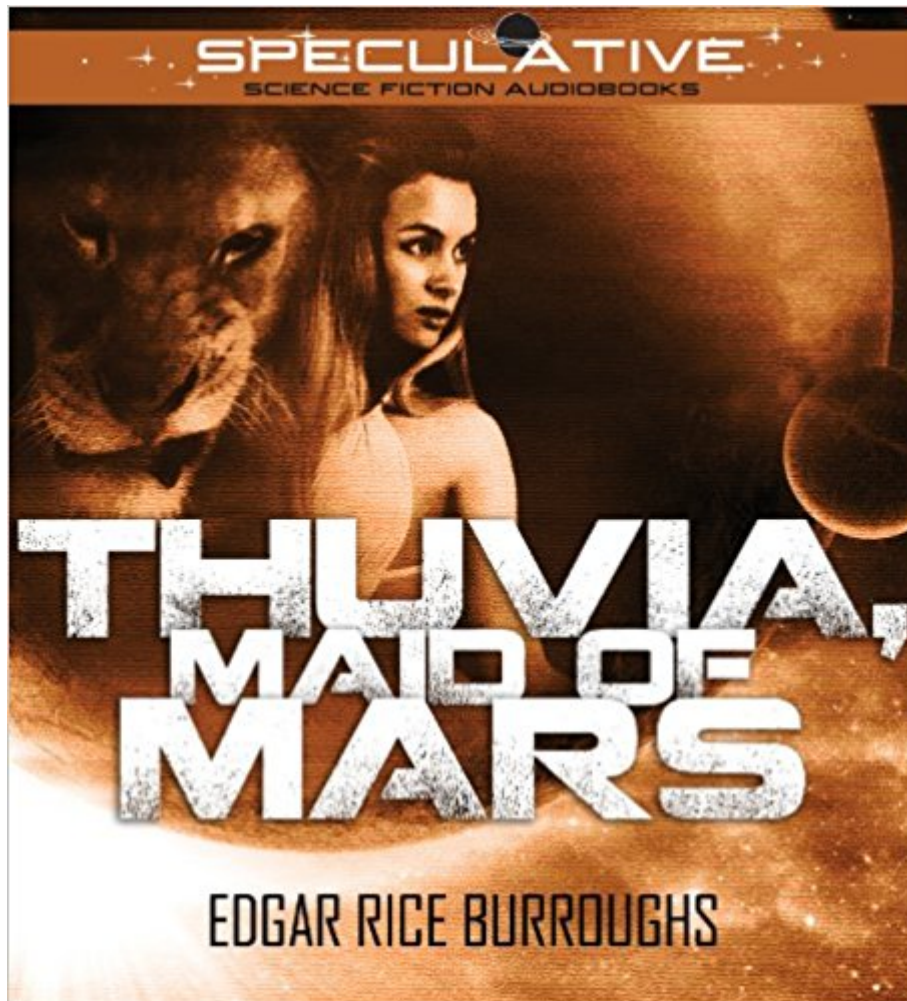




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In this fourth novel of the Martian Barsoom series, the son of John Carter, Carthoris, takes center stage as he vies for the attention of the beautiful Princess of Ptarth. The thrilling adventure continues as Carthoris, Prince of Helium, and son of John Carter and Princess Dejah Thoris of Helium, launches a desperate rescue attempt to recapture the woman who has already taken his heart: Thuvia, Princess of Ptarth. Airship battles, lost cities, and savage creatures stand in his way, but Carthoris will not be swayed from his goal. Chasing Thuvia across Barsoom, the last thing he anticipated encountering is the Princess already betrothed to another, an ally of Helium, Tith, Jeddak of Kaol.

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"Thuvia, Maid of Mars" is the 4th of 11 John Carter novels from the pen of Edgar Rice Burroughs. It first appeared in April 1916, as a three-part serial in the magazine "All Story Weekly." This is the first Carter novel that does not feature John Carter himself as the central character; he only makes a brief cameo appearance early on. Instead, the action mantle is taken up by Carthoris, Carter's son, but fortunately, Carter Junior turns out to be just as good a swashbuckler as the old man. In this installment, Princess Thuvia of Ptarth has been kidnapped by the spineless Prince Astok of Dusar, which abduction almost causes a world war on Barsoom (Mars). Young Carthoris, in his quest to free his beloved princess, runs across deserted cities, a forgotten kingdom, banths (10-legged

Barsoomian lions), ethereal warriors, mucho swordplay, giant white apes, and on and on. As is usual for these books, the amount of action that Burroughs packs into a small compass is quite surprising. Whereas previous Carter books seem to read more like fantasy/fairy tales than science fiction, this installment veers even more to the fantastic, mainly in the use of those phantom warriors just mentioned. These bowmen are called up from the minds of the remaining members of the lost city of Lothar, and have no "real" concrete existence. However, their arrows can still kill. In this book we also get, for the first time, a nice, detailed look at life in Helium; what the people do, how they live and the like. We also receive a biological explanation of how Carthoris, who was 10 years old but a seeming adult in the previous books, got to be that way.

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