

New Lafferty collection from Centipede Press

The Urth list — 15 messages, 7 voices, 02 Dec 2013

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Antonin Scriabin — 02 Dec 2013, 21:29 · in reply to Daniel Otto Jack Petersen

Awesome! Reading Lafferty is one of those experiences that makes me realize just how much a love reading, and it is great that this collection will have so many stories of his I otherwise wouldn't have easy (or reasonably priced) access to. Can't wait to have them all, but I will say I'm not a fan of the cover design. I assume the binding and other features will be of high quality.

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Husband, Father, Good Cook. Reader. Keeper of abandoned dogs. Catholic Liberal Conservative Militarist. Does not fit into a neat box or category. "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 Bernal Alpha. On Twitter as @FredKiesche

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Andy Robertson — 23 Dec 2013, 05:08 · in reply to Daniel Otto Jack Petersen

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That's a shame about the typos, I haven't delved into it fully, just skimmed. I too will be buying every volume. Lafferty is peerless in short stories, and getting them all is worth... well, let me just say I would be willing to put up with a lot to have a complete collection. I am a bit confused about the pricing as well. My copy was \$45, the sticker on the packaging said \$100, and the Amazon pricing is \$63. I wonder how the prices for the future volumes are going to pan out.

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