

G.Wolfe _Shadow of the Torturer_

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Sci Eng Library — 22 Jul 1991, 18:51

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Janet M. Lafler — 23 Jul 1991, 16:49 · follows Sci Eng Library

scilib at NOWALLS.UCSD.EDU writes:

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One of the main features of Wolfe's narrative style is that his stories go on and on beyond the point you could reasonably expect them to. If you like his tricks, he's great.

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Enjoy.

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Matt Austern — 23 Jul 1991, 18:04 · follows Janet M. Lafler

repnomar at Ieland.Stanford.EDU (Janet M. Lafler) writes:

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Awful? Gene Wolfe? Then there's fightin' words. The Urth of the New Sun certainly isn't as good as The Book of the New Sun, but a book could be much worse than The Book of the New Sun and still be very good indeed. Urth of the New Sun still has the calm voice and meticulous craftsmanship and sense of inevitability that I find characteristic of Wolfe's writing.

Actually, I don't think I would call The Book of the New Sun a series, or a tetralogy, so much as a

four-volume novel. (And I would call The Urth of the New Sun a sequel.)

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