A Wonderland of Alice

From James Joyce to Jefferson Airplane and, now, Tim Burton, Lewis Carroll’s Wonderland novels have inspired more than a century of literature, fashion, art—even crime! A smattering of progeny is splayed out at random, below.

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**Meryl Streep**
Played Alice in the 1982 TV musical *Alice at the Palace*.

**Vladimir Nabokov**
Translated *Alice* (as *Anya*) three decades before *Lolita*.

**Japan’s Harajuku Girls**

**The Wonderland Club**
One hundred and seven members arrested in 1998 child-porn sting.

**Snoo Dogg**
Titled his 2009 album *Malice N Wonderland*.

**Tom Petty**
Played the Mad Hatter in video for “Don’t Come Around Here No More.”

**ALexander McQUEEn**
Creator of haute couture Alice, along with Ann Demeulemeester, Stella McCartney, and Zac Posen.

**Super Mario Bros.**
Grow bigger or smaller, find secret doors and magic 'shrooms!

**The Hadron Collider**
The $9 billion science experiment is called ALICE: A Large Ion Collider Experiment.

**Central Park**
José de Creeft’s *Alice in Wonderland*.

**The Beatles**
For starters, “I Am the Walrus” was inspired by “The Walrus and the Carpenter.”

**Alpert Anastasia**
The Gambino and Murder Inc. boss was known as the Mad Hatter.

**The Matrix**
Neo is told to follow the “white rabbit” and to “see how deep the rabbit hole goes.”

**Alan Davis Jr.**
Played the Caterpillar in a 1985 mini-series; other esteemed Wonderland interpreters have included W. C. Fields, Cary Grant, Gary Cooper, Zoo Zsa Gabor, Whoopi Goldberg, Ben Kingsley, Elmo, and Fred Flintstone.

**Jennifer Love Hewitt**
John Mayer’s “Your Body Is a Wonderland” was inspired by Alice—and reportedly by Love Hewitt.

**Shaggy Dog**
Illustrated a 1993 edition of *Alice*, but he couldn’t improve on John Tenniel’s originals.

**Brafa Pair**
One of several eroticized anime/manga reimaginings.

**The Harrow Club**
The 91 billion science experiment is called ALICE: A Large Ion Collider Experiment.

**Jerry Garcia**
Jefferson Airplane’s ultimate drug anthem.

**Halloween Costumes**

**Snoopy Dogg**
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**Other musicians who have riffed off Alice: Donovan, Tom Waits, Ravi Shankar, Oscar Peterson, Reba Nicha, Jewel, and, of course, Alice in Chains.**

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**The Hallowed Be Your Name**
Ralph Nader’s 2000 description of Republicans and Democrats.

**The Origin**
In 1864, Charles Dodgson (a.k.a. Lewis Carroll) gave an acquaintance’s young daughter, Alice Liddell, a handwritten, hand-illustrated draft called *Alice’s Adventures Under Ground*. First published in 1865, the number of copies sold is apparently incalculable.