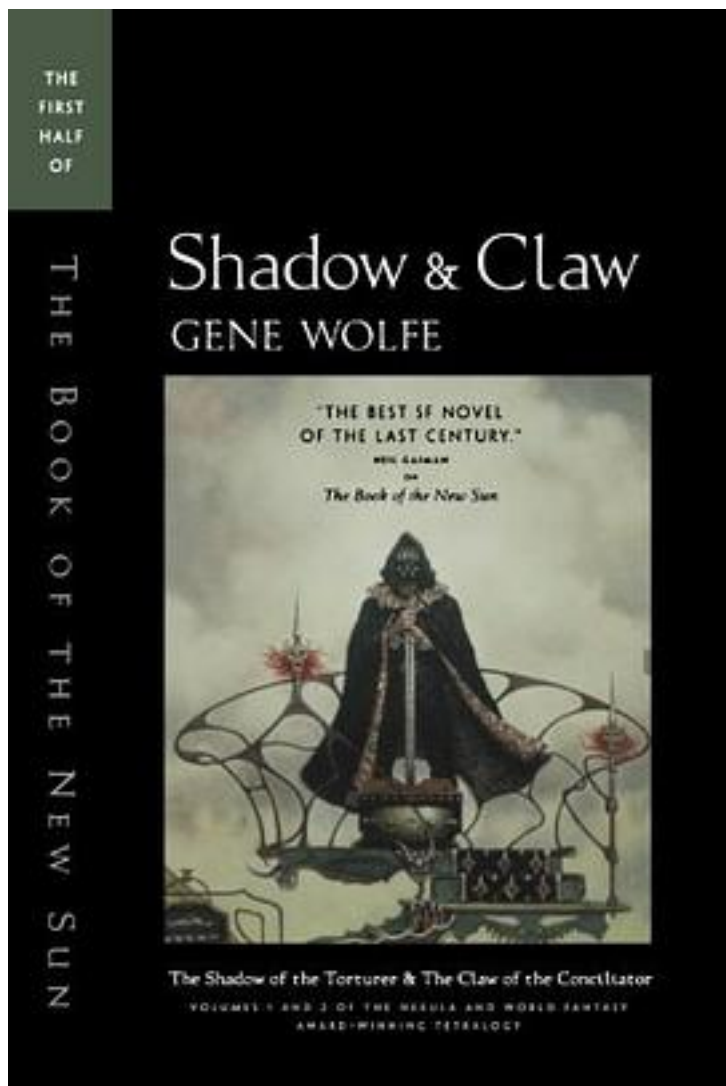


Shadow & Claw



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One of the most acclaimed "science fantasies" ever, Gene Wolfe's *The Book of the New Sun* is a long, magical novel in four volumes. *Shadow & Claw* contains the first two: *The Shadow of the Torturer* and *The Claw of the Conciliator*, which respectively won the World Fantasy and Nebula Awards.

This is the first-person narrative of Severian, a lowly apprentice torturer blessed and cursed with a photographic memory, whose travels lead him through the marvels of far-future Urth, and who--as revealed near the beginning--eventually becomes his land's sole ruler or Autarch. On the surface it's a colorful story with all the classic ingredients: growing up, adventure, sex, betrayal, murder, exile, battle, monsters, and mysteries to be solved. (Only well into book 2 do we realize what saved Severian's life in chapter 1.) For lovers of literary allusions, they are plenty here: a Dickensian cemetery scene, a torture-engine from Kafka, a wonderful library out of Borges, and familiar fables changed by eons of retelling. Wolfe evokes a chilly sense of time's vastness, with an age-old, much-restored painting of a golden-visored "knight," really an astronaut standing on the moon, and an ancient citadel of metal towers, actually grounded spacecraft. Even the sun is senile and dying, and so Urth needs a new sun.

The Book of the New Sun is almost heartbreakingly good, full of riches and subtleties that improve with each rereading. It is Gene Wolfe's masterpiece. --David Langford, Amazon.co.uk

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沃尔夫，吉恩（WOLFE, Gene）以《拷问者之影》（*The Shadow of the Torturer*, 1980）开始的“新日之书”（*The Book of the New Sun*）四部曲。

这四部大部头长篇（后来还加上了第五部）组成了极为浩大的一部小说，讲述一位年轻拷问者穿越陌生未来世界的漫游。这个系列中的小说先后获得世界奇幻奖、星云奖和坎贝尔纪念奖。

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