

5HC a good introduction to Wolfe (and testing 1 2 3)

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I've finally managed (I think) to get back onto the list after some struggles due to CMU's bizarre email setup. I've semi-read the archives for my time away.

I'm actually rereading 5HC myself just now, after recommending it to a friend who convinced me to read Wide Sargasso Sea. I finished the first novella last night. It was my first Wolfe as well--and the hook was set for life after it.

This time what really struck me was the compressed Proust aspect--the Baron Charlus' house + the girl in the park + the memory well rolled into 60 pages, while every allusion manages to perform six other functions while it's at it.

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

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