

Will there ever be a Book of the Old Sun?

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Anthony Ferrara — 19 Jan 2003, 16:43

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Josh Geller — 19 Jan 2003, 16:48 · follows Anthony Ferrara

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Anthony Ferrara — 19 Jan 2003, 17:19 · follows Josh Geller

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They may be right up there with 'The Book Of The New Sun'. It's hard to say, as the story is not complete.

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Michael Straight — 20 Jan 2003, 01:53 · follows Josh Geller

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James Jordan — 20 Jan 2003, 18:33 · follows Michael Straight

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Latro, man. Latro lives before the Ultimate New Sun arrived in history (the theoanthropos). He lives at the beginning of time, when memory is short, unlike Severian, who lives toward the end, when memory is almost infallible. Thematically, anyway, Latro is what you are looking for. Let's hope he lives to finish it the way he planned.

It would be interesting to read the Soldier books with an eye on the Severian quintet, and see how many things are thematically or narratively parallel. I suspect there's a lot.

Nutria

James Jordan — 20 Jan 2003, 18:35 · follows James Jordan

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You might want to skim Bulfinch's Mythology before starting in. You've gotta know a bit, yea more than a bit, about ancient Greek mythology. And if the series continues, you're going to have to know something about Zoroastrianism also, I suspect.

Nutria

Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 20 Jan 2003, 19:13 · follows James Jordan

To Anthony's:

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Nutria respondeth:

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... an interesting point. I'd noticed some of the obvious contrasts, but thinkin of it as a BotOS had not occurred to me. Yeah, may he finish it; I want to see how important Apollo turns out to be in all this ...

Ryan Thistlethwaite — 20 Jan 2003, 21:50 · follows Dan'I Danehy-Oakes

Who is he George Lucas?! I like a little MYSTERY in my life. The Old Sun is just that, OLD...