

The GRIDLEY WAVE

CONTACTING THE WORLDS OF EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS

The Ultimate Holiday Gift - The Krone Pen

In 2008, Krone of Italy produced a collection of limited-edition pens dedicated to Edgar Rice Burroughs and his creation, Tarzan. An image of the ape-man carrying his mate, Jane's hand-painted "in brilliant colors of the type that was much in vogue in America early last century. On the cap is a meticulously executed leopard skin pattern, along with a series of references to Tarzan's jungle home, including a three dimensional images of the vines that Tarzan uses to swing through the jungle reproduced on the bronze clip. There are two cap bands. The first is made of Wenge wood from Africa's tropical jungles, the second of bronze, engraved with Edgar Rice Burroughs' signature. Wenge wood is also used for the barrel end. Each pen comes with an authentic 19th century African money bracelet that was used both for trade and as a good luck charm."

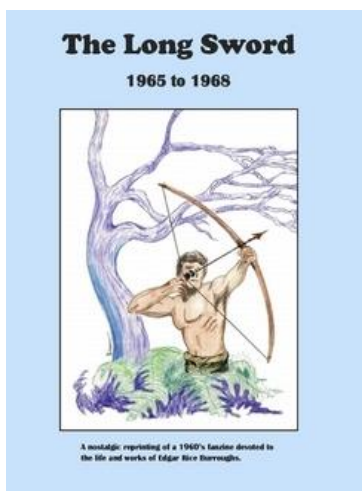
The collection comprises 388 fountain pens and 38 rollerball pens with bronze trim, 18 Magnum fountain pens with gold trim, and eight Imperial fountain pens set with diamonds and paired with a paper knife with hand painted handle. Fountain pens are piston fillers and nibs are 18K gold available in F, M, and B widths. The rollerball pen retailed for 6,400 euros, the standard fountain pen for 6,500 euros, the Magnum for 15,000 euros, and the Imperial was "decidedly more expensive, . . . suggesting a princely sum. But after all, we're not talking about some savage but the king of the jungle."

But you are in luck. These Krone pens can still be found on the Internet, with the rollerball pen at \$5,119.99 and the standard fountain pen at \$5,199.99 from Executive Essentials and others. What ERB fan can be without one? ☞



The Krone limited edition Tarzan fountain pen. (Thanks to Bibliophile Ken Kessler for telling us about this unique item.)

1960s *The Long Sword* Fanzine Reprint



ERB and his creations probably inspired more fans to start up fanzines devoted to the Master of Adventure than were created for any other writer. Here is your chance to acquire a reprint of all five issues of *The Long Sword*, a labor of persistence, dedication, and friendship by four young friends in the 1960s: Dick Spargur, Charly Kagay, Gary Schauer, Chuck Pogue, and Jerry Toner. Dick has arranged for these reprints in a single volume through the print-on-demand company Lulu Press. At 124 pages, the hardcover edition sells for \$23.10, while the trade paperback costs \$20.50. You can order online at <http://www.lulu.com> and search for the title or for author "Richard A. Spargur" (you will find other books offered by Dick with the author search). Dick's story about his interest in Burroughs as a youngster, how he met fellow ERB fans, and the creation of *The Long Sword* is a great fan story. See his account of those years at <http://www.erbzine.com/mag28/2802.html>. ☞

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Burroughs on Audio

Bibliophile Jim O'Brien notified us that earlier this year Dorchester Publishing released audiobook CDs and MP3 CDs for four of ERB's novels (also available through MP3 download): *A Princess of Mars* and the Caspak trilogy. These four books are read by Brian Holsopple. Dorchester is an independent publisher specializing in mass-market paperback fiction for romance, horror, Westerns, and thrillers. To order online, go to <http://www.dorchesterpub.com> and search for "Burroughs." You can also order by calling (800) 481-9191 (10:00 AM - 9:00 PM EST), mailing Dorchester Publishing Co., Inc., P.O. Box 6640, Wayne, PA 19087, or e-mailing customerservice@dorchpub.com.

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"Edgar Rice Burroughs, best known for his Tarzan and Mars series of books, also created the lost island of Caprona. Bowen Tyler was lost. He had made the hazardous journey to the uncharted Caprona, a continent lost from the map of the Earth. It was a land where time had stopped, and where all the primeval creatures of long-ages still prowled."

Tarzan Adventures: European Treetop Parks

We came upon this online article by Charlotte Amelines, posted back on August 9, 2009 on msn.com (<http://travel.uk.msn.com/inspiration/adventure-activities/articles.aspx?cp-documentid=149572343>). The tag line: "Calling all monkey-man wannabes. You don't need to queue in theme parks to get your pulse racing this autumn. Europe's growing number of treetop adventure centres can satisfy any daredevil urges." It turns out that all of the featured adventure spots described in the article are still operating, including sites in the United Kingdom, The Netherlands, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, and Estonia. ☺

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