

OT: Leviathan 3

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Adam Stephanides — 11 Dec 2002, 14:22

I'm putting in a plug for this recent anthology, which is one of the best original fantasy-sf anthologies I've read. (Most of the stories are original; the few that aren't originally appeared in obscure places.) There are a number of well-known contributors: Moorcock, Stableford and Emshwiller on the sf side and Remy de Goncourt, Theophile Gautier, and Rikki Ducournet on the "mainstream" side. There are also some good pieces by less well-known writers, including a twisted take on Oz by Stepan Chapman (author of The Troika). It's co-edited by Jeff VanderMeer (though he's not a contributor), and published by the Ministry of Whimsy (www.ministryofwhimsy.com), which published the above-mentioned The Troika.

My excuse for discussing Leviathan 3 on this list is that many of the stories, though not all, revolve around books or libraries, and there is a sequence of Borges-inspired short stories running through the anthology (though these latter are actually among the weaker contributions).

--Adam