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Ursula K. Le Guin



Petition Letter to the Judge of the Google Book Settler and List of Authors Opposing the Settlement

The following petition was submitted to Judge Chin on January 26th, 2010, with the names of the 367 authors who signed it with me.

I am proud to be in their company.

The petition and the list of names will remain posted until the court hearing in February.

Names that came in just past the deadline are <u>listed separately</u>, as supporters of our effort.

It's no longer possible to sign the petition. But you are welcome to join the discussion of the Google Settlement and related issues at the <u>Book Viev Cafe blog</u>.

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Petition Concerning the Google Book Settlement

The Google Settlement was negotiated by the Authors Guild, without consultation with any other group of authors or American authors as a whole. The Guild cannot and does not speak for all American writers. Its settlement cannot be seen as reflecting the will or interest of any group but the Guild.

Three groups of American writers, the National Writers Union, the American Society of Journalists and Authors, and the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, are opposed to the settlement. So are all the signatories of this letter: professional writers, who make part or all their living from their copyrights.

Ireland, India, South Africa, and New Zealand (countries with active publication in English) protested the settlement and have been exempted from it. The governments of Germany and France protested unregulated digitization and have been exempted from the Settlement (and the French Government is suing Google for illegal digitization of copyrighted property.)

We ask that the United States also be exempted from the settlement. We ask that the principle of copyright, which is directly threatened by the settlement, be honored and upheld in the United States.

The "opt-out" clause in the Settlement is most disturbing:

First, it seems unfair that, by the terms of the class-action settlement, authors can officially present objections to the Court only by being "opted in" to the settlement and thereby subjecting themselves to its terms.

Second, while the "opt-out" clause appears to offer authors an easy way to defend their copyright, in fact it disguises an assault on authors' rights. Google, like any other publisher or entity, should be required to obtain permission from the owner to purchase or use copyrighted material, item by item.

There is no justification for reversing that rule by forcing copyright owners to defend their right against every careless or predatory use of the material, thus rendering copyright essentially meaningless.

The United States Department of Justice agrees, having declared that Google should negotiate individually with copyright holders. The Director of the United States Copyright Office calls the Settlement "an end-run around copyright law."

The free and open dissemination of information and of literature, as it exists in our Public Libraries, can and should exist in the electronic media. All authors hope for that. But we cannot have free and open dissemination of information and literature unless the use of written material continues to be controlled by those who write it or own legitimate right in it.

We urge our government and our courts to allow no corporation to circumvent copyright law or dictate the terms of that control.

- Ursula K. Le Guin



Author List

Millicent Borges Accardi

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Brigit Aine

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Karla Andersdatter

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Donna Andrews

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Gail J. Berg

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Dave Draper

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Hal Duncan

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John Edge

Rosemary Edghill

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John Henley

Saxon Henry

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Marie Shear

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Tamara Sheehan

Jean Sheldon

Walt Shiel

Denise Siino

Andrew G. Simpson

Ruth Singer

Vandana Singh

Shelley Slouza

Sonya Smith

Karen Smith (CANADA)

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Lisa Spangenberg

Bud Sparhawk

Philip Spiegel

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Charles C. Spray

Michael A. Stackpole

Allen Steele

Jonathan Steinberg

John Stickler

Brooke C. Stoddard

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Claire Sykes

Judith Tarr

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Charlene Teglia

Philip Temple (N.Z.)

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Amy Thomson

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Dian Vujovich

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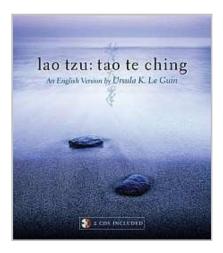
Rustin H. Wright

Jane Yolen

Martin Zucker

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Translation by Ursula K. Le Guin Music by Todd Barton Shambhala Publications Includes Two CDs October 2009

More Current Publications



Ephemera & Offsite Links

- "Ursula Le Guin gathers writers against Google deal," CBC News. 23 January 2010
- The Guardian and Huffington
 Post on UKL Google
 Settlement letter.
 23 January 2010
- Mediabistro reports on UKL Google Settlement letter.
 21 January 2010
- West Coast Meeting on Google
 Settlement

