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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review
Gene Wolfe's Book of the Long Sun tetralogy ranks as one of the greatest literary achievements of 20th-century science fiction. *Litany of the Long Sun*, comprising the first two books in the series, is suffused with looming transcendence and theophany. Wolfe takes familiar speculative fiction tropes and embeds them in a tale so complex and wonderful that readers may find themselves wondering whether what they're reading is science fiction, fantasy, or something different altogether. Or whether it matters.

The story of Patera Silk, a devout priest whose destiny is wrapped up with the gods he serves, takes place within the Whorl, a vast, cylindrical starship that has traveled for generations and is crumbling into disrepair. Through a strange and amazing series of events, Silk finds himself descending to base thievery, running afoul of a notorious crime lord, befriending a cyborg soldier, and encountering at least one of the gods of Mainframe.

> She shook her head almost imperceptibly. "All that abstinence! And now you've seen a goddess. Me. Was it worth it?"
>
> "Yes, Loving Kypris."
>
> She laughed again, delighted. "Why?"
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> The question hung in the silence of the baking sellaria while Silk tried to kick his intellect awake. At last he said haltingly, "We are so much like beasts, Kypris. We eat and we breed; then we spawn and die. The most humble share in a higher existence is worth any sacrifice."
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> But when Silk encounters the Outsider, who may be a God of a very different sort, all his beliefs are shaken to the core, and his life swiftly takes a messianic turn. In a rousing climax, Silk becomes the reluctant leader of a political rebellion against the corrupt Ayuntamiento, who rule the city-state of Viron.
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> It is not necessary to have read Wolfe's Book of the New Sun series, which takes place many centuries earlier, to enjoy the Long Sun novels, but keen-eyed readers will find many clues as to the origin of the Whorl and its gods in those stories. Further, although Wolfe's reputation for literary precision and trickery is well deserved, the Long Sun series (which continues in *Epiphany of the Long Sun*) is one of the more accessible places to start appreciating the author's treasures. --*Therese Littleton*
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> Review
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> “Today quite possibly the most important writer in the SF field.” ?*The Encyclopedia of Science Fiction*
>
> “Gene Wolfe is as good a writer as there is today....I feel a little bit like a musical contemporary attempting to tell people what's good about Mozart.” ?*Chicago Sun-Times*

“Wolfe is quite simply a superb writer.” ?*The Washington Post Book World*

“Gene Wolfe is a national treasure.” ?*Damon Knight*

“Wolfe is our Melville.” ?*Ursula K. Le Guin*

About the Author

Gene Wolfe has been called "the finest writer the science fiction world has yet produced" by *The Washington Post*. A former engineer, he has written numerous books and won a variety of awards for his SF writing.

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