

Question about a different novelist named Wolfe

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Christopher Culver — 24 Jan 2003, 14:40

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Christopher Culver <christopher_culver at yahoo.com>

James Jordan — 24 Jan 2003, 15:13 · follows Christopher Culver

Now there's a thought. Given all the wolves in Wolfe's writings, and his spins on Nero Wolfe, it seems likely that Gene has read the writings of other Wolfes. Perhaps there are lots of spins on Thomas Wolfe's books in Gene's. I've not read the latter, but maybe someone here has.

Nutria

At 08:40 AM 1/24/2003, you wrote:

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Thomas Bitterman — 24 Jan 2003, 16:22 · follows James Jordan

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Christopher Culver <christopher_culver at yahoo.com>

- tom

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James Jordan — 24 Jan 2003, 16:29 · follows Thomas Bitterman

Now there's yet another one: Tom Wolfe. You know, thinking about it, the madhouse scene in *Free Live Free* might be inspired by Tom Wolfe. It's like the kinds of things he writes about.

Nutria

At 10:22 AM 1/24/2003, you wrote:

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Dan Schmidt — 24 Jan 2003, 16:36 · follows James Jordan

thomasbitterman at netscape.net (Thomas Bitterman) writes:

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Dan

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Thomas Bitterman — 24 Jan 2003, 16:50 · follows Dan Schmidt

Dan Schmidt <dfan at harmonixmusic.com> wrote:

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darn.

Dan

- tom

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 24 Jan 2003, 16:56 · follows Thomas Bitterman

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You Can't Go Home Again.

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Gary K. Wolf (author of the original "Who Censored Roger
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Andrew Bollen — 24 Jan 2003, 17:05 · follows Dan'I Danehy-Oakes

Can we include Virginia Wolfe?

----- Original Message -----

From: "Dan'I Danehy-Oakes" <ddanehy at siebel.com>
To: <urth at urth.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2003 3:56 AM
Subject: RE: (urth) Question about a different novelist named Wolfe
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Dan'I Danehy-Oakes — 24 Jan 2003, 17:07 · follows Andrew Bollen

Can we include Virginia Wolfe?

Don't see why not ... I was trying to keep my list Merkin.

Dan Schmidt — 27 Jan 2003, 17:14 · follows Dan'I Danehy-Oakes

"Dan'I Danehy-Oakes" <ddanehy at siebel.com> writes:

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| _You Can't Go Home Again_.

A Man in Full is Tom again.

That is my last pedantic correction, I promise...

Dan

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