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Bill has been a professor, teacher, corporate executive, and college dean. His entire life has been spent in the creative fields and managing other creative individuals. He is one of the founders of Mayfair Games, a board and role play gaming company. As an author Bill has written or co-authored over a dozen books and dozens of articles and short stories. As a book packager, a person who prepares series of books from concept to production for major publishers, his company Bill Fawcett & Associates has packaged over 250 titles for virtually every major publisher. He founded, and later sold, what is now the largest hobby shop in Northern Illinois.

Bill's first commercial writing appeared as articles in the Dragon Magazine and include some of the earliest appearances of classes and monster types for dungeons and Dragons. With Mayfair Games created, wrote, and edited many of the over 50 "Role Aides" Role Playing Game modules and supplements released by Mayfair in the 1970s and 1980s. During this period he also designed almost a dozen board games, including several Charles Roberts Award (Gaming's Emmy) winners such as **Empire Builder** and **Sanctuary**.

Bill Fawcett continues to develop new internet projects. His novel writing began with the juvenile series, **Swordquest** for Ace Penguin Putnam Publishing. He wrote or co-wrote four fantasy novels, beginning with **the Lord of Cragclaw**. The **Fleet** series he created with David Drake has become a classic of military science fiction. Bill has collaborated on several novels including mysteries such as the Authorized **Mycroft Holmes** novels, the **Madame Vernet Investigates** series, and edited **Making Contact, a UFO Contact handbook**. As an anthologist Bill has edited or co-edited almost 50 anthologies. Bill Fawcett & Associates has packaged well over 250 novels and anthologies for every major publisher Bill is the editor of **Hunters and Shooters** and **The Teams**, two oral histories of the SEALs in Viet nam. His most recently published work is as co-author of **It Seemed Like a good Idea, Great Historical Fiascos** and **You Did What**, both are a fun look at bad decisions in history. **How To Lose A Battle**: a modern look at how bad generals lose battles. **You Said What** is a look at the great lies of history and **It Looked Good On Paper** recounts history's worst engineering and design disasters. Bill is also the editor of the prestigious Nebula Awards anthology for the Science Fiction Writers of America (professional organization).

In 1994 Bill joined with a team of programmers to form Catware featuring him as producer and designer. Catware released **Swords of Xeen** (New World Computing) as part of the Trilogy game set, **Star General**, a strategic game based upon the six **Fleet** books (SSI) that was one of the 20 best selling games in the year of its release, **Las Vegas Games** (New World) and is now working on a On-line Role Playing Game. Bill produced and designed the computer RPG game **Shattered Light** for Simon and Schuster.

Bill Fawcett & Associates has packaged over 300 books for major publishers. These include a number of best selling Science Fiction, Mystery, and action novels. (See attached list of packaged titles.) These also include a number of titles based upon major computer games and books by celebrity authors such as James Doohan (Scotty from Star Trek) and Armin Shimerman (Star Trek DS 9's Quark).

Bill Fawcett, Book Packager/ Game Designer/ Writer

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE SUMMARY:

2006-present Co-owner Transit Computing Inc. (para-transit software)
1999-present President Ensign Entertainment (Computer Software Company)
1985- present President Bill Fawcett & Associates (Publishing)
1981-1985 VP and Head of Design and Marketing, Mayfair Games
1977-1984 Founder, manager, and owner of Game Plus Hobby Shop, Mt. Prospect Il.
1977-1981 Senior Training Instructor, Bankers Life and Casualty
1972-1977 Director of Life and Health Training, Wausau Insurance
Previous to 1972 Asst Dean of Students, Valparaiso University
Dean of Men, Blackburn College, Instructor Educational Psychology
Teacher, City of Chicago Schools

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Education Western Illinois University 1969
Master of Education from University of Illinois Champaign/Urbana 1971

EXPERIENCE DETAIL

1985-Present Author and Editor

see below

1980-1987 Mayfair games

- Chief of Design, game designer winner of Two Charles Roberts Awards for Best Boardgame of the Year
- Founding Partner, General Management, marketing, sales

1994 – 1999 Catware Inc.

Schaumburg, Illinois

Chief Operating Officer

- Responsible for all business affairs and operations: securing and negotiating projects and contracts, all financial operations including bookkeeping and payroll, and client relations on current projects.
- Responsible for the supervision of design and/or management of all Catware projects, and directly responsible for the creation of numerous proposals and presentations\

1984-1989 Games Plus, Inc. Founder and manager of Games Plus Hobbies in Mount Prospect Illinois. Games Plus remains today the largest gaming goods store in the midwest.

