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Kieran Mullen — 05 Nov 1999, 11:46

From: "Roy C. Lackey" <rclackey at stic.net>

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Compare that with this excerpt from John Clute's review of OBW, recently cited on the Whorl list:

(<http://www.scifi.com/sfw/current/excess.html>)

Oh, MAN is that a badly written review.

"But Severian himself has much to hide, and the text of his
"confession" has become a honeypot for puzzle-solving readers."

(Shudder).

Kieran Mullen

Alex David Groce — 05 Nov 1999, 13:02 · follows Kieran Mullen

Clute's reviews in SF Weekly have tended to be like that--Clute at his most pontificating and (usually) least enlightening. The Hal Clement review is the one I like best, for some reason. Really a shame, given that I'd suppose it's possible it's his largest audience.

The Fantasy Encyclopedia is, I'd argue, even better than the SF Encyclopedia. It leaves more out because it has a much larger, really, ground to tackle, but what's there is very good (including nice articles on most everyone, save Proust, who could be thought of as a major influence on Wolfe--very nice ones on Chesterton and Lewis by our list's own Dave Langford).

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

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Michael Straight — 05 Nov 1999, 13:03 · follows Alex David Groce

On Fri, 5 Nov 1999, Kieran Mullen wrote:

Oh, MAN is that a badly written review.

And don't forget the big hairy spoilers. If you haven't read the Long Sun books yet, don't read that review.

-Rostrum

Daniel Fusch — 05 Nov 1999, 19:12 · follows Michael Straight

(snip)

Oh, MAN is that a badly written review.

No kidding...when I read that excerpt, it sent linguistic chills up my grammatical/literary spine.
It's just awful!