

Slightly Off-Topic: HPL

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Ryan Bonneville — 14 Oct 2008, 23:42

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Best,
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Matthew Keeley — 15 Oct 2008, 01:19 · in reply to Ryan Bonneville

On Tue, Oct 14, 2008 at 7:42 PM, Ryan Bonneville
<[ryan.bonneville at gmail.com](mailto:ryan.bonneville@gmail.com)> wrote:
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(Implicit Spoilers for An Evil Guest)

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The most obviously relevant stories are probably "The Call of Cthulhu", "The Whisperer in Darkness", and "Nyarlathotep". You might want to look at some of the Randolph Carter stories - "The Statement of Randolph Carter" and "The Dream Quest of Unknown Kadath". (I haven't read "Dream Quest" myself, but people tell me it's somewhat important to the Lovecraft canon.. and it features Randolph Carter, who may or may not be referenced in AEG)

If you want to go a bit further, I'm a great fan of "The Rats in the Walls", "The Outsider", and "The Nameless City" (the last of which scared me half to death when I was nine or ten).

<http://www.dagonbytes.com/thelibrary/lovecraft/index.html>

-Matt

Adam Thornton — 15 Oct 2008, 03:30 · in reply to Ryan Bonneville

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Jeff Wilson — 15 Oct 2008, 05:27 · in reply to Adam Thornton

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The Whisperer In Darkness stands out as somewhat Wolefean, with unreliable or downright mendacious narrators, cryptic nested epistolary stories, and alien conspiracies. Jolly good ambiguous fun!

Jeff Wilson - jwilson at io.com
< <http://www.io.com/~jwilson> >

Fred Kiesche — 16 Oct 2008, 01:47 · in reply to Ryan Bonneville

Some of my personal favorites are listed below. You can get them in the single-volume set from Library of America and multiple trade and mass market paperback collections. They are also all available online from Project Gutenberg or Manybooks.net and other sources.

The Call of Cthulhu
At the Mountains of Madness
The Whisperer in Darkness
The Color Out of Space
The Shadow Out of Time
The Music of Eric Zahn

...and many others, but those ought to get you started!

F.P. Kiesche III "Ah Mr. Gibbon, another damned, fat, square book. Always, scribble, scribble, scribble, eh?" (The Duke of Gloucester, on being presented with Volume 2 of The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire.) Blogging at The Lensman's Children and TexasBestGrok!

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Fred Kiesche — 16 Oct 2008, 01:49 · in reply to Adam Thornton

What he said on the ones I did not mention. Long day, early morning, not enough coffee..

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Stanisław Bocian — 17 Oct 2008, 16:45 · in reply to Ryan Bonneville

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