

Publishers Weekly on Home Fires (mild spoilers)

The Urth list — 4 messages, 2 voices, 17 Dec 2010

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James Wynn — 17 Dec 2010, 15:47

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/*Home Fires by Gene Wolfe */

/From Publishers Weekly: "Against a backdrop of science fictional elements such as time dilation through space travel, cyborgs, and brain downloads, Science Fiction Hall of Fame inductee Wolfe (The Sorcerer's House) builds a romance and a mystery. Successful lawyer Skip Grison wants to find a wonderful gift for his contracted paramour, Chelle Blue, now 20 years his junior after an interstellar military tour. *After reuniting Chelle with her estranged mother, Vanessa, whose consciousness has been downloaded into a new body*, Skip takes Chelle on a round-the-world cruise that turns into an almost screwball comedy of hijackings and chaos as shadowy people may be trying to get to Skip, Chelle, Vanessa, or someone else entirely. Red herrings and unknown, mistaken, or confused identities saturate the novel, making this well suited for readers, especially mystery readers, who don't often read science fiction." /

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 17 Dec 2010, 16:17 · in reply to James Wynn

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Which I have totally blonked out. I read it but didn't think much of it.

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