

C. Smith stories

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We'll soon run out of Smith stories to list (in my book, only the Casher O'Neill stories fail to exercise the Smith magic) but, in addition to those listed, I would include "Drunkboat" mainly because it appeared in an old Pyramid paperback "Space Lords" (that I bought new back in the 60s for 60 cents [!] and still have) that was my first exposure to Smith. I haven't read it in a long time so it might not stand up now but I can sure remember the effect it had on me then.

"Scanners" may not be as polished as some other Smith stories but it has a certain raw power that I still feel upon rereading even after the "golden age" (long gone). I seem to remember that Robert Silverberg had some interesting comments on "Scanners" in an anthology of stories all of which were followed by a brief Silverberg essay. Oh, and there's "Think Blue, Count Two" and "The Crime and Glory of Commander Suzdal" and...you get the idea.

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