

PEACE & Percy

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James Jordan — 02 Nov 2000, 18:08

I'm in the middle of moving my office --thousands of books -- and I cannot re-read **Peace** and engage this discussion. By the time I'm ready to, you'll be finished.

So, just a thought, which may or may not be of value. The drifting style of **Peace** reminds me a whole lot of Walker Percy, especially **The Moviegoer**. I don't recall similarities of themes, but of course there are similarities in the writers' backgrounds and convictions, and given Wolfe's interest in Catholic writers, I wonder if he had read Percy before writing

Peace.

I wrote Wolfe a few years ago, preparatory to my interview with him, and asked if he considered himself in any sense a "Catholic novelist" or a "Southern novelist." He answered "no" to both.

But that would not rule out influence.

Perhaps if noting else, a question to him about this when next someone interviews him would be in order.

FWIW.

Patera Nut. (Nutria)