

The Wolfe Library (of Babel)

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And of course, Proust's REMEMBRANCE OF THINGS PAST must go on the shelf. Suzanne Delage of course, and a major influence on narrative structure of PEACE and BOTNS.

Also, maybe throw in some Lafferty--not that it's a visible influence on Wolfe's work, in my opinion, but Wolfe's introduced some of his small press works, and is definitely a fan of Lafferty's quirky vision. Besides, they often seem to be coming from the same kind of theological/philosophical POV (both conservative Catholics with some odd ideas on evolution and the various mythologies of the world...)

Similarly, I'd add something by Avram Davidson (perhaps the collection of Dr. Esterhazy stories Wolfe introduced?), another offbeat writer that Wolfe has praised fairly often.

And one last thing--somewhere, I can't recall where, Wolfe said that Robert Coover's baseball book (HENRY J. WAUGH, something or other UNIVERSAL BASEBALL ASSOCIATION) is one of his favorite novels.

I think mantis is correct that an item of a general FAQ should be a list of every book/author Wolfe has mentioned in an interview. Another would be a listing of books by other writers that list members feel would appeal to Lupine addicts.

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." - John 8:32

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