 NWU's West Coast
 informational event for authors about the revised Google

New on the Website

- Petition Letter to the Judge of the Google Book Settlement.
 25 January 2010
- Notes & comments: My letter of resignation from the Authors Guild
 7 January 2010
- Schedule update: Third Angle Music, Portland 4 January 2010
- Review, The True Deceiver, by Tove Jansson 28 December 2009
- Notes & comments: Clif Kroeber's Five-Point Plan for Peace and Security

Books settlement proposal. Friday, Jan. 22, 2010 7:00 p.m. Berkeley. CA 15 January 2010

- Canadian Writers Oppose
 Google: Globe and Mail; Sarah
 Sheard's blog.
 11 January 2010
- "The Hidden Sky," a musical based on "The Masters" by UKL. New York City, Jan. 30 -Feb. 28, 2010.
 9 January 2010
- Updates, comments, and more info on the Google Settlement and UKL's Authors Guild resignation letter: <u>The</u> <u>Guardian</u>; <u>PR Newswire</u>. 7 January 2010
- Mark Barrett comments on UKL's AG resignation 3 January 2010
- Matthew Peterson interviews UKL for <u>The Author Hour</u>. Audio, transcript, and bonus questions.
 12 November 2009
- Lao Tzu: Tao Te Ching, new Shambhala edition of translation by UKL. <u>Includes</u> <u>Two CDs</u>

11 November 2009

 Lavinia is on the long list for the <u>International IMPAC</u>
 <u>Dublin Literary Award</u>.
 4 November 2009

21 December 2009

- New Cat Dreams review.
 3 December 2009
- New Lavinia review.

 10 November 2009
- Book review by UKL: <u>The Post Office Girl</u>, by Stefan Zweig. Literary Review 2009
 5 November 2009
- Updates: Major Titles PDF, Bio, Bio PDF, audiobooks, audio downloads and "Read by the Author."

Archives: Announcements and New on the Website

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Locus Award for Lavinia!

The Best Books of 2008

The Oregonian names Lavinia ("brilliant") one of the Top 10 Northwest Books of 2008.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "A time-traveling Virgil meets the young wife he tosses off in a few lines in The Aeneid, and gasps, 'I thought you were a blonde.' Le Guin's wit and scholarship burnish this beautiful, rewarding and unjustly overlooked novel, for which she retooled her grasp of Latin. A believable immersion into an ancient world and the antique virtues of loyalty and grace." — Karen Long, Book Editor, Sunday, December 14, 2008. [complete article]



Orion, May 2009

Trade paperback.

Audio download, audible.com, narrated By Alyssa Bresnahan. Unabridged.

Online Reading

Audiofile of UKL's Lavinia reading at the Corvallis-Benton County Library MP3 [24Mb] 49

Reviews

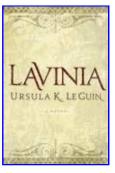
IO9 01/11/09

Lavinia "is one of the most eloquent, profound and moving novels I have ever read and it should have won every major literary award out there." [complete review]

> <u>Jo Fletcher's Picks</u> IO9



Orion May 2009



Harcourt April 2008



Mariner Books April 2009

The Independent

9/08/09

"With this characteristically graceful retelling of the final stages of Virgil's Aeneid, one of the master fabulists of our time crowns a great career. A luminous novel that should appeal across genres and generations."

"The Hit List"

The Subtle Knife 1 August 2009

"...through the elusive voice that speaks here, shifting and uncoiling like a thread of smoke in still air, Le Guin addresses a wide range of issues — the use of power, the differences (as always!) between men and women, the meaning of war, cruelty and violence; and the nature of the creative and artistic process of storytelling and mythmaking itself." [complete review]

Times On Line 28 June 2009 (Excerpt)

"...ranging through historical, political and spiritual arenas, across centuries, through dreams and poems and geographical fact... This is a work of passion, written with cool expertise: a cracker." [complete review]

— Lucy Atkins "Summer reading: fiction roundup"

The Australian 5 July 2009 (Excerpt)

"Le Guin cleverly and playfully... asserts Lavinia as a real person in her own right, while at the same time leaving her subject to her immutable role in *The Aeneid*. The contrast is intriguing, and adds a surprising and interesting depth to what would in any event have been an exceedingly well-told tale."

