

ANNOUNCING...

The Reader's Guide to Barsoom and Amtor

In ERB-dom Newsletter #1 Camille Cazedessus announced the availability of a map of Barsoom, drawn by Larry Ivie, printed in two colors, and available from me. While Caz's intentions were unquestionably the best, that announcement was both premature and misleading. It constitutes a leak of an announcement I was not ready to make, but the cat is halfway out of the bag now, so here is the whole story announcing "The Reader's Guide to Barsoom and Amtor."

The Guide will be a mimeographed booklet dealing with the planets Barsoom and Amtor -- Mars and Venus if there are any neophytes in the audience -- as visualized by Edgar Rice Burroughs in a total of some fourteen novels. The main feature of the booklet will be a 15,000-word study of Barsoom by David G. Van Arnam. This study already exists in the form of mimeograph stencils and needs only to be run off. It is to illustrate the Van Arnam study that Larry Ivie originally drew his map, which has already been printed and is being held in stock. However, the author and the artist differed on certain points of Barsoomian mapmaking, and so the booklet will also contain supplementary material by Ivie, supporting his map.

The booklet will also contain a study of Amtor. Mr. Van Arnam is currently engaged in preparing this material, which will include an index of all place-names mentioned in the Venus series. The existing Mars material contains a similar index. What further material will be in the booklet remains to be seen, although there will surely be an introduction included. The cover has already been printed; it is a fine copy of a Roy Krenkel drawing, set on Barsoom, never published elsewhere. The booklet will be mailed unstapled for the convenience of any reader who wishes to frame either the Krenkel print or the Ivie map.

My distress over announcing "The Reader's Guide to Barsoom and Amtor" at this time lies in the fact that it is a hobby project for all concerned, and must therefore be scheduled subject to prior personal and professional obligations. By present indications, the booklet will be published in June, 1963. Surely no sooner, possibly later.

Also, because of the expensive printing involved, it is necessary to set a rather high price on the booklet: \$2.00 per copy. A maximum print run of 200 copies is anticipated, and orders will be filled in a first-come sequence. In the unlikely chance of any profit being made, it will be divided among the authors and artists as some small reward for their unselfish contributions. If you wish to order a copy, please use the coupon below. It will simplify things considerably at this end.

TO: Dear Sir:
Richard Lupoff I wish to place an order for the forthcoming booklet titled "The
210 E. 73rd St Reader's Guide to Barsoom and Amtor." I enclose \$2 in payment.
New York 21 NY I understand that this publication is scheduled for June, 1963,
but that it may be delayed beyond that date.

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