## The Tarzan / John Carter / Pellucidar / Caspak / Moon / Carson of Venus Chronology

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Based on:

- Philip José Farmer's Tarzan Chronology in Tarzan Alive
- John Flint Roy's <u>A Guide to Barsoom</u>
- Further research by Win Scott Eckert

This Chronology covers the shared worlds of Edgar Rice Burroughs' fantastic creations: Tarzan, John Carter of Mars, the Inner World of Pellucidar, Caspak, the Moon, and Carson of Venus. It is my contention that the Tarzan, Pellucidar, and Caspak stories take place in the same universe, a dimension that we will call The Wold Newton Universe (WNU). John Carter and Carson Napier also were born in and start out in the WNU, but their adventures carry them to an alternate dimension, which we shall call the Edgar Rice Burroughs Alternate Universe (ERB-AU).

The stories listed on <u>The Wold Newton Universe Crossover Chronology</u> establish that John Carter's **Barsoom** (from which two invasions, the first Martian invasion against Earth and the second Martian invasion against Annwn, were launched - see *Mars: The Home Front*) exists in the same alternate universe that contains Carson Napier's **Amtor** (Venus). It is probable that **Zillikian** (the planet on the opposite side of the Sun from Earth in *Bunduki*) is also contained in this alternate universe, the ERB-AU, as well as **Thanator** (as shown in the *Jandar of Callisto* series).

Humanity's name for their planet in the ERB-AU is **Annwn**, not Earth (see *The Second War of the Worlds*), and is called **Jasoom** by natives of Barsoom. The alternate future described in Burroughs' *The Moon Maid* and *The Moon Men*, then, must be the future in store for the planet Annwn.

There has been much travel back and forth between the WNU and the ERB-AU. Tarzan visited the ERB-AU several times, going to Barsoom and Amtor. He also traveled to Annwn's future to battle the Moon Men.

Other denizens of the WNU to take up residence in the ERB-AU, to name a few, are Carson Napier, James Allenvale "Bunduki" Gunn and Dawn Drummond-Clayton, and Jon Dark. And Sherlock Holmes visited the ERB-AU when he and Watson went to Annwn to fight in *The Second War of the Worlds*. Finally, Maureen Birnbaum visited the ERB-AU once when she went to Barsoom (as well as many other alternate universes too numerous to mention here).

Stories by Edgar Rice Burroughs are listed in **bold**. Stories by other authors are listed as such. This is a work in progress; for instance the Hal Foster/Burne Hogarth Sunday Tarzan strips are not yet listed.

	ss = short K = DC CC T1 = DC C T2 = Malit T2-("L,L,L T3 = Marv T4 = Dark T5 = Dark dhp = Tar TAnn = Ma TF = DC C dhp = Dar JC = Marv JCAnn = A	graphic novel		
14,000 BP	Tar	rzan arrives from t	he year 2070 (Time's Last Gift).	
12,000 BP	Ν		Hadon Of Ancient Opar (Hadon is a warrior of the ancient city Opar, the ruins of which will be discovered by Tarzan in 1909. <i>By Philip José Farmer.</i> )	
12,000 BP	Ν		<u>Flight To Opar</u> (More adventures of the ancient warrior, Hadon of Opar. The character of the Gray-Eyed God, Sahhindar, god of plants, of bronze, and of time, is in actuality Tarzan, who has traveled back in time (see the entry for Time's Last Gift, year 2070). <i>By Philip José Farmer.</i> )	
1795	Wo	old Newton meteor	strike.	
1866-1886.1.1	ŤF	N, T1 207-209 or TF 65-66, and WW 1-2 – <i>Mars</i> <u>A Princess of Mars</u>		
1868	JC	1-10 - <i>Mars</i>	The Air Pirates of Mars (2 years after <u>A Princess of</u> <u>Mars</u> )	
1868	JC	11 - <i>Mars</i>	<u>The Story of Dejah Thoris</u> (Just after <u>The Air</u> <u>Pirates of Mars</u> )	
1869	JC	12-14 - <i>Mars</i>	March of the Dead	
1869	JC	15 - <i>Mars</i>	The History Holocaust	
1870	JCA	Ann 2 - <i>Mars</i>	The Headmen of Mars	
1871	JC	16-27 - <i>Mars</i>	The Master Assassin of Mars	

