

PANDORA written in the Seventies

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Nicholas Gevers — 21 May 2002, 04:03

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--Nick Gevers.

Jeff Prucher — 21 May 2002, 05:03 · follows Nicholas Gevers

--- Nicholas Gevers <vermouliau at yahoo.com> wrote:
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This suggests to me that the forward to PbHH was written later than the rest of the novel. In it, Wolfe writes (as Pandora): "This just one that took a long time to sell. (Except in France, so _vive la France!_....)" Was Pandora published originally in France, in any form? I couldn't find any evidence in the usual sources, and I didn't find anything from a quick google search. It seems an odd thing to write if it's not true, but it wouldn't be the first time one of Wolfe's narrator's was less than truthful.

-Jeff Prucher