

Crowley's fourth book

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Alice Turner — 01 May 2001, 11:16

From Wombat:

Alice almost certainly has more detailed information on this than I do, but at this year's ICFA, Crowley assured people that the fourth book was coming, relatively soon (he strongly implied 2002). It will be shorter than the first three, and set in 2002 rather than the 1970s. So, yes, it will be unlike the first three in that way.

From alga:

Correct. The central figure will be a grown-up Sam. The "passage time" that the first three books were concerned with will be over; history will have resorted itself, Rosie and Spofford are wed, Pierce has a new...oh, but I won't tell you about Pierce. Pierce, you will recall, was about to be sent to Prague at the end of Book 3. Much of book 4 will take place there (some of it, I presume, in memory, or maybe letters, from Pierce's past) and, for the first time, we will hear from Fellowes Kraft directly, also from Prague. Prague interests Crowley metaphorically: it was such a bright, sophisticated city at various times, including the Renaissance, then frozen by the Nazis, then Communism, then re-emerging in our own time as a hot spot yet again, which would make it possible that Sam, too, would visit. Arguing against that is the fact that I don't think JC himself has been there in recent years.

I have a curious mail problem, since last Thu. I can send, but can't receive--it's being worked on. So, if anyone has sent a private message, apologies, but I can't read it. I pasted in Wombat's above from the archive (VERY slow loading, Ranjit!). This is why I'm not so involved in the Pullman discussion; it's awkward to do this.

-alga