Black Orchid Weekend
The Assembly

The Nooks & Crannies of

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or

Too Many Pages

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Overview

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• Over 1,000 pages (and most are many pages, when printed) with thousands of images
• Audio & video also available
• Rex Stout section has recently been expanded by hundreds of pages of scans of interviews, letters, and other documentation on his many and varied writings, hobbies, and interests
• The Corpus Section includes detailed information about the Wolfe Series books as well as Mr. Stout’s other writings, writings about Wolfe & Stout, etc.

Let’s take a closer look ----
How to Find Things

- Use the menus on the left side bar of most pages
- Some pages have their submenu(s) on the page (“See Page Submenu”)
- **NEWLY Added feature:** Site Map
- **Coming Soon:** Site Search
Side Bar Menus

• Hover over a menu item with a small right triangle
• Click on an option
• Menus may be 4 or more levels deep
On Page Submenus

(note the side bar menu “see page submenu”)

Nero Wolfe Tidbits
(formerly Tingley's Tidbits*)

Unlike Mr. Wolfe's Experience with Tingley's Tidbits,
We Hope You Will Enjoy These Delectable, Detectable Goodies

Nero Wolfe is the eccentric genius featured in 72 stories (33 novels, 39 novellas) published between 1934 and 1975. There are two additional novellas that were published only in magazine format that are very similar to two novellas published later in book format.

The author, Rex Stout, has stated that he is the literary agent of Archie Goodwin, who writes the stories in the first person. Nero Wolfe, along with his household staff of Archie, Fritz Brenner, the chef, and Theodore Horstmann, the "orcid nurse," reside in Mr. Wolfe's double-wide brownstone townhouse on West Thirty Fifth Street in New York City. Mr. Wolfe rarely leaves the brownstone.

This section celebrates the many recurring facets of Mr. Wolfe and his world.

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NEW! SITE MAP

- The Sitemap can be easily updated.
- As time permits, I will fix the names so they are more clear; but the majority of the page names are comprehensible.
- You can use your browser to search this page (CTRL + F)
Let’s Take a Closer Look

The site is organized into 14 broad categories using the menu system.

Half of the top-level menu options/categories have a relatively narrow and obvious focus

- **About Us** (history, what we do, membership)
- **Archie’s Corner** has loads of information about the urbane and witty sleuth, including items named after him plus a great many quizzes.
- **Events** (quarterly events with a Wolfe theme and semi-monthly book discussions)
- **Scrapbook** (past event with photos and some very interesting audio clips)
- **Literary Awards** (The Nero, The Archie, and the Black Orchid Novella Awards – how they work, past winners, etc.)
- **Wolfe Pack Store** (In large part superseded by our Café Press site & Amazon Affiliate account)
- **Links** (lotsa links to Wolfe-related data and sites)
Let’s Take a Closer Look

The other half of the site’s major categories are rich with all sorts of information in a variety of formats: images, videos, audio clips, etc.

Some sections have so many sub-categories they have separate, on-page menus!

My favorite section is “Nero Wolfe’s Tidbits.”

As many of you know Tingley's Tidbits are a fictitious, prepared food that is a key plot devise in the posthumously published Wolfe novella, Bitter End. We use it as the catch-all location for information about the Wolfean universe – you know, all those nuances of life in the old brownstone that keep drawing us back:

- Beer
- Wolfe’s orchids and orchids in general
- Wolfe’s autos
- Montenegro
- Wolfe’s reading list & his word passion (including five audio clips of pronunciations of “pfui”)
- Yellow shirts
- Food (and shad has it’s own page, as does Archie’s eating habits)
- Wolfe pastiches
- A huge section on brownstones – their history, some Wolfe fans’ miniature models, the Wolfe Pack’s memorial plaque on W. 35th Street, the NY Times maps the brownstone, etc.)
- Wolfe’s Agoraphobia (Wolfe Steps Out) and gynophobia (rather than misogyny)
The Corpus
by far the largest section

• **The Wolfe stories** (the body of work or “Corpus”) are listed in alphabetic and chronological order with magazine and anthology printings noted
  - Each title has a link to a separate page with the book’s cover art (including foreign printings and art work from any magazine printings), a synopsis, and reviews.

• **Robert Goldsborough** (“the continuator”) section lists his 7 books with cover art

• **The Nero Wolfe Case Book** lists the cases by date, including those alluded to by Archie but not fully documented.

• **Foreign Printings** page provides links to listings of German, Finish, Swedish, and French printings (and translations of those titles where possible).

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• **Anthology Printings** page provides the contents of all known anthology printings – to help collectors locate other sources of hard to find Wolfe titles as well as cover art.

• **Stout biographies and Wolfe commentaries**
  – lists all known publications about Wolfe and Stout.
  – Many PDF format copies of magazine and other articles for you to read
  – Pages of the cover art of the biographies and the commentaries.

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Rex Stout wrote extensively from a very early age until his death. He only began writing Nero Wolfe books when he was 48 years old. He wrote a large number of “pulp fiction” stories, many non-Nero Wolfe novels, politically oriented material, and a miscellany of serious and humorous pieces.

This section is broken into the following categories and offers a number of PDF formatted articles for you to read as well as cover art where available.
The Rex Stout Section

Thanks to the Boston College Rex Stout Archives and to Becky Stout for making available her own vast collection of material relating to her father, this section has expanded significantly during the past year.

It is organized around:

• A summary page including general information
• An Author page
• A page with links to information about Rex Stout’s home and family life as well as his many hobbies.
• A page with links to his many and varied political activist activities, including his run-ins with the FBI and others.
• A photo section
• A page detailing the various archives housing Rex Stout materials.
A Nero Wolfe Mystery
The A&E TV Series

Thanks to a group of dedicated fans this section contains information and extensive screen captures of:

• scenes from the series by episode
• the large ensemble cast (a page for each)
• the music by episode
• the overseas version of the episodes (wide screen with additional minutes in each episode)
• early version of scripts
• a scrapbook of The Wolfe Pack on the set
• reviews
Miscellaneous Media

Information and images where available of Wolfe and Stout in the media. Another section with so much information that it has it’s own submenu:

- Movies
- Radio broadcasts (and where to download them free)
- William Conrad TV Series
- Overseas TV Series
- Audio & E-books
- Stamps
- Comic books
- Pastiches
- YouTube sightings
The Gazette
The Journal of The Wolfe Pack

Provides information about The Wolfe Pack’s, as well as Lon Cohen’s, Gazette history.

Also has scans of a few past articles.
More Future Plans

• We will scan The Gazette back issues as time permits and put them on the web site, in a “MEMBERS ONLY,” password-protected section.
• Re-design the site to make it compatible with a wide variety of browsers & devices including notepads, smart phones, etc.
• Improve our product logos on Café Press
• Additional links to Wolfe-related products on Amazon from the Wolfe item (specific books, etc.)
• Add a hundreds of pages and images that have been accumulating

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