

Used book stores

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BraveSaintCroix — 18 Jul 2001, 00:20

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Just to throw something out there: how many people here find their Gene Wolfe at used book stores? Fishing through shelves of tattered paperbacks in cramped book stores is hobby of mine, but Gene Wolfe always seems scarce. That's why I was so excited to find both Claw of the Conciliator and Nightside the Long Sun at a store on vacation this past weekend. I buy them even though I own them in trade paperback form because, although I try to get others to read Gene Wolfe, I hate lending out my Lupine tomes. This way, I have used doubles to let them borrow. I'll admit though, that the covers on some of them are downright embarrassing.

-Steve

PS: Happy to say, my little sister just finished Shadow of the Torturer and enjoyed it.

eli+ — 20 Jul 2001, 18:54 · follows BraveSaintCroix

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For a while I couldn't turn around without tripping over drifts of lonely orphan _Soldier_ paperbacks that nobody would take home. But you're right, Wolfe is mostly not one of the authors who turns up a lot used. A fair bit of _New Sun_. Last summer, SoHo Books (of that ilk) had quite a stash: _Castle_, _Storeys_, _Peace_, _Devil_, _Doctor Death_, I forget what else, all like new. Probably Tor surplus. :-(Wolfe is definitely one of the authors whose books I don't wait to find used, both because that's not so easy and because I'd prefer to buy a copy.

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Inire's biggest fan — 21 Jul 2001, 00:54 · follows eli+

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I too score Wolfe books for loaning at used book stores: On my last move I discovered I had 4 copies of Shadow (I kept thinking of people I'd loan it to...;->) and I know that I've loaned at least that many to classmates/co-workers over the years. Whats 1.50 to spread a little evangelical cheer? ;->

and as for scarcity, I tend to find pretty good selections of the Urth stuff, less so for BotSS.

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Jeff "My dice hate me!" Miller
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"The idea of verifying facts about the world through controlled repetition seems alien to just about everyone with the _possible_ exception of Fr Inire, and he's a bug-eyed space monster. .
." -Jim Henley, on the URTH list

Gaming to keep War out of RealTime!
85 VF500F 'Contraceptor'
Specify Type Of Goat

Ranjit Bhatnagar — 21 Jul 2001, 22:04 · follows Inire's biggest fan

Back in 1987 or so I'd never heard of Wolfe, but I read the review of the Book of the New Sun in a back issue of Asimov's Magazine, so I went to Moe's (?) and found one lone used copy of Shadow of the Torturer. When I'd finished that, I went back to the bookstore to find nothing used but the second book. The same with the third and fourth-- they showed up at the store just as I needed them.

- ranjit