

Book of the New Sun

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A Change of Hobbit bookstore has the fourth volume of "The Book of the New Sun", by Gene Wolfe, available in paperback. This means that as of now, the entire work is available for purchase.

This is just about the best book I've read in years. I highly recommend it to everyone, with the (possibly fatal) proviso that if you find the first volume slow, keep going. This is somewhat like the Dorothy Dunnett books: you have to get past the first two somehow, then you gradually become hooked. It's very well worth the investment of time and money. This is some of the finest literature I've seen in SF, right up there with the best of LeGuin. Do not be put off by the profession of the protagonist. This is one of the greatest paeons in praise of human worth and dignity that I've ever read - a genuine novel of redemption.

Lovers of language will have a particularly good time. Gaudeamus igitur.

P.S. If anyone wants to sell me the hardbacks, I'm buying.