

Sun Series---A Newbish Question

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Tyreal — 06 Jun 2003, 13:43

Hi,

Tyreal here. I was wandering if someone could put the all of the Sun Series books in order in which they were meant to be read. Please include the urth, the new, the long, the short, and any other
Tyreal

Sam Keyes — 06 Jun 2003, 15:58 · follows Tyreal

Greetings.

I hesitate to toss myself into public, but here goes. I can't really say in what order they're MEANT to be read, but they were, I think, published in this order, and this is the order in which I have and am reading them:

The Book of the New Sun:

Shadow and Claw (Shadow of the Torturer and Claw of the Conciliator) Sword and Citadel (Sword of the Lictor and Citadel of the Autarch)

The Urth of the New Sun

The Book of the Long Sun:

Litany of the Long Sun (Nightside and Lake)

Epiphany of the Long Sun (Cald=E9 and Exodus)

The Book of the Short Sun:

On Blue's Waters

In Green's Jungles

Return to the Whorl

Forgive my ignorance if I have misplaced something or misunderstood.

And, as a brief introduction to the list, I ought to say that I am an undergraduate currently doing a summer project (i.e., my school was kind (or stupid) enough to give me money) on Wolfe--particularly the New Sun.=20 So once I finish wallowing through the stuff I'm doing now, perhaps I'll have a question or two for you people.

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William Ansley — 06 Jun 2003, 17:21 · follows Sam Keyes

"Sam Keyes" <skeyes at richmond.edu> wrote (in part):

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I am a strong proponent of reading books in the order they were published, no matter what the
order of "internal chronology" is, so I agree with the reading list order given by Sam Keyes,
above. Frankly, I am not sure the question, "In what order are Gene Wolfe Sun books meant to
be read?" is answerable in that form.

Here is a list of the titles of all the original novels in the Sun series (so far) with some extras:

~The Book of the New Sun~

The Shadow of the Toturer

The Claw of the Conciliator

The Sword of the Lictor

The Citadel of the Autarch

(_Shadow and Claw_ combines novels 1 & 2 above.)

(_Sword and Citadel_ combines novels 3 & 4 above.)

The Urth of the New Sun

~The Book of the Long Sun~

Nightside the Long Sun

Lake of the Long Sun

Calde of the Long Sun

Exodus from the Long Sun

(_Litany of the Long Sun_ combines novels 1 & 2 above.) (_Epiphany of the Long Sun_ combines novels 3 & 4 above.)

~The Book of the Short Sun~

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Related books:

Gene Wolfe's Book of Days

(includes _The Castle of the Otter_, a collection of essays about the Book of the New Sun)

Endangered Species (includes the stories, "The Cat" and "The Map," generally considered to be set in the same universe as the Sun books)

Possibly related books:

The Fifth Head of Cerberus

(said by some to be set in the same universe as the Sun books)

Storeys from the Old Hotel

(includes the story, "A Solar Labyrinth," said by some to be a metafiction on the Book of the New Sun)

William Ansley