PREPOSTEROUS PRECINCTS

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Wonderland, Oz, Never-Never Land, Narnia, Middle-Earth—who needs pulpy tales of outer space or the future, when more mainstream writing offers us no end of fantastic story settings? Below is a list of 40 such fabulous fictive locales, as well as a roster of the perpetrating authors. Both lists are alphabetical, making for some odd pairings—can the reader set things right? Solution, book titles and dates in A&S.

Alifbay
Atlantis
Back of the North Wind
Bengodi
Brocéliande
Centrum Terrae
Cloudcuckooland
Coromandel
Dictionopolis
Earthsea
El Dorado
Erewhon
Flatland
Gangaridia
Glome
Glubbdubdrib
Gondor
Hooloomooloo
Hyperborea
Land of a Million Wishes
Land of Play
Macondo
Maple White Land
Noble’s Isle
Oldwivesfabledom
Pellucidar
Penguin Island
Phantastico
Philistia
Protocosmo
Satinland
Shangri-La
Standard Island
Titipu
Upmeads
Utopia
Vanity Fair
Vondervotteimittiss
Xanadu
Zuvendis

Edwin A. Abbott
Aristophanes
L. Frank Baum
Giovanni Boccaccio
John Bunyan
Edgar Rice Burroughs
Samuel Butler
James Branch Cabell
Casanova
Samuel Taylor Coleridge
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Anatole France
W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan
Hans von Grimmelshausen
H. Rider Haggard
James Hilton
Norton Juster
Charles Kingsley
Edward Lear
Ursula K. Le Guin
C. S. Lewis
George Macdonald
Gabriel Garcia Márquez
Andre Maurois
Herman Melville
Sir Thomas More
William Morris
Plato
Pliny the Elder
Edgar Allan Poe
François Rabelais
Sir Walter Raleigh
Salman Rushdie
Robert Louis Stevenson
Jonathan Swift
Alfred, Lord Tennyson
J. R. R. Tolkien
Jules Verne
Voltaire
H. G. Wells