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Yves Meynard — 13 May 2008, 01:25

I was wondering why there was so much traffic on the list all of a sudden and feared it was bad news followed by a rash of shocked comments. Glad to find out it's a roll call instead -- I'll briefly add my voice to the choir.

I'm a Canadian, first bought a Wolfe novel (Shadow) in 1981, the day before my 17th birthday. I've met Gene, he's a very nice guy. His work has influenced my writing -- I used to joke I wanted to be Gene Wolfe when I grew up.

I'll second the recommendations for Vance and Crowley enthusiastically. I really liked Mieville's Perdido Street Station and The Scar. Iron Council, on the other hand, feels to me like his writing has gone sloppy. I stopped about halfway through it and expect to finish it some day, but it's been a disappointment.

- Yves

Matthew Groves — 13 May 2008, 14:23 · in reply to Yves Meynard

On 5/12/08, Yves Meynard <meynard at videotron.ca> wrote:

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Judging by Wizard Knight, there seems to be a feedback loop of influence.

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I have started and abandoned two Crowley novels, Little, Big and The Solitudes. I want to like Crowley, but The Solitudes just seemed pretentious and boring to me. Everyone who reads Wolfe says he is great, and Alice Turner wrote a whole book on him. What am I missing?

Matt G.

Pedro Pereira — 13 May 2008, 15:01 · in reply to Matthew Groves