1872	JC 28 - <i>Mars</i>	The Weapon-Makers of Mars
1873	JCAnn 3 - <i>Mars</i>	Amazons of Mars
1874	TF 62-64 - <i>Mars</i>	Lights of Doom
1886	N, WW 2-7 - <i>Mars</i>	The Gods of Mars
1887-1888	N - Mars	The Warlord of Mars
November 22, 1888		ke is born after his parents, John and Alice Clayton, ungle of French Equatorial Africa (Gabon).
1888-Jan. 1907	N, T1 207-210	Tarzan of the Apes (Chap. 1 to Chap. 11.)
Sometime between 1888 and 1898	N - <i>Mars</i>	<u>Thuvia, Maid of Mars</u>
November 24, 1898	Birth of John "Korak"	Drummond-Clayton.
1898	ss - <i>Mars</i>	<u>Mars: The Home Front</u> (John Carter of Mars is involved in defeating the Martian invasion of Earth by the evil Sarmaks of Barsoom)
Sometime between 1898 and 1917	N - <i>Mars</i>	The Chessmen of Mars
1903-1913	N, K 46, WW 1-6 – <i>Pellucidar</i>	<u>At the Earth's Core</u> (David Innes travels to Pellucidar)
1907-1908 Feb. 1907 March Nov. Dec. March 1908 April April June July July July Aug. Aug. Aug. 1908-	N, T1 212-214 ss, TAnn 1, T2-("L,L,LC") ss ss, T1 252-25 ss, T3 9 ss ss, T3 9 ss ss, TAnn 1 ss, T3 12 ss, T1 214 ss, T3 14 ss, T3 14 ss, T3 13 ss	Jungle Tales of Tarzan"Tarzan's First Love""The Capture of Tarzan""The Fight for the Balu""The God of Tarzan""The God of Tarzan""The Witch-Doctor Seeks Vengeance""The Witch-Doctor Seeks Vengeance""The End of Bukawai""The Lion""The Nightmare""The Battle for Teeka""A Jungle Joke""Tarzan Rescues the Moon"

Sept. 1909	T5 15-16	"Tooth and Nail" (Tarzan is still in New
	T2-("L,L,LC")	York. Meets Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde.) "The Scar"
Nov. 1909- Sept. 1910	N, T1 219-223, T4 1-3	<u><b>The Return of Tarzan</b></u> (Tarzan's 1st visit to Opar.)
September 1910	Marriage of Tarzan a	nd Jane.
June 1911	Birth of Charlotte Cla <u><b>Eater</b></u> ).	ayton, daughter of Tarzan and Jane (see <b><u>The Man-</u></b>
June-Sept. 1912	Ν	The Beasts of Tarzan
September 1912		dopt Tarzan's second cousin, the orphaned John John is the younger brother of Hugh "Bulldog"
Early 1913	Tarzan's "Adventure <u>Time</u> , pp. 240-241.)	of the Very Sick Circus Horse" (The Dark Heart of
1913	N, WW 6-7 - Pellucidar	<b>Pellucidar</b> (The Mahar that David Innes brought the Earth's surface did not really accompany him back to Pellucidar: see the Tarzan story <u>The Mahagga</u> )
May-Nov. 1913	Ν	The Son of Tarzan (Chap. 1 to Chap. 12. Korak.)
June-July 1913	Ν	Tarzan and the Forbidden City (Tarzan is searching for Korak.)
Nov. 1913- Jan. 1914	N, T3 1-8, 10-11	<b><u>Tarzan and the Jewels of Opar</u></b> (Tarzan returns to Opar.)
Nov. 1913- Feb. 1914	K 49-59, TF 60-65, T1 230-232	<u>The Search</u> (Korak travels Africa searching for Meriem.)
FebMay 1914	Ν	The Son of Tarzan (Chap. 13 to Chap. 27. Korak.)
May 1914	TF 64	A Day in the Jungle (Tarzan and Korak.)
June 1914	T4 1-4	The Rivers of Blood
June-July 1914	Ν	The Eternal Lover
July 1914	Ν	Mrs. Clayton and Charlotte visit Virginia and her mother (see <b>The Man-Eater</b> ).

