

Nabokov: Pale Fire + Wolfelike Authors

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Alex David Groce — 16 Apr 2003, 21:20

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"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

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Richard Horton — 17 Apr 2003, 00:51 · follows Alex David Groce

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My favorite Nabokov books are Pnin and Pale Fire, order depending on mood.

Ada is another outstanding book, though, and SF (if of a decidedly odd nature). (His early Russian novel King, Queen, Knave is also SF.) Invitation to the Beheading, Bend Sinister, The Real Life of Sebastian Knight, and The Defense are also all excellent. Of his Russian novels (which include The Defense and Invitation to the Beheading) The Gift seems most highly regarded, but I haven't read it yet.

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