

Hi & a question re: Lexicon Urthus

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Hmpf MacSlow — 30 Nov 2004, 12:09

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Oh, yeah, and just because there don't seem to be many women reading Wolfe, at least not on this list, and because I realise my nick is kind of neutral, I feel the need to point out that I belong to that rare demographic. *g*

What else to say... Well, I've read very little Wolfe so far, just the Book of the New Sun and the Urth of the New Sun, and I'm only into my second reading of The Shadow of the Torturer (read it first about a year ago, and I've only recently been able to buy and read UotNS). Still, even this limited contact with his work has propelled Gene Wolfe right to the top of my favourites list, next to Tolkien who's been there since I was 16. I think it's safe to say that no other book has impressed me as deeply since 1992, the year I first read LotR, as BotNS has.

And now I'll go back to lurking, I think.

Hmpf

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James Wynn — 30 Nov 2004, 14:05 · in reply to Hmpf MacSlow

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Hmpf MacSlow — 30 Nov 2004, 14:13 · in reply to James Wynn

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Christopher Culver — 30 Nov 2004, 14:15 · in reply to Hmpf MacSlow

From: Hmpf MacSlow <hmpf1998 at gmx.net>

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Michael Andr?-Driussi left this list quite some time ago.

Christopher Culver

Maru — 30 Nov 2004, 18:25 · in reply to Hmpf MacSlow

Hmpf, I'm not sure what the library's are like in Europe, but in AMerica, when I want a rare, really expensive book, I put in several inter-library loan requests at my local library. You said you were a university student? Would your universitie's library have any affiliations or alliances with other libraries? You might want to look into that- could save you lots of money. ~Maru

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