

commentary?

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Joel and Rachel — 26 Jul 2006, 01:51

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Joel

b sharp — 26 Jul 2006, 12:18 · follows Joel and Rachel

Joel asks:

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I would like that (revelations) but I'm not encouraged by this Wolfe interview excerpt from Lawrence Person:

LP: Final question! Homer, of course, is one of those writers whose work is remembered, at least >in his case, thousands of years after his death. How well do you think your own work will be >remembered?

GW: Oh Lord! (long pause) Goodness sake. (pause) This is really, really a mean question that >you're asking.

LP: (laughs) That's why we put it last.

GW: Well I'm glad you did. Uh, I don't know. Two or three hundred years, possibly. It's very hard >to answer that without being either falsely modest or braggadocios. I would guess, a couple, >three hundred years. That's only a guess.

If Wolfe hopes to affect his readers 300 years hence in the same way he affects extant readers then I would guess he wouldn't want any extra revelations after his death.

-bsharp

Gregg — 26 Jul 2006, 22:26 · follows b sharp

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Having typed that, though, I can believe that he has written notes among his papers and his notes would be fascinating to read. Let's hope his will doesn't stipulate the destruction of his notes. Still would need that brain download to understand how it all fits together.

Dan'I Danehy-Oakes — 26 Jul 2006, 22:55 · in reply to Gregg

On 7/26/06, Gregg <gwbest328 at epix.net> wrote:

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Ummm, I can't speak for anyone else, but I don't think Wolfe deliberately misleads, just goes too far in not giving things away, something like a reviewer so cautious about spoilers that she doesn't actually tell you anything about the book/movie/whatever.

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"Shovels are essential to the fantasy genre.

However, they are primarily used by the authors rather than the characters." -- Stephen R. Donaldson