July 1914	Ν	<u>The Mark of the Red Hyena</u> ( <i>Big Little Book by George S. Elrick.</i> )
Aug. 1914-		Towns the United at
Oct. 1918	N, T1 250-256	<u>Tarzan the Untamed</u>
Feb. 1916	Ν	The Adventure of the Peerless Peer (Tarzan teams with Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson against the German spy Von Bork. They travel to the land of Zu-Vendis, where the explorer Allan Quatermain's expedition previously traveled. Also figuring in the adventure are Mycroft Holmes; Henry Merrivale; Wentworth (aka G-8, brother of The Spider); and Colonel Kentov (Kent Allard, the future Shadow). Leftenant John "Korak" Drummond is also mentioned. <i>By Philip José Farmer.</i> )
1916	N - <i>Caspak</i>	The Land That Time Forgot
1917	N - Mars	The Master Mind of Mars
1917	N - Caspak	The People That Time Forgot
1917	N - Caspak	Out of Time's Abyss
SeptNov. 1918		, meets his cousin, Lieutenant John "Korak" while flying during the Argonne operation.
Mid Oct. 1918	Ν	<u>Tarzan: The Dark Heart of Time</u> ( <i>By Philip José</i> <i>Farmer.</i> )
Nov. 1918- March 1919	Ν	Tarzan the Terrible (Tarzan, Jane and Korak travel to Pal-ul-Don.)
April 1919- Nov. 1921	Ν	Tarzan and the Golden Lion (1st appearance of Jad-bal-ja the lion.)
NovDec. 1922	Ν	Tarzan and the Ant Men
1923	T1 230	The Slave Traders
1923	T1 231-234	<u>The Deadly Dangers of Pal-ul-don</u> (Tarzan visits Pal-ul-don. Just after <u>The Slave Traders</u> .)
1925	T5 17-20	<u>Tarzan vs. The Moon Men</u> (Tarzan and Korak travel to the 24 <sup>th</sup> Century of an alternate timeline to battle invaders from the Moon.)
1926	N - Pellucidar	<b><u>Tanar of Pellucidar</u></b> (1st appearance of Jason Gridley)

June 1926- March 1927	Ν	<u>Tarzan, Lord of the Jungle</u>
April-July 1927	Ν	<b>Tarzan and the Lost Empire</b> (1st appearance of Nkima the monkey.)
1927	TF 66	A Gift Most Deadly (Tarzan, Korak and Nkima.)
1927-1928	Ν	<b>Tarzan at the Earth's Core</b> (Tarzan travels to Pellucidar.)
1928	K 57-59	The Deadly Motion Picture (Features Korak.)
1928	N - <i>Mars</i>	A Fighting Man of Mars (Gridley is in Pellucidar.)
1928	N - Pellucidar	Back to the Stone Age (Von Horst is found in Pellucidar.)
1928	T1 235	<u>The Mahagga</u> (Tarzan encounters a Mahar from the inner world of Pellucidar.)
1928	T1 238-TF 60	<u>Return to Pellucidar</u> (Tarzan and Korak are in Pellucidar. Just after <u>The Deadly Motion Picture</u> and <u>The Mahagga</u> .)
1928	T1 237-TF 61	The Stone Pharaoh
1928	N, K 46-53 or TF 60-65 - <i>Venus</i>	Pirates of Venus (Just after Von Horst is found)
1928	TAnn 2	The Day of the Death Dancers
JanMay 1929	Ν	Tarzan the Invincible (Tarzan returns to Opar.)
1929	N, K 54-56 and T1 230 - <i>Venus</i>	Lost on Venus
1929	T3 15-24	<u>Blood Money and Human Bondage</u> (Tarzan returns to Pellucidar.)
1929	T3 24-29	Tarzan Caged (Korak.)
1929	TAnn 3	The Great Thorn Forest (Korak.)
JanApril 1930	Ν	Tarzan Triumphant
1930	N - Venus	Carson of Venus
SeptNov. 1930	Ν	Tarzan and the City of Gold
JanApril 1931	N, T1 231-234	Tarzan and the Lion Man (Chap. 1 to Chap. 32.)

