

Book of the New Sun Audiobooks?

The Urth list — 13 messages, 9 voices, 14 Jun 2007

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Rex Lycanthrosaurus — 14 Jun 2007, 18:22

http://cgi.ebay.com/Gene-Wolfe-Urth-Book-Of-The-New-Sun-1-5-Audiobooks-Unab_W0QQitemZ270131444339QQihZ017QQcategoryZ29792QQssPageNameZWVWQrdZ1QQcmdZViewItem

Anybody ever heard these or know who the reader is? I can think of no better way to palliate the daily commute, but can find absolutely no information anywhere about the product. I also find it hard to believe you could record the entire unabridged series on 2 CDs, even with mp3 encoding.

Rex Lycanthrosaurus
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Recursive Loop — 14 Jun 2007, 18:37 · in reply to Rex Lycanthrosaurus

Are these even legit? Are they "digitized" from earlier audio books (tapes)? I don't see any such critter at Amazon or B&N, so I wonder how he/she is supplying them!

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don doggett — 14 Jun 2007, 21:01 · in reply to Recursive Loop

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Well, rather than wondering, I emailed her asking who reads them and who originally published them. So hopefully I'll hear back. I'll let you know when and if I do.

Don

The Evangelists: a Lesser Apocrypha

<http://profile.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=user.viewprofile&friendid=178109961>

aaron — 14 Jun 2007, 21:08 · in reply to don doggett

I also just emailed the person to ask about the CDs. And yes, it is possible that they would fit on 2 CDs. You see, MP3's are 1/10th the size of regular WAV. files found on regular music CD's. In other words, a regular CD can hold up to 800 minutes of MP3 audio while with WAV's you only

get 80 mins. At any rate, we will soon see if they are legit, although I am very doubtful.

Aaron Singleton

Rex Lycanthrosaurus — 14 Jun 2007, 21:34 · in reply to aaron

On Thu, 14 Jun 2007 17:08:50 -0400, "aaron" <aaronsingleton at gmail.com> said:

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David DiGiacomo — 14 Jun 2007, 21:47 · follows Rex Lycanthrosaurus

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Audio CDs hold uncompressed audio, but they don't have WAV files on them (or any files).

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Since it's not music, it can be compressed to 32Kbps with reasonable fidelity.

Matthew King — 14 Jun 2007, 21:59 · in reply to Rex Lycanthrosaurus

On Jun 14, 2007, at 4:34 PM, Rex Lycanthrosaurus wrote:
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mp3 compression is very tunable, and you can get especially low file sizes when working with spoken word recordings.

Case in point, I just now finished preparing an mp3 recording of an hour long class. The final size was 6 MB.

At that level of compression, you can get over 100 hours on a CD.

Matthew

don doggett — 14 Jun 2007, 23:24 · in reply to Rex Lycanthrosaurus

--- Rex Lycanthrosaurus <lycanthrosaurus at fastmail.fm> wrote:

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Indeed. I just checked that listing and it's been removed. I wouldn't hold my breath for any response.

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don doggett — 14 Jun 2007, 23:46 · in reply to don doggett

Here's the link to the seller's other items. Can I get an Aaargh, Matey? I wonder if someone is just recording their own audio. Oh, and regarding the listing going down, it had a buy it now option so maybe someone bought it. If it's someone on this list you should hang your head in shame. Uncool, especially after all the discussion about how Wolfe isn't as big a seller as he should be. And if it's not someone on this list then I have no one to apologize to, except for everyone who had to endure this rant.

http://search.ebay.com/_W0QQsassocZpowlandaQQhtZ-1

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Tim Bryant — 14 Jun 2007, 23:58 · in reply to don doggett

Hello. I've been a lurking member of the list for a few months now. Though not a very auspicious topic for a first post, I wanted to let you know that I reported the Wolfe audiobooks listing to eBay. That may be why the listing disappeared. If it is a case of copyright infringement, as I suspect it is, then the listing should be gone for good. If not, it will be back up after eBay investigates. Based on the seller's past sales, it looks like "powlanda" is either creating or buying mp3 files of science fiction works, then selling them multiple times at almost 100% profit.

If anyone feels similarly suspicious, as well as protective of the other authors' copyrighted works, you could report the other listed items, which have not been removed.

Regards,
Tim

On 6/14/07, don doggett <kingwukong at yahoo.com> wrote:

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Yahoo! oneSearch: Finally, mobile search that gives answers, not web links.

<http://mobile.yahoo.com/mobileweb/onesearch?refer=1ONXIC>

don doggett — 15 Jun 2007, 00:11 · in reply to Tim Bryant

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Steve Taylor — 15 Jun 2007, 00:13 · in reply to Tim Bryant

As to the origin of the audiobooks, a wild guess:

A friend showed me a CD he'd bought from somewhere or other of readings of H.P. Lovecraft which were entirely computer generated - text fed into a text-to-speech program. The results were just about as awful as you'd imagine. I can see this as being a great assistive technology for blind people who are sick of the relatively restricted pool of available audiobooks, but I can't imagine anyone listening to it for any other reason.

Unless they're a **really** big Doctor Who fan and just plain like the sound of Daleks talking.

Anyway - just guesswork on my part.

Steve

hammstu — 15 Jun 2007, 00:20 · in reply to don doggett

I welcomed the rant, please keep 'em coming!!

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-----Original Message-----

From: urth-bounces at lists.urth.net [mailto:urth-bounces at lists.urth.net] On Behalf Of don doggett
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2007 5:12 PM To: The Urth Mailing List Subject: Re: (urth) Book of the New Sun Audiobooks?

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