

Coover

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David_Lebling — 27 Jan 1999, 09:13

From: "Alex David Groce" <adgroce at eos.ncsu.edu>
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-- Dave Lebling
(aka vizcacha)

Alex David Groce — 27 Jan 1999, 10:19 · follows David_Lebling

On Jan 27, 9:13am, David_Lebling at avid.com wrote:
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Ah, that's it. It's been years since I read it. Great book--much more satisfying, IMO, than Coover's short fiction.

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

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Kevin J. Maroney — 27 Jan 1999, 10:52 · follows Alex David Groce

Coover is an amazing genius; _The Public Burning_ is one of the Great American Novels.

At 10:19 AM 1/27/99 -0500, Alex wrote:
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Visit to a Small Planet.

Incidentally, while doing some background research for a piece we ran on "Seven American Nights" a couple of years back, we at NYRSF rediscovered something which John Kessel had first

pointed out to me back in 1986: Vidal's play, as published, does not match up with the play as presented in "Seven American Nights".

We were not able to determine if the differences could be traced to the (known) multiple versions of the screenplay--there were at least two and possibly three significantly different versions (two different televised versions, neither of which seems to be identical to the version published in book form). It is possible Wolfe based his version on one of the televised versions, or it is possible that the text "drifted" between now and the future of "Seven American Nights".

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Patri10629 — 28 Jan 1999, 14:16 · follows Kevin J. Maroney

Surprised to learn Wolfe digs Coover.

My favorite Coover by far is PRICKSONGS AND DESCANTS.

Patrick O'Leary