

daisy chain of authors

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Michael Andre-Driussi — 17 Apr 2003, 16:10

Allan Lloyd wrote:

I'm finding the discussion of Wolfe-like authors fascinating, mainly because most of the writers mentioned seem to me to be so vastly different from Wolfe. The whole thing reminds me of a beginners guide to science fiction that was published some years ago. It was arranged on the basis of "if you like ... then you will also like ..." and as an example, the follow-up to Wolfe would have been something like " you will also like Poul Anderson, Terry Pratchett and Samuel Delany because they all write fantasy."

In pursuit of accuracy: A READER'S GUIDE TO SCIENCE FICTION by Baird Searles, Martin Last, Beth Meacham, and Michael Franklin; published in 1979.

With regard to the material found under GENE WOLFE, at the end of the 3/4 page entry, which describes Wolfe's work to that date (pre-New Sun), comes the daisy-chain tag: "Those who admire Wolfe's work might try that of Ian Watson or Jack Vance."

Is this the "beginner's guide" in question? On the one hand it isn't quite as fatuous as Allan Lloyd seems to recall (100% worthless), but to be fair, judging by my own tastes this one daisy-chain link is 50% worthless, so it is possible that we agree more than we disagree.

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