

About Cartania

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[Cartania](#) –This is an odd, lyrically beautiful, hard-to-pin-down site, and it's in the writing sites section because sometimes writers can learn a lot from seeing something done spectacularly well.

The writer who put it together has done something amazing here. You won't find rules for writing on the site, or links to pages that will help you fix your grammar or plot your next novel, but you'll find something that you can keep a lot longer, I suspect.

Heart? Passion for excellence? A literate view of a universe that is by turns dark and magical? All of the above, I suggest, and more.

Please take the time to visit the site, wander through its links, read its essays, soak up its atmosphere and its energy. Cartania is a gift from John Cartan to the rest of us.

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