

# Gene Wolfe's Book of the New Sun (SPOILERS)

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M. Gallo — 07 Feb 1996, 15:36

Marcus Ogden <mwo20 at cam.ac.uk> wrote:

Earlier, eh? How do you figure this? (I haven't read "Calde" yet, so forgive me if there are giveaways in that book.)

I think you've run across the hints already. The Whorl was built and launched during the reign of Typhon, which was certainly a long time before Severian. At the start of Nightside, I think the Whorl had been traveling for 300 year ship's time. I don't remember any indication of how fast the Whorl was traveling, so time dilation might do strange things to the story's timeline.