

This Week in Google Alerts: Wolfe introduction to Jay Lake anthology

The Urth list — 1 messages, 1 voices, 22 Sep 2014

<https://urth.darkrealm.vip/thread/urth/6676>

Exported from an unofficial mirror of a public mailing list. Copyright in each message remains with the person who wrote it. Email addresses are obscured as `user at host`, the form the original archive published. This file was rebuilt from parsed fields rather than retained headers, so it is faithful in content but not byte-exact.

Gwern Branwen — 22 Sep 2014, 17:18

You may recall an interview with the late SF author & Urth.net poster Jay Lake (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jay_Lake) which came up recently (<http://lists.urth.net/pipermail/urth-urth.net/2014-June/054831.html>); apparently Gene Wolfe has written an introduction to Lake's posthumous anthology *_Last Plane to Heaven: The Final Collection_*.

<http://www.locusmag.com/Reviews/2014/09/paul-di-filippo-reviews-jay-lake/> "Paul Di Filippo reviews Jay Lake":

This volume contains over thirty stories, published from 2007 to 2013, so there is assuredly little overlap with Lake's earlier collections. In other words, we are getting his mature work, written almost precisely in the interstices of his illness, which began in 2008. I can't do an exegesis of each and every tale in this space, so I'll hit the highlights. But you can rest assured that every piece is accomplished and rewarding, a miracle considering the stresses Lake endured.

Launching the book is a vibrant and touching and sympathetically hard-nosed introduction by Gene Wolfe. To appreciate its resonance, read the concluding "Afterword." And you might jump ahead to "The Cancer Catechism" too while you're at it.

gwern
<http://www.gwern.net>