

Wildside Press big book of Wolfe essays?

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Michael Andre-Driussi — 25 Mar 2003, 01:13

About a month ago, our friend Nigel Price (a person who can find all sorts

of unfound things) wrote:

Does anyone on the list have details of the book of essays on Gene Wolfe which Wildside Press are planning to bring out? Details of the proposed companion volume on C J Cherryh can be found at <http://enigma.rider.edu/~ecarmien/>.

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Nigel Price — 26 Mar 2003, 01:14 · follows Michael Andre-Driussi

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Hello Michael. Good to see "Snake's Hands" prominently featured on the Wildside Press website.

You ask about the Wolfe volume I mentioned. Well, the story goes as follows.

The project was originally mentioned in the Wildside Press forum. I was keen to offer an article, so I entered a query in the forum, asking who was going to edit the book of essays on Wolfe. I received no reply, so I then wrote to John Betancourt, the owner of Wildside, and asked him. He wrote to tell me that Darrell Schweitzer was going to edit the proposed collection, but that publication was still a couple of years away.

I then wrote to Darrell Schweitzer, offering to write a Wolfe essay for him. He wrote back to say that he wasn't sure that the Wolfe book was going to happen or that he was going to edit it as he was currently in the middle of compiling a book of essays on Neil Gaiman and it was proving difficult to get adequate and sufficient material.

After a few more e-mails to and fro, which included offers from me to Darrell to write something on Gaiman...

(...and which also included hurried appeals from me to Jonathan Laidlow, the Gaiman expert, for guidance on what Gaiman to read - Jonathan sent me a Sandman book last time I was in hospital, bless him - what a depressing book to read when you're waiting for surgery!...)

...John Betancourt finally got onto Darrell Schweitzer and twisted his arm a bit. Darrell now tells me that yes, he is definitely doing an anthology of essays on Wolfe, and yes, Wildside will be printing it, but no, it won't be for a while, because he's still working on the Gaiman project.

So: if I can get my story/stories finished for a certain member of this list, and get my article on "Rimrunners" done for the Cherryh volume, I'll maybe have a crack at a Gaiman piece and who knows, I might even get an article on Wolfe finished at last. But, to end on a personal note, this has been a difficult couple of months. I have lost two close friends over the past six weeks, and having got those funerals out of the way, my father died this weekend after a long and difficult illness. It was a relief and a release for him, but what with the intermittent and unpredictable tides of grief and the sheer grind of funeral arrangements, I'm really not getting much work done at the moment.

We'll see how it goes.

Nigel

Andy Robertson — 26 Mar 2003, 07:44 · follows Nigel Price

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Nigel Price — 27 Mar 2003, 00:25 · follows Andy Robertson

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Thanks, hartshorn.

I probably shouldn't have mentioned it on the list. That's what comes of writing e-mails late at night, I guess.

Nigel