

Wolfe's _Shadow of the Torturer_

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Like David Ben-Ami, I, too, have just finished reading Wolfe's _Shadow of the Torturer_ and I am not inspired to continue with the series. In all fairness, I must say I do not care for fantasy but after hearing/reading so much high praise for Gene Wolfe's stuff I decided to give it a try. Further, I resent authors (publishers?) who put out what Donald Lindsay calls "multivolume book plus a sequel." Most of the trilogies I read at least are quasi-complete within each volume (especially the first) Big exception: _Hyperion_. I, for some reason, did not resent the two-volume treatment as much with these two. Back to SotT, however, here we are simply left hanging without even having received the quality of writing that Simmons gave us in _Hyperion_. As for the attempts to increase our vocabularies via archaic and/or made-up terms, I find this irritating if not presumptuous; however, to each his or her own.

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