

new book

The Whorl list — 5 messages, 4 voices, 24 Nov 1998

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Alice Turner — 24 Nov 1998, 01:57

Here is a message from David Hartwell concerning the new book. I asked him if we could get a group discount for advance orders. It seems to me strange that he says no--group discounts are not unusual in publishing, and Ranjit tells me that we have about 140 on the list. If even half that number ordered a book, it would be a substantial advance order. Does anyone have a connection with, say, Amazon, who might be willing to offer a group discount?

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-alga

Oh sigh,I am not able to sell books at a discount. You can get discounts almost everywhere (Costco is probably the highest on books) but from the publisher.

The title of new book number one is On Blue's Waters and I have tentatively scheduled it for next fall. This may change, because the second manuscript, and the third, seem destined to follow quickly--I am told that book two will be turned in perhaps by late January, and the third, Return to the Whorl, perhaps by June, and a new short story collection is coming too. I do not say for certain though what the publication dates or completion dates are, but only what I am given to understand by the agent.

I need to call Gene as soon as I finish On Blue's Waters, which will probably be next week.

David

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Alastair Reynolds — 24 Nov 1998, 09:42 · follows Alice Turner

alga:

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Yes, that's ages to wait...

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Wolfe's landscapes. Actually I only found 3 of them, cursed my bad luck, but then Ben Jeapes pointed out that the fourth volume had strayed a few books along the shelf...

Al

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Kevin J. Maroney — 24 Nov 1998, 13:07 · follows Alastair Reynolds

At 10:42 AM 11/24/98 +0100, Al wrote:

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I wouldn't bet on that. Given Wolfe's habit of writing the entire series (in draft) before submitting the manuscript for the first volume--which he did with both `_New Sun_` and `_Long Sun_`, if I recall correctly--and the fast turnaround on the `_Short Sun_` books, I'd bet that `_Return to the Whorl_` is somewhere close to its final form already.

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Michael Straight — 24 Nov 1998, 13:45 · follows Kevin J. Maroney

On Tue, 24 Nov 1998, Kevin J. Maroney wrote:

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Alastair Reynolds — 25 Nov 1998, 08:23 · follows Michael Straight

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I found Claw of the Conciliator here, without the overlaid text of the cover:

<http://www.fortunecity.com/tattooine/ellison/33/bruce1.htm>

(a lovely scan by the way)

and scans of the actual covers, with blurbs etc, here:

<http://easyweb.easynet.co.uk/~ajellis/WolfeArt.htm>

Real jaw-dropping stuff - Severian looking stunning in fuligin (it's the new black).

Al

(apologies for this not being strictly relevant to LS anymore - although isn't Severian rumoured to make an appearance in the Short Sun books?)

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