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I picked up a copy of "Computer Tales of Fact and Fantasy" recently. It is a wonderful compendium of computer stories; some of which are humorous, some informative, and yet others are first rate short stories. Being somewhat of a historian, I was fascinated by the story of Babbage's "Analytical Engine", developed in London back in 1837 during the industrial revolution. This is now considered to be the forerunner of today's P.C. This book is a great read for computer users of any ability.

Eighteen authors take you on a journey through cyberspace with stories that will make you laugh, cry, be amazed and mystified. You will identify with most of these accounts which include humor, horror, fantasy, fact, joy, frustration and history. Even non-computer types will find something to which to relate. Not a how-to book. No instructions on computer use.

As computer books go, most are dull, boring and very tedious. This one is delightfully different. It is both funny and amusing, as well as informative and enlightening. I even enjoyed reading the bios of each contributor. One article entitled "Sauron's Weird Glossary of Computer Terms" has some of the funniest definitions I have read in a long time. The article by Lary Crews was especially informative and interesting. Being a computer nerd myself, I readily identified with many of the humorous stories. A book to be read by everyone with a computer or an interest in one. -- Eclectic Books, May 1966
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