

Operation Ares: any copies still around? and PEACE cover art

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Does anyone know where to track down a copy of OPERATION ARES? It is supposedly an awful book, partly because of Wolfe's not yet mature style and bad editing, but I'd like a copy to make my Wolfe collection a bit more complete. Hey, I actually liked "Copperhead", so maybe I'll be thrilled at anything that has Wolfe's name on it.

Another question of early Wolfe: why did the cover "art" for the original edition of PEACE suck? In his biographical sketch of Wolfe before "The Death of Doctor Island" in MODERN CLASSIC SHORT NOVELS OF SCIENCE FICTION, the editor (whose name I forget, I'm across the Atlantic from my library at the moment) blames the plain cover art for the poor sales of PEACE. I could see how that could happen, the cover art looks like a generic bookcover a grade-school kid would put over a textbook. Why would a publisher design a book so it wouldn't sell?

The ORB reissue of PEACE has an interesting error. The name of the cover artist on the back of the book is different than the name on the copyright page.

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