

# New to the list

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Anjruu at aol.com — 04 Apr 2006, 00:55

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Adam Thornton — 04 Apr 2006, 02:10 · in reply to Anjruu at aol.com

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Matt DeLuca — 04 Apr 2006, 02:21 · in reply to Adam Thornton

Don't worry about spoilers on anything really. However if there is something new that comes out kindly let us know if u are going to be spoiling anything

On 4/3/06, Adam Thornton <adam at io.com> wrote:

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mournings glory — 04 Apr 2006, 03:29 · in reply to Anjruu at aol.com

Welcome aboard, Anjruu.

Feel free to post away, but please be aware that many of your questions about New/Long Sun may have already been addressed, so if you can, kindly check the archives first -- people who have new or interesting things to say about these works will always be welcomed here, I'd venture to say, but nOObs who haven't done their homework or want to cut to the front of the line are only dissing those of us who've paid their dues in more legitimate fashion.

Also try not to be too insulted or hurt if no one agrees with you; despite frequently leveled charges of heresy by various individuals (including me), there is no orthodoxy here.

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From: Anjruu at aol.com  
Reply-To: The Urth Mailing List <urth at lists.urth.net>  
To: urth at urth.net  
Subject: (urth) New to the list  
Date: Mon, 3 Apr 2006 20:55:45 EDT

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Dan'I Danehy-Oakes — 04 Apr 2006, 18:11 · in reply to Anjruu at aol.com

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Oh, usually abacination for a first offense.

Do you mean, "Do I need to be careful about posting spoily stuff?" or "Do I need to worry that posts here will spoil things I haven't read?"

I'll assume both.

As Adam says, many -- I won't say "most" -- of the participants on this list have read, if not Gene Wolfe's laundry lists, at least a huge proportion of what's available by him, including hard-to-find stuff like his first, long out-of-print-and-not-likely-to-be-reprinted-while-he's-alive-to-say-anything- about-it novel, OPERATION ARES. So at times this list takes on the feeling of a graduate seminar in Lupine fiction.

Yet, we have always had a share of "beginners," "noobs," or just plain cool people who have just latched onto the Wonder That Is Gene Wolfe's Fiction. (No personal heresy \_here\_, nossir.) Yes, you can search the archives, but they're spotty, and the search function is not the best. My experience is that folks here are actually pretty patient with new members asking questions whose answers have been discussed to death -- whether settled by general consensus, or unsettled and likely to remain so for a very long time.

There is a kind of "core" set of theories that constitutes a sort of orthodox Wolfeology, and a whole lot of speculations at the edges of those theories, and then a bunch of theories that contradict orthodox Wolfeology but have passionate adherents. Wait till you read "Short Sun" and then ask about the trees. You'll see.

You certainly don't have to read and commit to memory every precious word of Gene Wolfe's fiction to enjoy a stay on the Urth list. (I certainly haven't hunted down all the obscure short stories, or even some of the harder-to-find chapbooks and collections.)

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You know, folks, I think it's time this little list developed a kind of Gene Wolfe FAQ.

--Dan'l

I do not fear Satan half so much as I fear those who fear him.

-- St Teresa of Avila

<http://www.livejournal.com/users/sturgeonslawyer>

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tom at bitterman.net — 04 Apr 2006, 19:08 · in reply to Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

Quoting Dan'l Danehy-Oakes <danldo at gmail.com>:

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