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After being shipwrecked on the coast of Africa and separated from his parents an infant English aristocrat is raised in the jungle by a female ape. There he becomes more animal than human-learning to survive in the wild, communicate with jungle creatures and fight against dangerous predators. He is Tarzan of the Apes. In strength and courage Tarzan is the equal of any ape, but his greater intelligence eventually promises the leadership of his tribe and dominion over the jungle. Then other pale skinned creatures like him enter his world, bringing with them the savage ways of men-and the only pale skinned woman he has ever seen. In the second novel, The Return of Tarzan, our hero returns to the jungle after a time in the world of men. Here he learns of the fabulous Opar, city of gold. Ignoring the dangers, Tarzan and a band of warriors set out for Opar, and a further round of adventures that could only have been imagined by the inimitable Edgar Rice Burroughs begins.

Tarzan of the Apes/The Return of Tarzan Details

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Halley Sutton says

Ugh, finally. Too much Tarzan. Too much racism. Too many obviously serialized adventures in which Tarzan is, in fact, in no danger. Jane Porter a silly ninny. Glad to be done with this. Probably would've been okay with reading just the first Tarzan but back to back-- way too much.

Pam says

Beautiful cloth bound book! Classic!

Terra says

I really enjoyed these two books. Burroughs is a wonderful writer. I recommend reading these two stories before going to the new CGI movie that is coming out July 1st.

Ellemay says

Lets remember this book is pulp fiction from the 1910s. Lock your political correctness in a cupboard, put your brain in neutral, and enjoy an adventure from a bygone era where men were either heroes or cowards and women spent their time fainting or falling into danger!

Evocative descriptions of the African continent, fast paced action and adventure, and a fascinating insight into social attitudes during the beginning of the 20th century.

Vanessa says

It was fun to read where it all began - the vine swinging, the chest thumping... Africa never seemed so scary.

Anita says

A billion stars!!

Definitely was not what I was expecting! As I've watched the Disney movie so many times since I was a kid, I thought it'd be a longer and more detailed version of that. But no. It was SO different!

From Tarzan's parents to the apes and watching Tarzan grow up, to him first meeting white man for the first time, falling in love with Jane, living in civilisation for two years and all the troubles he goes through, his

enemies trying to kill him, all his adventures, the heartbreak, returning to the jungle, and all the way to the very end. I. Loved. Every. Single. Second. Of. It!

Burroughs is such an amazing writer! So entertaining and very descriptive yet in an attractive way. Every single one of his ideas were awesome. The scenarios he creates and the scenes. His words are so captivating! I love his writing and I cannot get enough! I usually struggle to read long books as I find it's difficult to keep a long book entertaining enough to not want to give up on it. I don't think many authors are capable of it but Edgar Rice Burroughs? F yes! Yes he definitely can! And though I read a couple books in between, you don't forget any of the details like I sometimes do with other books, I recalled the past chapters and it doesn't ruin your read because once you start reading this book you're trapped in that world. Not only am I in love with Burroughs' writing but I'm in love with Tarzan!

Cindy says

TARZAN OF THE APES

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3/5 STARS

I love that this is written with a child-like innocence to it. It's fun to read, especially during Tarzan's childhood. I really enjoyed the humor and WONDER in the writing style as Tarzan discovers the cabin and teaches himself to read and write (which I allowed myself to suspend my disbelief in the possibility of being able to do that.) There's also a lot of action and brutality which is inherent in the jungle; I was surprised by how it fit into the story since the overall tone was more lighthearted.

I really didn't expect for this story to turn into a romance once we're introduced to Jane Porter. I know Tarzan and Jane are a thing but there was more relationship "drama" than I anticipated. She's not the most well-rounded/developed character and neither is the romance all that romantic but I went along with it.

Tarzan is very curious and that is what drives the story. My only issue with the story was the pacing. Once Jane and company are introduced and need to be rescued and eventually return home, Tarzan goes through so much development from being "Tarzan of the Apes" to a somewhat "civilized" man; learning to speak practically over night (my suspension of disbelief can only go so far.)

It's a simple/primitive/fluffy story and I feel that there's a lot of enjoyment in it because of how it's written. I also like the way it ended. It was clever and caught me by surprise.

Overall, this book made me want to re-watch the Disney animated movie and I'd recommend it to anyone who isn't going to read this critically; the storytelling is pretty basic and the characters other than Tarzan and the apes aren't well rounded but it's a fun silly/light fast-paced read with a lot of adventure.

RETURN OF TARZAN

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1/5 stars

This story was **POINTLESS** and **LONG WINDED**. "Tarzan of the Apes" ends on a cliffhanger that offer intrigue, this picks up in the most **DULL/BORING** outcome ever imagined. I'm suppose to care about Tarzan and Jane and this forced triangle they are in but I don't because there's very little time spent developing their relationship. They spend so much time apart and the shenanigans Tarzan gets mixed up in are not all that interesting. Aside from that, For a man that spent 20 years living as a savage, I'm surprised he

hasn't been arrested in those 2 years he spent in civilization. He's got quite the temper.

The writing in the first part was what intrigued me, I was thoroughly entertained. However, the sequel lacked any intrigue. I wasn't invested in the new characters, the "adventure," returning to the Kongo, or the rekindling of Tarzan and Jane. Slow read; won't remember this in t-1hr.

Erdem Karaadam says

First book deserves 5 stars...

The second one I have to tell is a real bore, I had to stop it before the end.

It can be consumed only in comics.

Angela says

A very fun book to read aloud.

Eva Chen says

This is a brave novel with lively description and creative plot. Tarzan is a hero and I am glad that he finally found his true love. But to some extent, it's a little difficult to understand.

Danzaiss says

Pulp fiction... I needed something fun and easy.

Debbie Nijssen says

A must read classic for every booklover!

Kevin Hull says

Pure pulp fun from start to finish.
