

Pirated audiobooks

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aaron — 05 Feb 2008, 19:24

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Aaron Singleton

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Matthew Keeley — 05 Feb 2008, 19:36 · in reply to aaron

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sfwa.org

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Mark Millman — 05 Feb 2008, 20:58 · in reply to Matthew Keeley

Folks,

The SFWA probably are not the right contact for this. Not long ago they tried to act, as they thought, on behalf of some of their members with regard to some electronic rights issues. It turned out, if I remember correctly, that the SFWA were not empowered to act for any of those members, and for some authors--I recall in particular Cory Doctorow--their actions were in direct opposition to the authors' wishes.

Mr. Wolfe's agent would be a much better person to notify. The agent is responsible for protecting the author's rights, and will also know whether or not any particular publication is authorized. Regrettably, since Virginia Kidd's death, I no longer know who that may be. Do any of you have that information?

Best,

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gwern0 at gmail.com — 05 Feb 2008, 22:14 · in reply to aaron

On 2008.02.05 14:24:34 -0500, aaron <aaronsingleton at gmail.com> scribbled 2.8K characters:

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aaron — 05 Feb 2008, 23:39 · in reply to gwern0 at gmail.com

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Even if he downloaded the files off the net, they were still originally intended for the blind, and the seller still intends to profit from Wolfe's works. Either way, I see no difference. Wrong is wrong. Regardless, this is pirated material.

Aaron Singleton
