

Lexicon Urthus interview

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Nigel Price — 25 Sep 2008, 10:35

The latest addition to Ultan's Library (www.ultan.org.uk) is an interview with Michael Andre-Driussi about the new edition of the "Lexicon Urthus". In the interview, Michael discusses how he first came to write the Lexicon and how the new revised edition came about. He explains how Gene Wolfe came to write the Foreword and how the late John Brunner briefly became involved in the project. In passing, he also casts some interesting light on the evolution of the "Suzanne Delage" debate.

I was fascinated to learn more about the Lexicon and hope that you too will enjoy the interview.

As a footnote, I ought to mention that Michael was keen to make the context of the interview clear and to show that he and I had actually met previously to discuss Wolfe-related matters. He encouraged me to find a novel way of revealing this to the reader and, if you read through to the bottom of the web page, I think you'll find that I failed completely!

Nigel

Mo Holkar / UKG — 25 Sep 2008, 14:45 · in reply to Nigel Price

At 11:35 25/09/2008, you wrote:

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He'll be pleased, I hope, to hear that the wiki has now been updated to include the appropriate credits for this.

best,

Mo

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WolfeWiki now at:

<http://www.wolfewiki.com/pmwiki/>

Nigel Price — 25 Sep 2008, 15:50 · follows Mo Holkar / UKG

Mo, thanks for updating the WolfeWiki page on "Suzanne Delage". Wow, that was prompt!

I've added a note to the text of the interview pointing out that the Wiki article has now been updated to include appropriate acknowledgements.

Nigel

Mo Holkar / UKG — 25 Sep 2008, 16:31 · in reply to Nigel Price

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Great, thank you Nigel!

best wishes,

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Pedro Pereira — 25 Sep 2008, 16:38 · in reply to Nigel Price

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Nigel Price — 25 Sep 2008, 17:34 · follows Pedro Pereira

Pedro Pereira asked:

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Yes, Michael did say that he had the nucleus of a book about "The Book of the Long Sun" and "The Book of the Short Sun" that he referred to as having the working title "Gate of Horn, Book of Silk". As you say, the contents so far assembled are based around the materials he wrote for the Long Sun chapbooks.

If anyone has any questions about the interview, there is a comment facility on Ultan's Library that allows you to post your responses. If there are queries, we might well be able to get Michael back to answer some of them.

Nigel

Pedro Pereira — 25 Sep 2008, 17:39 · in reply to Nigel Price

Thank you for your kind reply.

It's great to know that it's coming, I was really wishing for such a book.

Jeff Wilson — 28 Sep 2008, 08:53 · in reply to Nigel Price

Nigel Price wrote:

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Jeff Wilson — 28 Sep 2008, 09:14 · in reply to Jeff Wilson

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I'm afraid that the second Suzanne Delage link has a bogus URL that leads to wolfe wiki admin login instead of an article. This might not be apparent when using the same computer the admin uses.

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Nigel Price — 28 Sep 2008, 14:19 · follows Jeff Wilson

Thanks for the debugging feedback, Jeff.

The URL for Ultan's Library is <http://www.ultan.org.uk/> , which should get you to the home page. The interview with Michael Andre-Driussi is in the Book Reviews section. The direct link for the interview is <http://www.ultan.org.uk/tell-me-about-the-lexicon-urthus-an-interview-with-michael-andre-driussi/> .

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Cheers,

Nigel

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Nigel Price — 28 Sep 2008, 19:40 · follows Jeff Wilson

Jeff Wilson asked about Ultan's Library: "Is there a place where new additions are listed, regardless of section or category?"

That's one for Jonathan to answer rather than me, because he's the website wizard on the Ultan's team. Funnily enough, though, I was thinking about the same thing, Jeff. I have just such a section on another site I run which logs new entries as they come in, so you can see when the site was last updated and what was added. I'll ask Jonathan if we can do something similar with Ultan's Library.

Thanks for the suggestion. That's a good idea.

Nigel