

Dark Alchemy

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Nigel Price — 04 Jul 2007, 11:25

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Nigel Price — 04 Jul 2007, 16:09 · follows Nigel Price

(Apologies if this ends up appearing twice. The list was offline the first time I tried to send it.)

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Fernando Q. Gouvêa — 04 Jul 2007, 17:34 · in reply to Nigel Price

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This seems to be the British edition of a book called "Wizards" in the US. The Wolfe story is another take on the Arthurian legends, focusing on Merlin this time.

The book seems to be aimed at the "young adult" market. It contains a lot of "mother was right after all" and "so then I became the king" stories.

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It's not enough to be Hungarian; you must have talent too.
-- Alexander Korda

Rex Lycanthrosaurus — 04 Jul 2007, 18:10 · in reply to Nigel Price

"Dark Alchemy" is the retitled UK version of the US published "Wizards."

The Wolfe story, if memory serves, is "Magical Animals" and is about a young boy who may be Merlin and his relationship throughout time with Viviane. (The book has gone back to the library, so I can't look it up.)

There are reviews in the March (Gevers) and May (Horton) issues of Locus, but only the former mentions the Wolfe story. (He liked it.)

Don't know why the antho was retitled for sale in the UK -- one would think Pottermaniacs would be more inclined to pick up a volume labeled "Wizards" than "Dark Alchemy."

On Wed, 4 Jul 2007 12:25:06 +0100, "Nigel Price" <nigelprice at onetel.net> said:

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