

for jerry - pale fire

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maa32 — 28 Apr 2002, 06:56

Hey Jerry - if you like Nabokov's Pale Fire, check out Boyd's "Pale Fire - The Magic of Artistic Discovery" - he says that both Shade and Kinbote are equally inspired by the same source: the Vanessa butterfly that is actually Shade's daughter, who sympathizes with Kinbote because of their mutual loneliness and exclusion from society - it is cool because I like the idea of the two obviously incompatible narratives being used by a supernatural being in order to produce a homage to her life - in other words, she directly inspires the fantasies of Kinbote, which then actually did influence Shade in the composition of the poem which was really about his daughter. Pretty weird. I like it because it reminds me of my Horn in Babbie idea. In any case, whether you buy the primary thesis or not, the book really, really has a lot of good explanatory information that really makes sense of the book. Sorry if this doesn't make sense. I got a bad concussion yesterday

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Jerry Friedman — 29 Apr 2002, 20:32 · follows maa32

--- maa32 <maa32 at dana.ucc.nau.edu> wrote:
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Sorry to hear that! Is your doctor as good as Dr. Makee? Anyway, I hope you recover well and quickly!

Jerry Friedman