1985-Present Bill Fawcett & Associates

Chief Operating Officer

Book Packaging and Editing

COMPUTER GAMES

- **"Shattered Light"** (producer/designer) **Simon and Schuster Interactive/Catware** (Windows CD) April 1999
- **"Star General"** (producer/designer) **SSI/Catware** (Windows CD, DOS)
- **"Vegas Games"** (producer/designer) **New World Computing/Catware** (Windows CD)
- **"Swords of Xeen"** (producer/designer) **New World Computing/Catware** (Windows CD)

- **Fantasy Adventures (producer/designer) Imagination Network/AOL/Catware** (On-line Multi-player card game)
- **Shattered Light** (project manager/designer) Past Tree Games
- **Infinities** (consultant/designer) Past Tree Games
- **Levi Strauss** promotional disks of multiple original programs for Shape CDrom products

Paper Boardgames Designed

Empire Builder	Railroad board game
British Rails, etc.	There are six sequels to Empire Builder
Sanctuary	Thieves' World Fantasy board game
The Keep	Fantasy board game
Barbara Cartland's Romance Game	Romance Game
Forever War	Forever War novel licensed Science Fiction board game
Hammer's Slammers	Hammer's Slammers licensed Science Fiction board game

Role Aides fantasy modules Senior Editor, author of several modules

Awards: Two Charles Roberts Awards for Best Board Game of the Year from GAMA

Written and Edited

Non-Fiction Books

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| • Hunters and Shooters: An Oral History of the Navy SEALs | Morrow Books | non-fiction |
| • The Teams: An Oral History of the Navy SEALs | Morrow Books | non-fiction |
| • Making Contact (UFO) | Morrow Books | non-fiction |
| • It Seemed Like a Good Idea | Harper Collins | non-fiction |
| • You Did What? | Harper Collins | non-fiction |
| • How To Lose a Battle | Harper Collins | non-fiction |
| • You Said What | Harper Collins | non-fiction |
| • It Looked Good on Paper | Harper Collins | non-fiction |
| • How to Lose a War (August 2009) | Harper Collins | non-fiction |
| • How to Lose a Battle: WWII Europe (Spring 2010) | Harper Collins | non-fiction |
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Novels

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| • Swordquest: Unicorn's Horn | Ace Science Fiction | author | juvenile fantasy |
| • Swordquest: Elf King | Ace Science Fiction | author | juvenile fantasy |
| • Swordquest: Demon Game | Ace Science Fiction | author | juvenile fantasy |
| • Swordquest: Dragon's Eye | Ace Science Fiction | author | juvenile fantasy |
| • Cold Cash Warrior | Ace Science Fiction | co-author | SF juvenile |
| • Lord of Cragclaw | Bantam Books | co-author | Fantasy |
| • The Emperor Must Die | Avon Books | co-author | Mystery |
| • Death Wears a Crown | Avon Books | co-author | Mystery |
| • Mycroft Holmes: Against the Brotherhood | Avon Books | co-author | Mystery |
| • Mycroft Holmes: Embassy Row | Avon Books | co-author | Mystery |
| • Mycroft Homes: Flying Dutchman | Avon Books | co-author | Mystery |
| • Mycroft Homes: The Scottish Ploy | Avon Books | co-author | Mystery |

Recent Anthologies Edited

Fiction

Battlestation	David Drake/Fawcett	Ace Science Fiction
Under Siege	Drake/Fawcett	Ace Science Fiction
Bolo: Honor of the Regiment	edited by Bill Fawcett	Baen Books
Bolo: Blood and Steel	edited by Bill Fawcett	Baen Books
Bolo Triumphant	edited by Bill Fawcett	Baen Books
Bolo Last Stand	edited by Bill Fawcett	Baen Books
Cats in Space and Other Places	edited by Bill Fawcett	Baen Books
Dragon's Eye	edited by Bill Fawcett	Baen Books
The Fleet SF Anthologies	Drake and Fawcett	Ace SF
Fleet 2: Counterattack	Drake and Fawcett	Ace SF
Fleet 3: Breakthrough	Drake and Fawcett	Ace SF
Fleet 4: Sworn Allies	Drake and Fawcett	Ace SF
Fleet 5: Total War	Drake and Fawcett	Ace SF
Fleet 6: Crisis	Drake and Fawcett	Ace SF
The Gods of War	Chris Stasheff and Fawcett	Baen Books
Timegate	Bob Silverberg and Fawcett	Baen Books
Timegate 2: Dangerous Interfaces	Silverberg and Fawcett	Baen Books
The Far Stars War	featuring David Drake	Roc SF
The Siege of Arista	featuring Christopher Stasheff	Roc
The Jupiter War	featuring Gregory Benford	Roc
The Day the Magic Stopped	Stasheff and Fawcett	Baen Books
Warmasters	edited by Bill Fawcett	Baen Books
Masters of Fantasy	edited by Bill Fawcett	Baen Books
The 2008 Nebula Awards Collection	edited by Bill Fawcett	Berkeley Books

Bill Fawcett has himself authored over 100 articles and short stories published in a wide range of anthologies and magazines.

Non Fiction - Science

Liftport (Jan 2006)	edited by Fawcett and Laine	Meisha Merlin Press
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