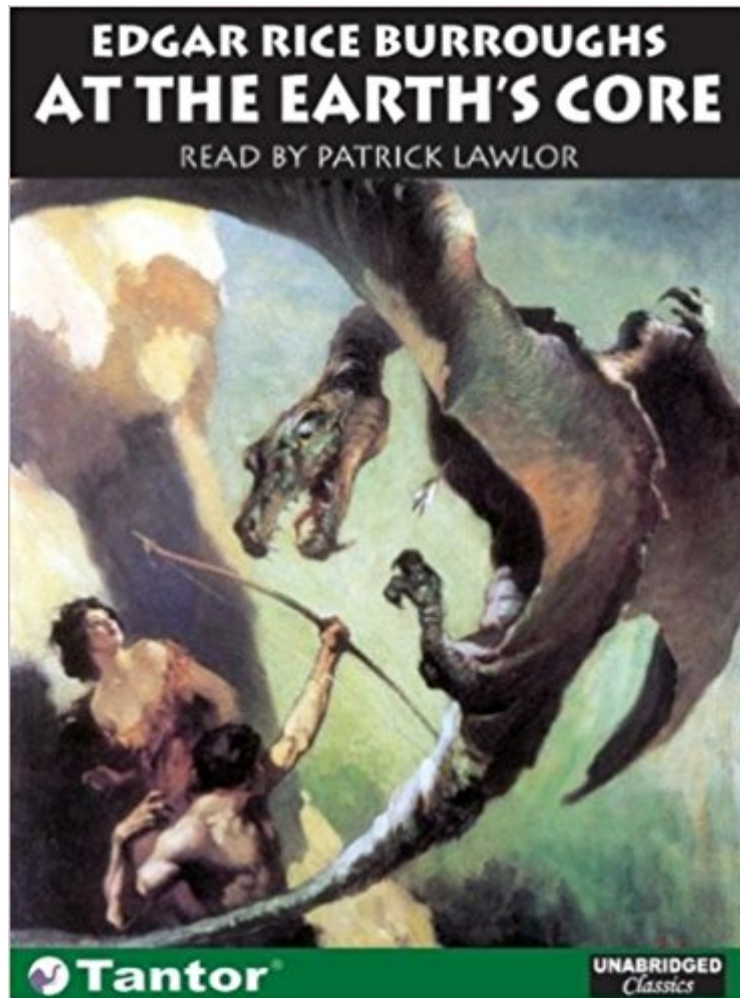




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At The Earth's Core (Pellucidar)



Synopsis

David Innes is a young man who has just inherited a large mining company. An eccentric inventor, Abner Perry, convinces Innes to underwrite a project to build a 'iron mole', claiming it will make them both wealthy. The mechanical beast works well, actually too well. On the maiden voyage, instead of digging for a few minutes and returning, they plunge straight through the earth's crust into the 'inner world' of Pellucidar. This world resembles earth but is a horizon-less, primeval tropical landscape where the sun neither sets nor rises, and is populated by 'Sagoth' gorilla men, wild human slaves, and the ruling hypnotic reptilian 'Mahors'. Upon arrival at this strange world, the men are immediately captured and enslaved. But soon Perry learns to read the language of the Mahors, and discovers a secret way to turn the tables! True to Burroughs form, this non-stop fantasy thriller weaves together savage islanders, pterodactyls, telepathy, and, of course, romance.

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Customer Reviews

Since first appearing in All-Story Weekly magazine in 1914, Burroughs's tale of a secret prehistoric world still in existence has remained popular both in print and as fodder for numerous films. This commemorative edition offers the full text along with a map of the fictional land of Pellucidar, illustrations, a glossary, and both a new introduction and an afterword on the science used in the story. This may be a little corny by today's standards, but it's still fun. Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

"Since first appearing in All-Story Weekly magazine in 1914, Burroughs' tale of a secret prehistoric world still in existence has remained popular both in print and as fodder for numerous films . . . It's still fun." --Library Journal"Books of fantastic adventure were much beloved in early twentieth-century America, and no writer rode the crest more effectively than Edgar Rice Burroughs, creator of the 'Tarzan' and the 'Princess of Mars' series, among others." --AudioFile --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

A novel priceless in every respect - and in this edition, an absolute treasure. Burroughs and Krenkel capture every nuance of sublime adventure writing and illustration! An escape from the repetitiveness of present society, where ideals have been submerged in mediocrity and success is measured in advancing the personality and possession of what are mistakenly called "goods". Pellucidar is a pristine world fulfilling every archetypal need of the psyche - providing the same satisfaction as found in the best of Greek Mythology - such illusions comforting the reader in the seclusion of private, thoughtful moments. The reader falls into the story as the pages are turned, haunted by the images provided by Burroughs, flavored by the art of Krenkel. These artists have achieved an ideal by creating a completely imagined world without reference to observable phenomena, but rather a world remade in the images of the purposeful humanity of meaning rather than the meaninglessness created by the processes of impersonal chance as found in the observable world. Here, humans are individuals. In Pellucidar - plants, animals are all forms of life have a permanence, rather than transitory state of "quasi- static" chemical systems. In Pellucidar, to paraphrase Keats, "Beauty and youth can live.."

