

Charles de Lint

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Antonin Scriabin — 15 Nov 2011, 16:29

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David Duffy — 16 Nov 2011, 01:23 · in reply to Antonin Scriabin

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He is not bad. I have read several of his books from our library and enjoyed them, but I don't own any of his books (cf Wolfe where I own a few ;)), and I'm afraid I don't recall any particular favourites. If you have read Emma Bull's The War of the Oaks you will see the model for most of de Lint's books - less slippery than Wolfe when he has used the same ideas eg Faerie in America, war in Faerie.

Just 2c, David Duffy.

Jerry Friedman — 16 Nov 2011, 06:02 · in reply to Antonin Scriabin

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Antonin Scriabin — 16 Nov 2011, 13:50 · in reply to Jerry Friedman

I have never read any John Crowley, but I will definitely keep an eye out for his books. I am on Lafferty stint right now, reading whatever I can find. Thanks for the input!

On Wed, Nov 16, 2011 at 1:02 AM, Jerry Friedman <jerry_friedman at yahoo.com> wrote:

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