

Wolfe Wins World Fantasy Award

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Steve Taylor — 03 Nov 2007, 21:47 · in reply to mark mullis

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Steve

Joe Bushong-Taylor — 04 Nov 2007, 22:47

Gene Wolfe has won the World Fantasy Award for Best Novel of 2006 for **Soldier of Sidon**. The presentation of the award came at the World Fantasy Convention awards banquet today in Sarasota Springs, NY.

I find it gratifying that the fantasy community has recognized the importance of this work and, indeed, of Gene's contributions as a whole. If you have put off reading the Soldier books, get to them. The unfolding story of Latro offers insight into how we deal with loss, and the nature of personal identity.

In accepting the award, Gene noted that his decision to write the novel was due, in part, to the requests of many readers that he continue the story of Latro. He also hinted that he may heed calls he has received already to continue the story even further.

mark mullis — 06 Nov 2007, 05:37 · follows Joe Bushong-Taylor

A big congratulations to Gene. If I reason correctly, this is the most illustrious award he's received for an individual work (in other words: discounting the "Lifetime Achievement" award he received from the same panel a few years back).

The Latro books are shaping up to be every bit as significant an aspect of his legacy as the trinity of Sun books.

By the way, this is my first contribution to the mailing list. I've been slowly working my way through the archives, reveling in the knowledge that there is a forum on the internet for Wolfe fans to interact. I'm also eagerly awaiting the spike in discussion that will inevitably follow *Pirate Freedom's* publication next week.

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James Crossley — 06 Nov 2007, 06:13 · in reply to mark mullis

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James

Matthew Keeley — 07 Nov 2007, 01:51 · in reply to Steve Taylor

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-Matt

On 11/3/07, Steve Taylor <steve.taylor at majitek.com> wrote:

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Mo Holkar — 07 Nov 2007, 09:01 · follows mark mullis

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I'm hosting and administering it, but most of the contribution so far has been by Dan'l, Matt and Stone Ox (all of this list).

It certainly is very incomplete -- the bibliography, external links etc have come along pretty well, but the only works treated in any great analytical detail so far are Peace and the loDDaOSaOS collection. But I think that what we have there for those is terrifically interesting, and provides a good model for the rest that will follow.

If anyone would like to come along and contribute capsule summaries of the missing works, you'd be very welcome on the wiki!

best,

Mo

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WolfeWiki

<http://www.holkar.net/pmwiki/>

Michael Straight — 07 Nov 2007, 19:49 · in reply to Steve Taylor

Welcome, Steve. Ask away. I've had more than one of Wolfe's short stories go from "What was that?" to "Wow, what a great story!" thanks to insight of people on the list.

No promises, of course, but people here are generally happy to respond to a "What's going on at the end of this story?"

Rostrum