

Mr. Wolfe's Signature

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Antonin Scriabin — 29 Jun 2011, 15:16

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Rebecca Bushong-Taylor — 29 Jun 2011, 15:43 · in reply to Antonin Scriabin

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Antonin Scriabin — 29 Jun 2011, 16:19 · in reply to Rebecca Bushong-Taylor

Thank you! I will do that this evening when I am done with work.

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Mark Millman — 29 Jun 2011, 22:46 · in reply to Antonin Scriabin

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If it's the 1984 Mark V. Ziesing edition--a folio, the dustjacket of which is illustrated with a painting of Candy running through a field of flowers and which is, I believe, bound in purple cloth--then yes, it's signed by Wolfe. All of that edition's copies are; that's one of its features. If I recall correctly, the books also are signed by the contributing artists.

The Ziesing edition is the true first edition. The Tor edition both is later and has some changes from the Ziesing. WolfeWiki (<http://www.wolfewiki.com/pmwiki/pmwiki.php?n=WolfeWiki.FreeLiveFree>) for some reason says, "First published in a limited edition by Legend in England in 1984", but that's incorrect. I imagine that the page's writer confused it with another book.

I hope that this proves helpful.

Best,

Mark Millman

Mo Holkar — 30 Jun 2011, 08:30 · in reply to Mark Millman

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Mark Millman — 30 Jun 2011, 22:43 · in reply to Mo Holkar

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Antonin Scriabin — 01 Jul 2011, 12:05 · in reply to Mark Millman

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On Fri, Jul 1, 2011 at 7:58 AM, Antonin Scriabin <kierkegaurdian at gmail.com> wrote:
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Thanks you for the photos.

No doubt others have already replied, but I will anyway. This looks like Mr. Wolfe's signature--I have several examples, and I'm also pretty sure that it's not worth forging--so I think that you can be confident about your signed copy.

Best,

Mark Millman

Rebecca Bushong-Taylor — 01 Jul 2011, 17:44 · in reply to Antonin Scriabin

Hi Antonin -

Gene says it looks like his, bearing in mind that it was more than 25 years ago. He no longer signs the title page, though. It's the dedication page.

Congrats!

Rebecca

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