



Accretion:
the Month at Space Cowboy Books

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A small zine covering the monthly activity of the Space Cowboy Bookstore and other things that have occurred in the geek life of author / editor Jean-Paul L. Garnier

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RIP Weston Ochse



Last month it was terrible to report the news of the death of a wonderful writer, and horribly this month we have lost another amazing writer, Weston Ochse. I first met Wes back in 2017 or 2018 when he came to the bookstore to do a talk about writing [militaristic SF](#), and he was wonderful, so good with the audience, especially the guys from the base who had come out. He spoke about authenticity, the importance of friendships, what comradeship is really about. After coming to the shop he wrote me an email and said, you're gonna want to read the new book, and when I did, much to my delight, he had put a scene in his novel *Dead Sky* that took place inside my bookshop, and he even put me in the scene referring to me as the "cowboy." I couldn't have been more honored and I'm pretty sure I cried when I read that! Later, I also had the honor of adapting his story "[City of Joy](#)" for the podcast and interviewing him for the Simultaneous Times fanzine. His stories were always really fun and thought provoking. Whenever I spoke to Wes, he was always candid, full of kind words, and absolutely zero bullshit. You'll be missed Wes, I feel fortunate to have crossed paths with you, and thank you for all of the wonderful stories!

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This month we released episode 69 of *Simultaneous Times* podcast. This month's episode features stories by Pedro Iniguez & Tobias S. Buckell, with music by Patrick Urn & Phog Masheeen.



<https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/spacecowboybooks>

This month in events at Space Cowboy Books:

I didn't host any events this month. Typically it's difficult to get people to attend online events in Nov/Dec, and it's too cold to do anything on our outdoor stage. I was going to host an event for Writers of the Future Winners, but it has been postponed until February. So, I had a much needed break this month, and took advantage of the time to work on book projects and the magazines. I'll be hosting an event at the shop next month, and then back to regular programming in January.

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In Personal News:

The month started off with a trip to Texas for a family wedding, so leading up to the trip I had to work double time, but once we were there it was one big joyous party with dancing and all kinds of fun. And then... we came home with covid. So, we've been laid up, stuck at the house and missing work. But on the upside, I've taken advantage of the time to start writing a new novella, which is progressing nicely and only a few weeks in I've written nearly half of the book. This one is science fiction, and it's nice to get back into my comfort zone after writing a western, and a horror novella earlier this year. Both genres were new for me, and lots of fun to write, but I'm happy to be writing SF again. Fortunately, the covid passed and I tested negative multiple times, so I was able to attend LosCon. It was great, but a real whirlwind. I was on six panels over the three days of the con, and had the opportunity to meet some folks that I only knew online, as well as make some new friends. Soon after getting home I was interviewed by Jason P Hunt for <http://scifi4me.com/> about the relaunch of Worlds of IF, thanks Jason! It's been wonderful to see such enthusiasm about the magazine's revival. And the next day I gave a guest talk for a storytelling class at Moore College of Art & Design. It's always a blast having the opportunity to speak with students about writing and reading. I used Joanna Russ's "When it Changed" and Thomas Disch's "Descending" as source material for the class, which are two of my favorite stories and filled with excellent fodder for folks interested in what storytelling can do. While I am not a teacher by profession, I greatly enjoy teaching and hope to have the opportunity to engage with students more in the future.

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My Recent Publications:

3 scifaiku, Pable Lennis #432, Ed. John Thiel
2 scifaiku, [Five Fleas](#)

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What I Read in November:

Pedagogy of the Oppressed by Paulo Freire
Hard to Be a God by Arkady and Boris Strugatsky
Downward to the Earth by Robert Silverberg
Dimension Thirteen by Robert Silverberg
Kiezkucker by Anastasia Wasko
A Case of Conscience by James Blish
Approaching Oblivion by Harlan Ellison

Physical Books and Magazines Received:

Pablo Lennis #432, Ed. John Thiel
TNFF Vol.82 #10, Ed. George Phillies
Resurrections by Ada Hoffman
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