

Wolfe's autobiography?

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A Californian correspondent states the following, which is news to me. Any information?

"There is a Wolfe autobiographical essay in the "Gale Contemporary Authors' Series" or some such title; the only thing I'm sure of is the Gale, which is a company that assembled books of writers' autobiographical essays, etc etc., for libraries. I have a xeroxed copy of that essay somewhere out in the garage in a box full of Wolfe material--there was a time when I was trying to collect and read all his short stories, well before they had been published in books; the attempt to find his first story in SIR magazine led me into some very shabby and disreputable used book stores in San Francisco, basements filled with shelves of porn and old racy magazines from the 50s and 60s, but never that particular issue. Anyway, the autobiographical essay is typically Wolfean, a gem that doesn't tell you a great deal more than you already know, but is interesting nonetheless. I think Gene put a lot of thought into it."