1931	N - Venus	Escape on Venus
June 1931	Ν	Tarzan and the Leopard Men
April-July 1932	Ν	Tarzan and the Lion Man (Chap. 32.)
1932	N - Venus	The Wizard of Venus
May-June 1933	Ν	<u>Tarzan's Quest</u>
1933	dhp 133-135 - <i>Venus</i>	Carson of Venus II
Sometime between 1928 and 1934	N - <i>Mars</i>	Swords of Mars
June-Sept. 1934	Ν	Tarzan the Magnificent
1935	TF 62	The Peaceful Mist (Nkima the monkey.)
1935	Ν	<u>Tarzan and the Cave City</u> (Tarzan's son Jackie is in his second year at Oxford. <i>By Barton Werper</i> .)
1935	Ν	Tarzan and the Snake People (By Barton Werper.)
1936	Ν	<u>Tarzan and the Abominable Snowmen</u> (By Barton Werper.)
1936	Ν	<u>Tarzan and the Winged Invaders</u> ( <i>By Barton Werper</i> .)
Sometime between 1934 and 1938	N - Mars	Synthetic Men of Mars
1937	ss, T1 248-249	<b>"Tarzan and the Champion"</b> (Found in <u>Tarzan</u> <u>and the Castaways</u> . Mullargan, the boxing champ.)
1937	Ν	Tarzan and the Silver Globe (Tarzan returns to Opar. Tarzan's son Jackie is in his final year at Oxford, placing this adventure somewhere in the late 1930s. The aliens Tarzan encounters are most likely not really from Venus. Apparent death of "La" of Opar (aka Marda of "Venus," who probably is not the true La, but an imposter). By Barton Werper.)
Sept. 1938	ss, T1 245-246	"Tarzan and the Jungle Murders" (Found in Tarzan and the Castaways.)
1939	N - Pellucidar	Land of Terror
June 1939	Ν	Tarzan and the Madman

AugOct. 1939	ss, T1 240-243	<b>"Tarzan and the Castaways"</b> (Found in <u>Tarzan</u> and the Castaways.)
Sept. 1939	N, T1 214-218, TF 61 <i>- Poloda</i>	Beyond the Farthest Star
November 1939	T4 mini 1-4	Batman and Tarzan: Claws of the Cat-Woman
Sometime between 1938 and 1940	N - <i>Mars</i> JCAnn 1	<u>Llana of Gathol</u> "The Ancient Dead" "The Black Pirates of Barsoom" "Escape on Mars" "Invisible Men of Mars"
Sometime between 1939 and 1941	N - Pellucidar	Savage Pellucidar
1940	N - Mars	<u>John Carter of Mars</u> "John Carter and the Giant of Mars"
1941-1942	SS SS	"Skeleton Men of Jupiter"
1942	ss - <i>Mars</i>	Lost On Jupiter (Sequel to <b>"Skeleton Men of Jupiter."</b> Presumably John Carter and Dejah Thoris were able to steal a spaceship from the Morgors of Sasoom (Jupiter) and return to Barsoom. <i>By William Gilmour.</i> )
September 1942	T4 mini 1-4	Tarzan And Carson Of Venus: The Loveking (Tarzan is drawn through a space portal to Amtor (Venus) where he meets Carson Napier.)
May 1943	T5 7-10	Legion of Hate (By Allan Gross.)
March-Dec. 1944	Ν	Tarzan and the Foreign Legion
1945	T4	<u>A Tale of Mugambi</u>
Summer 1945	Ν	<b>Tarzan: The Lost Adventure</b> (Tarzan begins a journey to Pellucidar. <i>Co-written by Joe R. Lansdale.</i> )
Late 1945	T4 mini 1-4	<u>Tarzan Versus Predator at the Earth's Core</u> (Tarzan and Jane travel to Pellucidar.)
Feb. 1946	T4 mini 1-4	<u>Tarzan and John Carter: Warlords of Mars</u> (Tarzan travels to Barsoom.)
Feb. 1947	GN	Tarzan in Caspak (Two stories, "Tarzan in the Land That Time Forgot" and "The Pool of Time." The date is conjecture, but is based on the fact that the daughter of characters from the original Caspak trilogy, which took place in 1916, is