— George Williams "Expanding on Virgil"

The Telegraph 21 June 2009 (Excerpt)

"Her achievement is to complement the original epic so distinctively, as if in a dialogue or dance with the poet who inspired her."

— John Garth [complete review]

The Guardian 14 June 2009 (Excerpts)

She is a social novelist in the best sense of the term [...] her ultimate concern is with the real world. In this novel, Virgil's imaginary Italy allows her a manipulatory freedom which a more realistic method would not. [complete review]

Tobias Hill

The Guardian

Times Literary Supplement May 22, 2009 (Excerpts)

...Ursula Le Guin's vivid novel gives Lavinia a voice, without any serious pretence that the experience of a princess of the Bronze Age can be recalled. ... The world she describes in tender detail is a pastoral utopia, sufficiently alien from modern values to catch the interest of an author who has always chosen to examine the workings of contemporary society by imagining something wholly different....

...The most haunting passages of the novel imagine Lavinia meeting the shade of Virgil at the sacred shrine of Albunea, where spirits communicate with the living. These encounters are necessarily perplexing, for Lavinia knows that she has no life outside Virgil's poem.... Virgil is brought to acknowledge that he has not done justice to the self-possessed, dark young woman who stands before him: "I thought you were a blonde!" Here Le Guin makes her authority felt, insisting on a different kind of reality.... But this is not a matter of Le Guin affirming a superior understanding. Virgil's dignity and stature are given their full weight, and a sense of his sadness suffuses the novel....

...Lavinia's enduring vitality lies in her love for her flawed and courageous husband, who represents a society with 'certain homely but delicate values, such as ... loyalty, modesty, and responsibility.' Le Guin has her own modesty, and would not claim to have superseded Virgil's achievement. Her novel ... is a moving testament to the conversations that great writers sustain through the centuries.

— Dinah Birch Times Literary Supplement May 22, 2009

"[A] subtly moving, playful, tactfully told story, a novel that brought me to tears more than once."

— Charlotte Higgins The Guardian, 23 May 2009 [complete review]

"...a perfectly balanced blend of feeling, metre and storytelling..."

— Guy Haley <u>Death Ray</u> [<u>complete review</u>] [<u>240Kb PDF</u>]

"...deserves to be ranked with Robert Graves's I, Claudius."

— — Publishers Weekly starred review [complete review]

- ★ "...a love offering to one of the world's great poets..." Library Journal starred review
- ★"Arguably her best novel..." Kirkus starred review

"Le Guin's accumulated wisdom and clear-eyed awareness of political and gender issues are quietly folded into a dignified, courageous heroine — giving her a depth and warmth that makes this compelling reading." Deirdre Baker reviews *Lavinia* for *The Toronto Star*. [complete review]

"Sing Muse, of the woman unsung: Ursula Le Guin's *Lavinia* is for both scholars and laymen." *The Inkwell Review* interviews UKL and reviews *Lavinia*.

"<u>Ursula K. Le Guin, True Original</u>" — Rick Simonson reports on UKL's *Lavinia* reading at Elliott Bay Book Company in Seattle, for PW.

