

Edit: due to technical issues, I've had to disable this feature for now. Check back here for any updates.

Original post:

I've been thinking about the possibility of annotating stories for a while. I first started thinking about it when trying to read [finnegans wake](#), which is well known for being [impossible to read](#). My thought was that James Joyce designed the book to be appealing to a mass readership by smashing together references to everything under the sun, and even different languages, together into one book. I think his hope was that it would take on life through discussion and analysis, but this never happened. This is partly because the book is a complete mess, but I think that the internet, being the glorious tangle of cultures and languages and opinions that it is, could provide some new insight into what has the potential to be a [beautiful work of art](#).

This is where annotations could help. If you're an author it could be to clarify a reference people might not understand, a plot detail you want to clarify, or some character background. If you're a reader, you might have a question or comment on a story. Either way, ideally your understanding and engagement with the story will be greater.

Here's how it works: [create an account](#) if you haven't already, log in, and highlight some text on any story or post. Click the [pen icon](#) that appears and type your annotation.

The feature is enabled by the following software: <https://github.com/denis-aes/annotator-wordpress>. It's a fork of a [project](#) that looks promising but hasn't been updated for a while.

This is experimental, and there are a few potential problems. One is the potential for spam.

Let us know if you have any problems or see any bugs in the [comments](#), [on twitter](#) or [over email](#).

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