

Semi-OT: Random Mievilleinousness

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 02 Dec 2004, 09:38

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Lisa Schaffer-Doggett — 02 Dec 2004, 10:06 · in reply to Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

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stilskin — 02 Dec 2004, 10:31 · in reply to Lisa Schaffer-Doggett

Mieville is worth reading. He is no hack, in my opinion, although he has clearly been influenced by hacks -- as has Gene Wolfe. I recommend *The Scar* as the "purest" Mieville -- that's the book I feel has come closest to showcasing his strengths. *Perdido Street Station* will also give a fair appreciation of his talents. I would avoid *Iron Council*, his latest. He's not the tidiest of writers under the best of circumstances, but *IC* is just plain sloppy.

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