

White Gold and ghosts

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Michael Purdy — 31 Jan 2000, 11:02

Hi folks,

I'll join the delurking trend.

I had two notes that I wanted to respond to. First, to Alex's comments about similarities between OBW and Thomas Covenant: Covenant didn't get his ring from Lena, the girl he raped. He came into the Land wearing the white gold, which was his wedding ring (which he still wore, even though he was divorced). Sorry to hear you didn't like the Covenant books--I did, although I haven't reread them anywhere near as much as I've reread Wolfe.

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Kevin J. Maroney — 31 Jan 2000, 11:49 · follows Michael Purdy

At 11:02 AM 1/31/00 -0500, you wrote:

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Dennis Weir. And it's not revealed at the end; it's revealed, very obliquely, midway through.

Peace does have a science-fictional element: The factory built by Dennis's "uncle" Julius manufactures a powdered orange drink made from potato powder. And a lot of the stories embedded within _Peace_ are fantastic--either fairy tales or supernatural horror.

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