

Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?

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Mr Mnemonic — 20 Dec 2000, 12:41

Not a movie, but a nother non-wolfe-related reccomendation ^-^

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-Mnemonic

P.S. If anyone wants to get a copy, I believe it has now been reprinted under the title "Blade Runner (Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?)"

Michael Straight — 21 Dec 2000, 15:48 · follows Mr Mnemonic

Dick's The Man in the High Castle, and The Three Stigmata of Palmer Eldritch are even better, in my opinion. High Castle is just plain beautiful. The book features the I Ching, and Dick supposedly actually used it when writing the book: at points where the characters consult the I Ching, he consulted it and used whatever came up to help determine how the plot would go.

Ubik and Martian Timeslip are also good.

-Rostrum

Paul C Duggan — 21 Dec 2000, 19:52 · follows Michael Straight

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SPOILERS

Since the director's cut neatly resolved the issue of whether deckerd is a replicant or not, I guess the Wolfe-related question is, is Severian a replicant?

What *is* up with the Severian/homoncluous/mandrake in a bottle tyhat severian considers his brother or something? I've usually found that to be confusing. Mantis seems to have had some thoughts on it...

paul