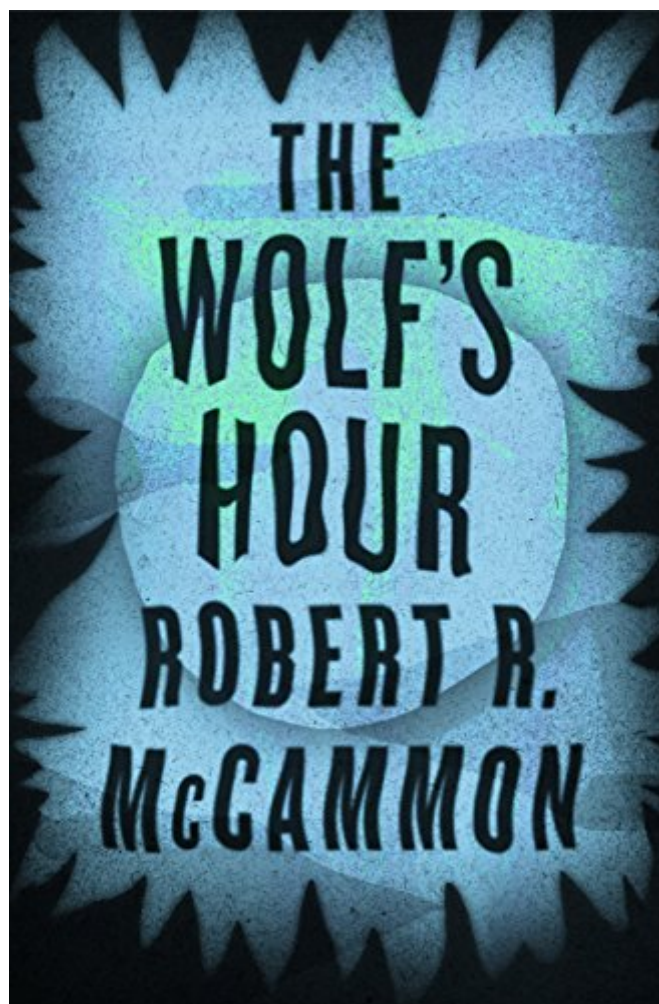


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The Wolf's Hour



Synopsis

On the eve of D-Day, a British secret agent with unique powers goes behind Nazi lines. Michael Gallatin is a British spy with a peculiar talent: the ability to transform himself into a wolf. Although his work in North Africa helped the Allies win the continent in the early days of World War II, he quit the service when a German spy shot his lover in her bed. Now, three years later, the army asks him to end his retirement and parachute into occupied Paris. A mysterious German plan called the Iron Fist threatens the D-Day invasion, and the Nazi in charge is the spy who betrayed Michael's lover. The werewolf goes to France for king and country, hoping for a chance at bloody vengeance.

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Robert McCammon is a very versatile writer -- each of his books is very different stylistically and thematically, but so far the three I've read have all been very good. Out of those three (Swan Song, Gone South, and The Wolf's Hour), TWH definitely has the least literary merit, but it is great in other ways. This book follows two plotlines, which alternate back and forth every few chapters. One takes place in Russia in the years immediately following the Revolution, and covers our hero's youth, and the other in 1944 Nazi-occupied Europe, which is where the main story takes place. The 1944

segments read like "Indiana Jones meets James Bond, with a twist." Constant action, usually our hero against huge odds. He always wins, always gets the girl, and although he's a beast on the battlefield he's the suave ladies' man otherwise. Still, this is a fun, fast-paced romp through Nazi territory, with several really fun scenes and many completely unbelievable ones. The thing that I really disliked about these sections of the novel were the depictions of the Nazis. Every Nazi soldier was a stupid incompetant who deserved a terrible death, and each and every officer a blatantly sadistic, evil fellow. Every Ally, however, is smart, resourceful, good looking (except for the obligatory caricature characters), charming and friendly. That just didn't sit well with me. This main portion of the book was an action-fest, but it was the flashback segments that were really much more interesting. The second story told here is that of pre-adolescent Mikhail Gallatinov, around 1920. After his family is brutally murdered following the Revolution, the kid is bitten by a werewolf.

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