

Island/Dr./Death + Detective + other topics

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MBS — 01 Mar 1998, 20:13

Hello all, a very infrequent poster here.

I had a few things I wanted to mention...

Oh, and if ppl are interested, there may be *Spoilers* below... though I assume there are those in almost every post to this list

1) I have truly enjoyed all I have read of Gene Wolfe's writings. In fact, I wrote him a short 'fan-note' back in time and he was kind enough to send me back a personal note. (The man has a beautiful signature!) Nonetheless, often after finishing a story or novel of his creation, though I am satisfied/pleased with it, another part of me feels "huh?", like I have missed something, or some 'mystery' left to solve by the reader was Not solved by me... This general puzzlement makes me appreciate this list all the more, but perhaps I need to work on my own reader-skills as well as assume when beginning a Wolfe-work that I will need to read it more than once, if not more than twice! Not really looking for comments or replies here (though advice/pointers are welcome!) just wanted to share it with the list.. maybe see if others agree.

2) In a similar vein, I just finished reading "Detective of Dreams" and was wondering if I "got" this one... Something about a church and Jesus... right? though again, I am not sure I 'get' the dreams the characters have ... maybe I should read the New Testament first!

3) I just got The Island of Dr. Death & OS&OS out of the library to read for the first time. I was wondering if others on the list are interested in forming an (off-list or on-list) reading group for this collection. And if not, perhaps I will just post all my queries and hope for guidance! The most difficult thing about this situation is that if someone just tells me, Oh X is Severian father and Y is his mother, well, discovering the same is a much different experience. well that is more than long enough... hope comprehensible enough Enjoy the day Matthew