

Invisible Library

The Urth list — 9 messages, 5 voices, 15 Oct 2001

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Jerry Friedman — 15 Oct 2001, 12:58

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There must be more than this. The librarian, Brian Quinette, asks for suggestions, so when this thread winds up I'll e-mail him at <bartleby at invisiblelibrary.com>.

Jerry Friedman

Adam Stephanides — 15 Oct 2001, 19:19 · follows Jerry Friedman

on 10/15/01 2:58 PM, Jerry Friedman at jerry_friedman at yahoo.com wrote:

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--Adam

Hubert — 18 Oct 2001, 08:35 · follows Adam Stephanides

And remember it 'leans against a folio in green cloth'

Title: The book of the New Sun

Pseudo-Author: Blaithmaic (or is that just part of the title?) Pseudo-Title: Lives of the Seventeen Megatherians Comments: it's a folio in green cloth

n.b. isn't it strange that Wolfe likes using the number Seventeen so often?

And for the Wonders of Urth and Sky's comments you could put what it says on in the subtitle, "a Collection from Printed Sources of Universal Secrets of Such Age That Their Meaning Has Become Obscured of Time".

-rusty

----- Original Message -----

From: Jerry Friedman <jerry_friedman at yahoo.com>

To: <urth at lists1.ba.best.com>

Sent: Monday, October 15, 2001 8:58 PM

Subject: (urth) Invisible Library

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Michael Andre-Driussi — 18 Oct 2001, 09:04 · follows Hubert

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Pseudo-Author: Canog

Pseudo-Title: The Book of the New Sun

Comments: Stories told by the Conciliator to his followers: the scripture of a religion. Green binding.

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Pseudo-Author: unknown

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Add to comments: "brown binding"

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Pseudo-Author: unknown
Pseudo-Title: Tohish Ablar Sens-Orriyya Ert ("Useful Phrases for Piteous Visitors to Earth")
Comments: A phrase book for travelers, written in the alien language Tcove'.

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=mantis=

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Jerry Friedman — 19 Oct 2001, 10:10 · follows Michael Andre-Driussi

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Thanks, and thanks to the others who responded. The archives are a real pain to use, aren't they? Probably unavoidable. I still should have checked them before asking. So I'll try to compile the answers and send them to the Invisible Librarian (who must really impress the shopkeepers during the annual procession). Real Soon Now.

Jerry Friedman

Adam Stephanides — 19 Oct 2001, 23:07 · follows Jerry Friedman

The first time this subject came up, mantis contributed a list of the "books" in BIBLIOMEN which included seven books not on his more recent list:

Brooks, Robert T., (Spinning Jenny transcription: title unknown), Doubleday (1982) [p. 19]

French, Bernard A., PERFECTION UNTO DEATH [p. 44]

Rico, Paul, TRAINING THE MIND (1981) [p. 72]

Mirk, Roy C., POULTRY AS SYMBOLISM IN NINETEENTH CENTURY AMERICAN LITERATURE " , TEA-TIME TALK IN THE NOVELS OF LOUISE MAY ALCOTT " , WASHING AS A EUPHEMISM IN THE WORKS OF JACK LONDON " , A POST-MODERNIST CRITIC VIEWS THE ANTEBELLUM MIDDLE WEST [p. 93]

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I do have the following to contribute, though:

"From the Desk of Gilmer C. Merton" by Gene Wolfe (in STOREYS FROM THE OLD HOTEL).

STAR SHUTTLE by Gilray Gunn (Gilmer C. Merton)

COME, DARK LUST! by Wolf Moon

THE SHRIEKING IN THE NURSERY by Wolf Moon

--Adam

Roy C. Lackey — 20 Oct 2001, 00:27 · follows Adam Stephanides

I hope I don't get bit again, but I don't *think* these are "real" books. And I suspect that there are quite a few more candidates in Wolfe's fiction.

From TIODDAOSAOS:

In "The Doctor of Death Island" (p. 253) is THE DEATH OF LOVE by Kinglake, apparently a book about psychology.

In "Seven American Nights" (p. 383) is MYSTERY BEYOND THE SUN'S SETTING by Osman Aga, some sort of popular account of travels within the ruined interior of America.

-Roy

Michael Andre-Driussi — 20 Oct 2001, 11:39 · follows Roy C. Lackey

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I just ran out of steam retyping them from scratch! (Especially fatiguing since BIBLIOMEN doesn't exactly lie flat.)

Glad to see that someone is digging out what we done before--I only remember it in rough outline.

=mantis=

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Jerry Friedman — 25 Oct 2001, 12:38 · follows Michael Andre-Driussi

Okay, at the risk of cluttering up the list with material that's already been posted, here's what I've got. Any other names for Blaine, the forger of _The Lusty Lawyer_, and Kinglake, the author of _The Death of Love_? Is that really an apostrophe in 'Tcove', or an accent? And is there anything relevant in "Parkroads: a Review"?

You'll notice I've added Scleroderma's ms. I've also made obvious guesses at which pieces in _Bibliomen_ some of the fictitious books are mentioned in, with help from the ISFDB.

Any comments, additions, or corrections?

Contributors: Michael Andre-Driussi, Roy Lackey, Adam Stephanides, Michael Straight, and your servant. I hope I didn't miss anyone!

Author: Gene Wolfe

Title: Peace

Pseudo-Author: Louis Gold

Pseudo-Title: THE BOOK THAT BINDS THE DEAD (or THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD, or THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF DEATH or THE NECRONOMICON) Comments: A spurious Lovecraftian NECRONOMICON by a character in PEACE

Title: Peace

Pseudo-Author: Blaine?

Pseudo-Title: The Lusty Lawyer

Comments: Another forgery, this time of a book announced but never published by the real-life author Amanda Ros (fl. c. 1900), notorious for her painfully purple prose

Title: Seven American Nights (short story in The Island of Doctor Death and Other Stories and Other Stories) Pseudo-Author: Osman Aga Pseudo-Title: MYSTERY BEYOND THE SUN'S SETTING

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Title: Gertrude S. "Spinning Jenny" Deplatta (in Bibliomen) Pseudo-Author: Brooks, Robert T.

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