	featured in these stories.)	
1947	T5 1-6	Tarzan's Jungle Fury
1948	T4 mini 1-4/ dhp 143	Tarzan: The Savage Heart/Tales of Pellucidar (Tarzan thinks Jane dead and goes to Pellucidar. At the conclusion, Tarzan realizes Jane is alive, but has further adventures in Pellucidar. By Allan Gross.)
1948-1955	Ν	Tarzan On Mars (Tarzan, Jane, La of Opar, the Oparian High Priest Cadj, Nkima the monkey, Jason Gridley, John Carter, Carthoris, Tars Tarkas, Kar Komak, and Vad Varo (Ulysses Paxton) all appear in this sweeping epic novel of religious reform on Mars, otherwise known as Barsoom. Unpublished novel by John Bloodstone (pseudonym for Stuart J. Byrne), 1956.
		The Oparian High Priest Cadj, must be the son of the first Cadj, who was killed in Tarzan and the Golden Lion. Further, the Zithad (Dator of the Temple of Issus) that was killed by John Carter in Llana of Gathol was either the son of the Zithad who appeared in The Gods of Mars, or else the Zithad in Tarzan On Mars is the son of the original. That John Carter does not recognize Tarzan from their previous encounter (Tarzan and John Carter: Warlords of Mars) <i>is</i> the result of Bloodstone's fictionalization of these events; as is demonstrated below, the author also changed some dates in order to encourage the belief that this story was pure fiction.
		Tarzan On Mars cannot take place from 1939- 1946 as implied in the book. There are only brief wartime references, which can be discounted by Bloodstone's fictionalization in order to conceal real events, just as Burroughs did so often. So Jane and La did not disappear in 1939 and Tarzan did not wait until the end of World War II to go after them. (Jane appears in too many stories between 1939 and 1946 for this to be true. Therefore, this beginning of this adventure has been more accurately placed in 1948, after the events of <u>The Savage Heart</u> .
		Just after Tarzan rescues Jane in <u>The Savage</u> <u>Heart</u> (early '48), they return to Africa from Pellucidar. Jane and La get transported to Mars, as described in Tarzan On Mars. Tarzan actually spends several years searching for Jane, to no avail, although he knows her disappearance is

connected with the object, the Great Star of Issus. He finally encounters Jason Gridley once more, who introduces him to John Carter's nephew, Jules Carter. At last it becomes clear to Tarzan that Jane has been somehow transported to Barsoom.

It is now 1952. Tarzan, who cannot teleport back and forth between Barsoom at will like John Carter (see **The Chessmen of Mars**), cannot recreate his earlier teleport to Mars (see <u>Tarzan</u> <u>and John Carter: Warlords of Mars</u>). He enlists Jason Gridley's help to build a rocket. This takes over a year and he launches in late 1953. After over a year of travel in suspended animation (not to mention passing through a dimensional warp that carries Tarzan's rocket to Barsoom's dimension), Tarzan lands on Barsoom in 1955 and the remainder of the events described in the book ensue.

In true Burroughsian tradition, the story ends with Jane being carried away by the evil-doers. One possible ending that the author discusses in the end note is that Tarzan rescues Jane and they enlist Carthoris' assistance in constructing a spaceship to return to Earth. I propose that while Carthoris busies himself with the spacecraft project, Tarzan is studying the secret of teleportation-at-will from John Carter and Carter's instructor, Kar Komak. Tarzan eventually succeeds and is able to transport himself and Jane back to Earth. (It is possible that the events of Tarzan at Mars' Core, as related by Edward Hirshman, follow Tarzan On Mars; however, as only 2,000 copies Tarzan at Mars' Core exist, the answer must await further research. In any event, Tarzan and Jane eventually end up back on Earth.) Apparently La, also, at some point, is transported back to Earth, as Tarzan and Jane encounter her again in 1991; perhaps she is sent back to her Oparian refuge on Earth in the wake of some further religious crisis on Barsoom.)

