

Steampunk

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 10 Aug 2011, 03:19

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To: The Urth Mailing List <urth at lists.urth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2011 9:26 PM
Subject: Re: (urth) completed version - Donaldson, Moorcock etc

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Lane Haygood — 10 Aug 2011, 03:31 · in reply to Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

I didn't like those. In theory, I like steampunk, but I am yet to find something that really does well within the genre rather than just try to pander to fans of it. I know Vandermeer has it in him, so maybe I just need to find more of his stuff.

Moorcock's Oswald Bastable novels are genius, though, but I'm generally like, "Oh, another Moorcock novel? Yes, please!" But maybe that's because I liked the political subtext and Moorcock's subversiveness more than others. A "steampunkish" (I guess?) novel that I did enjoy was Felix Gilman's "The Half-Made World," though it was more like a weird Western than a steampunk novel.

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