

CURRICULUM VITAE

Simo Sakari Aaltonen, BA, writer

EDUCATION

Master of Arts studies at the [University of Tampere](#) with English Philology as the major subject (2011–). Bachelor of Arts degree at the [University of Jyväskylä](#) with English Philology as the major subject and minors in Philosophy and Psychology (1998–2007).

LANGUAGES

Excellent English and Finnish. Some German, Swedish, and Latin.

WORK HISTORY

Writer:

- ◆ Upcoming game to be released in the United States in late 2011
- ◆ [Colin Wilson: *The Outsider—a poem—*](#) (Mar 2008)
- ◆ Programme notes on Franz Kafka, [Philip Glass](#), and his opera *In the Penal Colony* for the [Helsinki Skaala Opera](#) (Ooppera Skaala) production (Mar 2006)
- ◆ Introduction to [Philip Glass](#) for the [Helsinki Skaala Opera](#) (Ooppera Skaala) production of *Les Enfants Terribles* (Sep 2005)
- ◆ Eight-page insert for *Fresh!*, the Official Magazine of the Department of English (now Department of Languages) at the University of Jyväskylä (formerly known as *Whatchamacallit*) (Apr 2005)
- ◆ [Technical Glossary](#) for a DVD store, [Videodivari](#) (Feb 2005)
- ◆ "[The Covenant of Magna Carta](#)" (2000)
- ◆ Editor of *Whatchamacallit*, the Official Magazine of the Department of English (now [Department of Languages](#)) at the [University of Jyväskylä](#) (Jan 2000–May 2003)

Librarian:

- ◆ [Jyväskylä City Library / Regional Library of Central Finland](#) (Jul 2004)
- ◆ [The Kangasniemi Library](#) (Jul–Aug 2002, Aug 1997–Jul 1998)

Market researcher for Suomen Markkinatutkimus (Market Research of Finland) (Jan–Apr 2001).

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Closed beta testing and additional text work for Jane Jensen's [Gray Matter](#) (2009–2010).

Noteworthy Letters of Comment:

- ◆ [BBC Music Magazine](#): question regarding Wagner (May 2005)
- ◆ First LoC published in Great Britain, by [Dennis Publishing](#) (Oct 2004)
- ◆ First LoC published in America, by [Marvel Comics Group](#) (1997)
- ◆ First LoCs published in Finland, by Kustannus Oy Semic (now [Egmont Kustannus](#)) (1993)

[Magna Carta](#), the student association of English students at the [University of Jyväskylä](#):

- ◆ Secretary of the board (Sep 2000–May 2001)
- ◆ Member of the board and contributor to *Whatchamacallit* (Sep–Dec 1999)
- ◆ Vicemember of the board (Jan–May 1999)

Seller's table at Finncon (Jul 2004).

COMPUTERS

Adept with all Windows programs and PCs in general. Experience with professional bug-reporting software. iPads very familiar. Macs no problem. Fast typist, good with layouts, familiar with C++ and HTML. Formerly webmaster for [Magna Carta](#), the student association of English students at the [University of Jyväskylä](#) (Sep 2000–May 2001).

Current web pages:

- ◆ [Facebook page](#)
- ◆ [The Adventure Companion](#) (companion materials for adventure games) (Mar 2004–)
- ◆ [Personal homepage](#) (this site) (Mar 2004–)
- ◆ [Cognitive Dissonata](#) (online journal, *LiveJournal*) (Dec 2003–Jan 2011)
- ◆ [Cognitive Dissonata](#) (online journal, *WordPress*) (Dec 2009–Jan 2011)

Well versed in over one hundred adventure games from [Sierra On-Line](#), [LucasArts](#), The Adventure Company (DreamCatcher), etc. from 1982 to the present day.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Lives in [Tampere, Finland](#). Currently working in the gaming industry and writing a companion book for a popular adventure game series.