"...a highly readable, wise, contemporary novel...." Clay Evans reviews *Lavinia* for the *Daily Camera*, Boulder, CO [offsite link]

"Lavinia is a magnificent book, an intellectual, moral and emotional achievement..." Cecelia Holland reviews *Lavinia* for *Locus* [complete review]

The Book Show, ABC Australia, interviews UKL. Transcript and audio. [Offsite link]

"Le Guin resists the urge to pass judgment, letting the story tell itself. Her narrator's empathy and tolerance not only make her a compelling character. They also illuminate what is best in *The Aeneid*, offering us a fresh perspective on our leading epic of how the West was won." — Mike Fischer, Milwaukee *Journal Sentinel* [complete review]

"Lavinia has no feminist ax to grind, but immortality has given her a lot of time to think and she wants to set the record straight." — Susan Balée, *Philadelphia Inquirer* [complete review]

- "...devotees and new readers alike have an immensely important work perhaps the masterwork of her career to revel in." Victoria A. Brownworth, *Baltimore Sun*. [complete review]
- "...the inspired novelist has turned back toward the past or, to be precise, poetry and myth about the past, because Lavinia is a literary rather than a historical figure and written one of the finest novels she has ever made...." Alan Cheuse, Chicago Tribune. [complete review]

"Le Guin recasts this story with primal vigor and spare but powerful language." — Barbara McMichael, *The Olympian Online* [complete review]

"...ripe with that half-remembered virtue, wisdom..." — Laura Miller, Salon.com. [complete review]

"Ursula Le Guin's delightful new novel..." — Alan Cheuse for "All Things Considered" [complete review — Text or audio]

"In simple, stately prose that does no violence to Vergil's work, Le Guin presents the rough, unpretentious dignity of the ancient pagans." — Eve Ottenberg, *The Washington Post.* [complete review]

"...an absorbing, reverent, magnificent story, one I will be pressing upon my friends all year." — Karen Long, Cleveland *Plain Dealer*. [complete review]

"Everywhere Le Guin catches the rhythms of the great epic, echoes them, riffs. In a way, this is a jazzy book, playing in odd syncopation with a massive canonical work." — $LA\ Times\ Calendar\ Online\ [more]$

"Ursula K. Le Guin's brilliant new novel..." — Portland *Oregonian* [more]

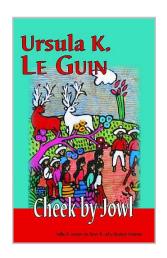
"...compulsively readable... a winning combination of history and mythology..." — Booklist [more]

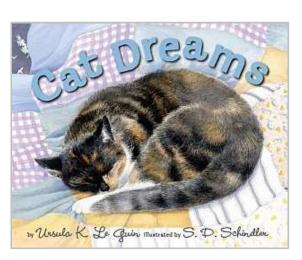
"Ursula Le Guin Champions Vergil's Neglected Heroine." — Yvonne Zipp, *The Christian Science Monitor* [complete review]

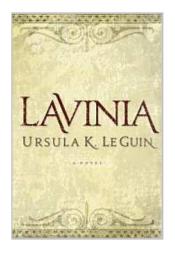
"A Princess Seeking a Voice." — Cynthia Crossen; interview & review, *The Wall Street Journal*. [complete article]

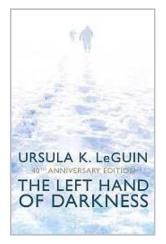
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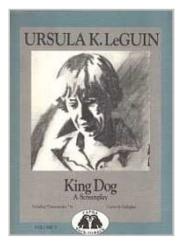


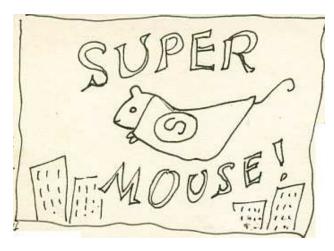










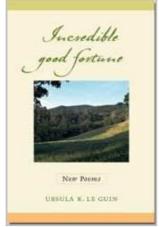




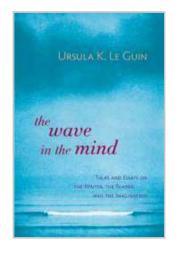


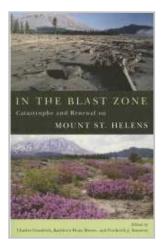


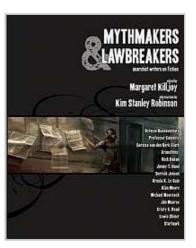














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