

Watson and Wolfe

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David Duffy — 20 Apr 2003, 04:51

On Sun, 20 Apr 2003 Adam Stephanides <adamsteph at earthlink.net> wrote:

I've only read a little Ian Watson, and didn't like him, but there is a superficial similarity between him and Wolfe. They're both "cerebral" and "literary" authors, though my memory of Watson is that his stuff really is empty of emotion. Incidentally, I once read an article by Watson criticizing SotT because the protagonist was a torturer; something about making it seem that torturers weren't really so bad, iirc (but don't quote me).

Was it possibly a review in Foundation, comparing Donaldson's *The One Tree* with *The Sword of the Lictor* (both out at that time)? As I remember that article, the reviewer found Wolfe impressive but cool, while Donaldson seemed to care more about his characters and their dilemmas and so moved more. Despite shortcomings, *Short Sun* is less cool, I think.

I quite like Watson, but the main similarity with Wolfe is that his work is intellectual and aimed at adults. I would be curious to see what Wolfe would have done with *The Gardens of Delight* ;)

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David Duffy — 20 Apr 2003, 04:55 · follows David Duffy

I have to add the coda to a Watson bibliography I checked:

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