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Kieran Mullen — 07 Jan 1999, 01:51

I've been incommunicado due to a misunderstanding between my computer and the listserver. Someone asked about Bibliomen a while back. I tried to post the following review:

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===== "Bibliomen: Twenty Two Characters in Search of a Book", is a brilliant and curious little work. It contains twenty one (yes, only twenty-one, which is itself curious) 2-3 page biographies that are intricately intertwined. Characters write biographies about characters that never existed. These characters then have their own biographies later. Some characters die mysteriously. Louis Gold, from "Peace," makes a brief appearance.

It's like an intricate monkey-fist knot, or perhaps a page from the Book of Kells. There are all these delicate connections. It's very Borges-ian. It's also fun.

I paid \$7.50 for a soft-cover. It's short (about 95 pages), and about 1/3 of it are illustrations.

Strongly recommended!

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Speaking of reviews, I was browsing amazon.com and was surprised to see that a lot of Wolfe's books don't have any reader reviews posted. It would be a great service if some knowledgeable souls would write a short bit for some of books listed. It would also help promote Wolfe's work. Castle of Days has no reviews, Endangered Species has only one, The Devil in a Forest and Soldier of Arete have no reviews either.

Finally, can anyone provide a review for the audio tapes that Wolfe has recorded and are listed on amazon.com? Are they any good? Do they lend anything new?

Kieran Mullen