

Wolfe at Readercon

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Nicholas Gevers — 11 Jul 2003, 06:33

As Marc says, GW will be at Readercon--he's taking part in a panel discussion there concerning Catholicism and SF/Fantasy.

--Nick Gevers.

Adam Stephanides — 08 Aug 2003, 18:39 · follows Nicholas Gevers

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Gregg — 08 Aug 2003, 23:26 · follows Adam Stephanides

I was there for that panel, and I think Mr. Wolfe could have had a third career as a preacher. During his improv, his voice rose and rose and rose until everyone in the hotel must have been able to hear his booming, raging performance of the rationalizations and denials of a bad man. Readercon tapes all of their panels, and this was one for the greatest hits album.

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From: Adam Stephanides [mailto:[adamsteph at earthlink.net](mailto:adamsteph@earthlink.net)] Sent: Friday, August 08, 2003 2:39 PM To: urth at urth.net Subject: (urth) Wolfe at Readercon

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