

newbie seeks info?

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Jonathan Laidlow and Rachel Williams — 19 Aug 1998, 14:08

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Stephen Witowski — 19 Aug 1998, 13:25 · follows Jonathan Laidlow and Rachel Williams

Jonathan,

Another English fan here. You could do worse than picking up a copy of Wolfes non-fiction/fiction book "Castle of Days" which contains "The Book of Days" an excellent short story collection, some new essays and "The Castle of the Otter" which is described as a book about The Book of the New Sun. Unfortunately I don't think it is in print anymore my edition is a US hardback from Tor. Try the Waterstones or Dillons websites for in print details. If you want more info E-mail me privately and we'll take it from there.

Good Hunting

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PS I presume you've tried Andromeda bookshop in Birmingham?

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m.driussi — 19 Aug 1998, 14:08 · follows Stephen Witowski

Hello Jonathan Laidlow.

Re: book(s) listed in Joan Gordon's GENE WOLFE; pertaining to THE BOOK OF THE NEW SUN; specifically (?) Gene Wolfe writing about how he wrote TBOTNS (?).

The book in question would be THE CASTLE OF THE OTTER: A BOOK ABOUT THE BOOK OF THE NEW SUN (1982). It has been reprinted by Tor in an omnibus edition with GENE WOLFE'S BOOK OF DAYS (1981) as CASTLE OF DAYS (1992).

The only other book about TBOTNS (that I'm aware of) is LEXICON URTHUS (1994), but it is not listed in Joan Gordon's GENE WOLFE (1986), nor does it have articles by Wolfe about the writing of TBOTNS.

Otherwise, the book(s) listed in Joan Gordon's GW in the chapter about TBOTNS: only THE BIBLE (the other citations are reviews of TBOTNS, an interview with Gene Wolfe, and an article for writers by Gene Wolfe).

I hope this helps.

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Peter Westlake — 20 Aug 1998, 20:50 · follows m.driussi

At 14:25 1998-08-19 +0100, you wrote:
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I bought "Castle of Days" a few weeks ago in Cambridge, so some copies are finding their way over here. The ISBN is 0-312-89042-7, and the publisher is Orb.

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