

In Green's Cover

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akt — 09 Aug 2000, 17:35

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William Ansley — 09 Aug 2000, 22:47 · follows akt

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I agree, as I think many, if not all, reading this do. The IGJ cover makes the OBW cover look, well, less bad in comparison.

It would have been very easy to make attractive, elegant and (I would think) inexpensive covers for the three books. Make each book's cover a single photograph, with the title and author superimposed in a contrasting color. For OBW, an aerial view of an empty expanse of ocean; for IGJ, an aerial view of a solid jungle canopy; for RTTW, a star field. It may turn out that my third cover is inappropriate when the book actually comes out and I am sure that no one else will be as fond of these cover ideas as I am, but most of you will probably agree that it would be an improvement.

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