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Kieran Cleary — 04 Feb 1999, 11:52

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William H. Ansley — 05 Feb 1999, 22:29 · follows Kieran Cleary

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Wow, a book written like Wolfe but with an author who's not coy and oblique. I don't know if I could stand it. The relief, that is. <G>

William Ansley