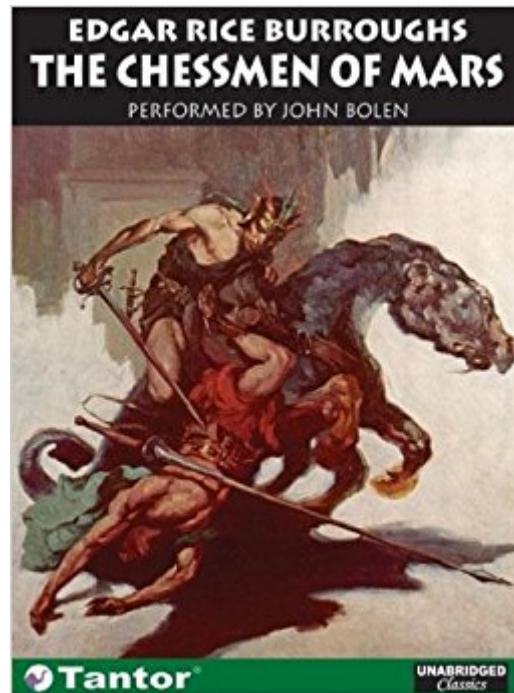




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Customer Reviews

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Held captive by grotesque bodiless heads, Princess Tara of Helium was rescued by a warrior who dared not reveal his name. But escape led the daughter of the Warlord of Mars into even more loathesome peril -- as the prize in a bloody game of living chess. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

This book continues the excellent series of John Carter/Barsoom. We are now introduced to the daughter of Dejah Thoris and John Carter. Second in beauty only to her mother. Tara, Princess of Helium, is a bit of a brat who normally gets her way. When the storm comes up and the winds don't

listen, the child starts to learn a couple of valuable lessons. We are also introduced to yet another species of Barsoom, along with a game called jetan. Jetan is very similar to earth's game called chess. I think the excitement and adventure continuing in this book is great! I really enjoy the way the story unfolds, and the descriptions used throughout the series. I read a lot of books. I will cherish my opportunity to read these books again and again. I do not tire of the constant change in scenery and characters as described by Edgar Rice Burroughs. Since each book has introduced new species, as well as new areas of Barsoom, I find each book to be a new adventure. I find these books to be highly entertaining. I can, perhaps naively, imagine the landscapes of Barsoom as described. I do, however unlikely, dream of the possibility of instant travel. I love discovering new countryside, and meeting people different from myself. It is sometimes frightening, and sometimes thrilling.

I thought this book was entertaining and a decent read. I miss not reading about John Carter but I guess Carthoris his son does an ok job of picking up where dear old dad left off. The bowmen were a bit odd and I did think the story ended too quickly but all in all it was a decent 2-3 hour read for me. If you like John Carter, try reading this series: *A River God: A Novel of Ancient Egypt* And if you like quick light humor, try this one: *Crunchy or Creamy?: Peanut Butter and Personality*

It was with slight hesitation that I started reading this tale. Being the first of the Barsoom stories to not have John Carter as the protagonist, I wasn't sure if I would find it as interesting as its predecessors. I could not have been more wrong. ERB delivered a fun and fanciful adventure once again, this time with Carter's son as the protagonist (despite the title). ERB injected that wonderful sense of honor and chivalry that marks his heroes and the good people of his stories. If you too hesitate as I did then hopefully this review will help you decide to read on. And now I'm off to the next book.

Read the John Carter of Mars series back in junior high school. I remembered the violence of the culture created by ERB in that series and the concept of honor in battle, but I had forgotten that there were underlying messages relating to family values, honesty, integrity, trust, the individual's right to seek success, the strength to stand up for one's own beliefs. While the storyline definitely is somewhat thin, the book reads easily and leaves no loose ends. Didn't see the recent movie that came out based on the series; kind of glad that I didn't. It was fun venturing back into that realm of imagination that only books can provide.

This book takes a drastic change in pace from the first three Martian Tales stories. This book focuses on Carthoris, the son of John Carter (who was the main character of the other books). When Thuvia of Ptarth is kidnapped, it's up to Carthoris to save her. Along the way the two wind up in a bizarre lost city where what is real and what is not real is disputed. It's an odd story with the old clichés. Thuvia is the classic damsel-in-distress, nearly being seduced by bad men three separate times, rescued right before it's too late. Lots of epic sword fighting. The mystery of far-away worlds and lands. It's not as good as the first three books, but it's a fun little chapter in the series. I recommend you read it and decide for yourself.

This one is a member of the Martian series. I have been reading the Martian books since I was a teenager, and have never tired of re-reading them over the years. You should start with "A Princess of Mars" and read the series in order. While all of them are stand alone stories, some of the characters from previous books will appear time and again, so you will know their history right away. A great read, a wonderful adventure.

Apparently, John Carter and Dejah Thoris have been getting busy. Not only do they have a son, Carthoris, but now they have a daughter, Tara. Just as hot as mom, just as willful as dad, but lacking the common sense of either. Tara is spirited far away from home where she meets strange and dangerous people and overthrows them. Headcrabs ensue. Wait, wasn't this the plot of the previous book? Yeah, but this time, Tara is the rescuee rather than rescuer. Because she has boobs, of course. Both Carthoris and Tara are half human, but while the son is nearly the Superman that John Carter is, poor Tara is weak and helpless, armed solely with a defiant streak and a hidden dagger that she remembers she carries only when the author deems it convenient. The headcrabs were cool, though.

Great adventure story just as I remember it. Not a PC book, written 100 years ago. I like all the Tarzan and Barsoom books. Sorry the movie John Carter flopped after they added the stupid universe time traveler to ruin the original story.

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