to live in internet spaces.