

Wolfe's Editor on The Short Sun Books

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Lupes,

This just in from David G. Hartwell, Gene's editor at TOR. I didn't think he'd mind if I shared this snippet about the Short Sun Trilogy.

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"I just last night finished Return to the Whorl, which is so full of surprises and marvels that I had to read it more slowly as I went, even though I was eager to read it faster. You will understand later. But each volume is more than the previous, and the whole is even more mind-expanding than I imagined."

Exactly my experience in reading ON BLUE'S WATERS--torn between savoring, gluttony and starving for more.

Words are truly incapable of saying just how beautiful I found this first book to be.

I will read it two or three more times, then might have something to say.

Years ago Wolfe told a friend of mine (regarding the short sun books) that he "wanted to make it so good it hurts."

It is so good it hurts.

Patrick O'Leary

*This is WHORL, for discussion of Gene Wolfe's Book of the Long Sun.