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maru — 02 Apr 2005, 16:58

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Also! There is an old series - both of these books are pretty old, actually - by an author named Gene Wolfe called "The Book of The New Sun." I believe it was originally four books, but they've been compiled into two

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Seth Lombardi — 02 Apr 2005, 17:42 · in reply to maru

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He is also a Frank Herbert fan as well, so I feel a sort of kinship learning that he likes Wolfe too.
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Samuel L. — 10 Apr 2005, 17:25 · in reply to maru

I care, as I'm a fan of Penny Arcade. I'm sad I missed that post, however.

Does anyone have other references to The Book of the New Sun?

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