

Pratchett and Wolfe

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Russell Wodell — 10 Dec 2001, 16:21

Just picked up Andrew M. Butler's Pocket Essentials guide to Terry Pratchett, and was struck dumb by one of his notes on "Small Gods":

"Brutha, with his photographic memory, and the role of torture in the world echoes Gene Wolfe's The Book of the New Sun (1980-83) sequence."

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Comments?

Michael Straight — 10 Dec 2001, 17:16 · follows Russell Wodell

On Mon, 10 Dec 2001, Russell Wodell wrote:

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Comments?

Having seen lots of praise for Pratchett on the internet, I gave "Small Gods" a try but found it so hamhanded and unfunny that I could barely skim it. I flipped around reading a few pages here, there, and at the end, but couldn't find anything I liked. Do you think there's a chance I'd like any of his other books, or is Small Gods pretty representative?

(direct e-mail might be more appropriate since my question is pretty off-topic for the Wolfe list)

-Rostrum