1959	SS	<u>Tarzan and the Lightning Man</u> ( <i>By William</i> <i>Gilmour</i> .)
Spring 1965	Ν	Tarzan and the Valley of Gold (By Fritz Leiber.)
1970	N - Pellucidar	Mahars of Pellucidar (By John Eric Holmes.)
1972	Philip José Farmer co	onducts his interview with Lord Greystoke.

1972	SS	"The Mchawi's Powers" (Story contained in the volume <u>J.T's Hundredth</u> , featuring Bunduki, the second adopted son of Tarzan. <i>By J.T. Edson</i> .)
1972	SS	"Death To Simba Nyuse" (Story contained in the volume <u>J.T.'s Ladies</u> , featuring Dawn Drummond- Clayton, granddaughter of John "Korak" Drummond-Clayton. <i>By J.T. Edson</i> .)
1973	SS	"A Good Time Was Had By All" (Story contained in the volume <u>Mark Counter's Kin</u> , featuring Bunduki, the second adopted son of Tarzan. <i>By</i> J.T. Edson.)
1974	Ν	<u>Bunduki</u> (Bunduki, aka James Allenvale Gunn, a second adopted son of Tarzan, and Dawn Drummond-Clayton, granddaughter of John "Korak" Drummond-Clayton are transported to the planet Zillikian and begin a new life of adventure there. It is also revealed that the remainder of the Greystoke clan has gone to live in Pellucidar. This would include Tarzan and Jane; Tarzan and Jane's biological son, John Paul "Jackie" Clayton; their first adopted son John "Korak" Drummond-Clayton (the biological younger brother of Captain Hugh "Bulldog" Drummond) and Korak's wife Meriem; and Korak's son, John Armand Drummond-Clayton (father of Dawn). <i>By J.T. Edson.</i> )
1974-1975	Ν	<u>Bunduki and Dawn</u> (Sequel to <u>Bunduki</u> . <i>By J.T.</i> <i>Edson.</i> )
1975	Ν	<u>Sacrifice for the Quagga God</u> (Sequel to <u>Bunduki</u> . <i>By J.T. Edson.</i> )
1975	Ν	<u>Fearless Master of the Jungle</u> (Sequel to <u>Bunduki</u> . <i>By J.T. Edson.</i> )
Jan. 1981	ss - <i>Mars</i>	Maureen Birnbaum, Barbarian Swordsperson (Preppy Maureen "Muffy" Birnbaum pays a brief visit to Barsoom. <i>By George Alec Effinger.</i> )
Jan. 1982	ss - Pellucidar	<u>Maureen Birnbaum at the Earth's Core</u> (By George Alec Effinger.)
May 1988	T2 mini 1-5	<u>Tarzan the Warrior</u> (Apparently Tarzan and Jane have returned to Earth after living for a time in Pellucidar.)
1991	T2 mini 1-3	Love, Lies and the Lost City (Tarzan and Jane are in Opar again, and once again encounter La.)
1992	T2 mini 1-7	<u>The Beckoning</u> (Punchy Mullargan, son of the boxer Mullargan in <b>Tarzan and the Champion</b> .)

2070-14,000 B.P.--2140

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<u>Time's Last Gift</u> (The main character, John Gribardsun (Tarzan), travels back in time from the year 2070 to 14,000 BP. He then lives a full life for 14,000 years until at least the year 2140, when he and his wife Jane depart in a cryogenic sleeper spacecraft bound for the star Capella. *By Philip José Farmer*.)

## Alternate Future Universe

<u>The Moon Maid</u>	N - <i>Moon</i>	2025-2036
<u>The Moon Men</u>	N - <i>Moon</i>	
"The Moon Men"	SS	2117-2122
"The Red Hawk"	SS	2430-2432