

Pandora / Catcher in the Rye [Digest urth.v002.n020]

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John Bishop — 23 Jul 1997, 16:24

mantis--

Well, when I started to read _Pandora_by_Holly_Hollander_ and found myself reading a monologue by an observant but a bit alienated teenager, _Catcher_ instantly sprang to mind.

Gene Wolfe puts really obscure references in his works (e.g. the torture machine in _Shadow_ which writes on the clients' bodies is from Kafka's _The_Penal_Colony_). I can't believe he wouldn't make the _Catcher_ connection.

Other than that, I don't believe there are that many parallels; Holden Caulfield doesn't solve a murder, and Holly doesn't go to NYC. But that wonderful voice of innocence which thinks it's cynical--that was the same.

Maybe I need to re-read _Catcher_; but I remember not liking it, and I've other things to read.

-John