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Timothy Reilly — 01 Feb 2001, 03:25

On Tue, 30 Jan 2001 Redhaven1 at aol.com wrote:

I'm just starting Free Live Free and it seems darker and grittier than anything by Wolfe I've read yet. Actually, I'm not really enjoying it at all. I would just give Wolfe the benefit of the doubt (he's never let me down yet) and read it trusting it will be better, but I'm coming to this list for advice. Maybe this book was his one dud. What did you guys think of it?
Is Free Live Free worth it? (i.e. Does it get better?)

I gave up after a few pages, quickly deciding that I didn't like this sort of Wolfe - folksy prose and weak humour, as opposed to his more literary efforts like TBNS. I was tring to introduce a well read friend of mine to Wolfe last year, and her local library only had FLF. She reported to me that she read half of it and then skipped to the end "because it was very bad". So 0/2 from this end.

Tim

Redhaven1 — 02 Feb 2001, 02:06 · follows Timothy Reilly

Thanks for the advice. It looks like Free Live Free will be shelved for a while though. My Return to the Whorl just arrived at Borders today.

-Steve, who wants a Vironese name. . .