

Wolfe And Alternate History

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PMorris33 — 02 Feb 2002, 05:17

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Does anyone in this group know if Gene Wolfe has done any stories that might be termed "alternate history"?

And does anyone know the title of the C.S. Forester story?

Andy Robertson — 02 Feb 2002, 12:41 · follows PMorris33

Thanks to jess nevins of Fictionmags I have.....

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The Uchronia web site (<http://www.uchronia.net/>) is an invaluable resource for AHs. For Wolfe, it gives this:

Sidewise Awards Wolfe, Gene. "How I Lost the Second World War and Helped Turn Back the German Invasion".

Divergence: c 1917.

What if: Germany and Japan used economic warfare instead of military conquest in the 1930s and 40s.

Also, Churchill returned to journalism after World War I.

Synopsis: A retired US Army officer from Abilene KS invents a game called World War, and participates in a race between German and British compact cars.

Published: In Analog May 1973; The Best of Analog (ed. Ben Bova), Baronet 1978 (0894370340) and Ace 1979 (0441054706); Gene Wolfe's Book of Days, Doubleday 1981 (0385159919); Castle of Days, Tor 1992 (0312852096), Tor/Orb 1995 (0312890427); and Roads Not Taken: Tales of Alternate History (eds. Gardner Dozois and Stanley Schmidt), q.v. Awards: Nominee: 1973 Nebula for best short story.

The Forester entry is:

Forester, C.S. "If Hitler Had Invaded England".

Divergence: 1940.

What if: A report on the demoralization of British troops at Dunkirk prompted Hitler to order an

invasion of England within three weeks.

Synopsis: "We know now" that the invasion near Rye on June 30, 1940, failed within three days because England was able to take control of the air within hours of the invasion and because Germany lost control of the Channel a day later.

Published: In London Daily Mail ...; Saturday Evening Post, Apr. 16-30, 1960; and Gold from Crete: Ten Stories, Little, Brown 1970, Joseph 1971 (0718108426), and Pinnacle 1976.

The Oldest AH list is here:
<http://www.uchronia.net/oldest.html>

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Andy Robertson wrote:

Any Chums know the answer to this?

Andy R

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

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Michael Andre-Driussi — 02 Feb 2002, 17:41 · follows Andy Robertson

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"Straw" alternate Medieval Europe. In Wolfe collection STOREYS FROM THE OLD HOTEL.

"Continuing Westward" maybe? (STOREYS FROM THE OLD HOTEL)

"Against the Lafayette Escadrille" maybe? (GENE WOLFE'S BOOK OF DAYS and CASTLE OF DAYS)

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