45 years ago in Jr High School I read At The Earth's Core by Edgar Rice Burroughs. I loved it and the book helped me develop a life long love of reading. I also have read all his John Carter of Mars series... 5 stars... see my reviews. In 1917 the world was in trouble with one more year of WW1 to go and millions dieing of the flu epidemic. ERB creator of Tarzan of the Apes wanted to entertain people and allow them to escape some of their daily problems. He became a master writer and wrote The John Carter of Mars series, a Tarzan series, an inner world Pellucidar series and a Venus series and more! At The Earth's Core is the beginning of the inner world Pellucidar series introducing the main character David Innes. David Innes and an older man named Perry, an inventor of a gigantic metal Earth borer machine, test the huge machine boring into the earth. The controls jam and they are transported well over 500 miles deep into the Earth. They arrive in a fantastic

Prehistoric world named Pellucidar. David and Perry battle many different Prehistoric monsters and different races of cave men, ape men, and the leading intelligent savage race of reptilian Mahar beings that eat human flesh from fattened up captured slaves. We see the savagery and killing. David meets a beautiful cave women princess named Dian The Beautiful. He punches out her unwanted suitor but does not know her people's customs. He does not claim her as a mate and she is made to feel she is David's slave. She says she hates him even when he rescues her from certain death. Later they make up and are lovers. David and Perry are captured and are made slaves of the reptilian Mahar beings. The reptilian queen and her court are seen gorging on captured fattened up human slaves. All the reptilians are female and a secret complicated chemical is used to allow reproduction and continuance of their species. There is only one book with the chemical formula and David steals it. He comes back to save Perry. David becomes the first Emperor of Pellucidar right before a gigantic battle between the reptilian beings and the other races for dominance of Pellucidar. I won't ruin this action packed story for you. There is a great ending! ERB was great with making an entire underground inner Earth Prehistoric world with fantastic scenery description, Prehistoric monsters, different cave men races, ape races, and the leader intelligent reptilian race. What an imagination. This book is an easy read. I read the 178 page book leisurely in less than 8 hours. Its a page burner, the reader wants to read on. So interesting and exciting with lots of action. This book is great for a Jr. high School reader and up. The youngsters may need help with some of the Prehistoric monsters scientific names but 99.99% of the book is an easy read. A good book to add to a youngsters love of reading. Rated 4 1/3 stars and proudly added to our family library. ERB INMO was a master writer. Bought another of the Pellucidar series to read and add to our family library.

David Innes is held prisoner by the Korsars in Pellucidar, and Jason Gridley asks Tarzan to accompany him in an attempt to rescue David. This is the 13th Tarzan novel, and one of my favorites. Actually, as a fan of Edgar Rice Burroughs I've read all of his works, and the Pellucidar series is my favorite, with Tarzan a close second. Having Tarzan visit the world below the surface raises the ape-man's action a notch. In TARZAN AT THE EARTH'S CORE, we have all the traditional captures and escapes, along with the prehistoric animals, savage wild men, and beautiful women like Jana, the Red Flower of Zoram. ERB was a master of adventure, and great storyteller. Highly recommended.

This is one of the most amazing pieces of Science Fiction ever written. It's astounding this book is

not more well known, it was the first Burroughs book I ever picked up and because of it I've since become addicted to his writing. At the Earth's Core has everything from adventure, to romance, to scientific inquiry. I would highly recommend this novel to anyone interested in being absolutely transported to another world. Without risking a spoiler, I will just say that the ending is so good that you will DEFINITELY be compelled to buy the sequel.

am reading all the Tarzan books (24) and what a great series. SO different the the characters I thought I know from TV. this is a great series from a imaginary mind.

a wonderful book! much in common with princess of mars and cave girl. just a very creative exciting read. the dover juvenile classic version is a great deal as well, for only 2 dollars. like much of Burroughs work earth's core is a fast paced, testosterone-filled, tale with plenty of heart. can't wait to read the rest of the series.

The Tarzan stories still hold up well today. And this one combines Tarzan in a mythical world at the center of the Earth that has Prehistoric monsters. What more can you ask of an Adventure Story ?

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