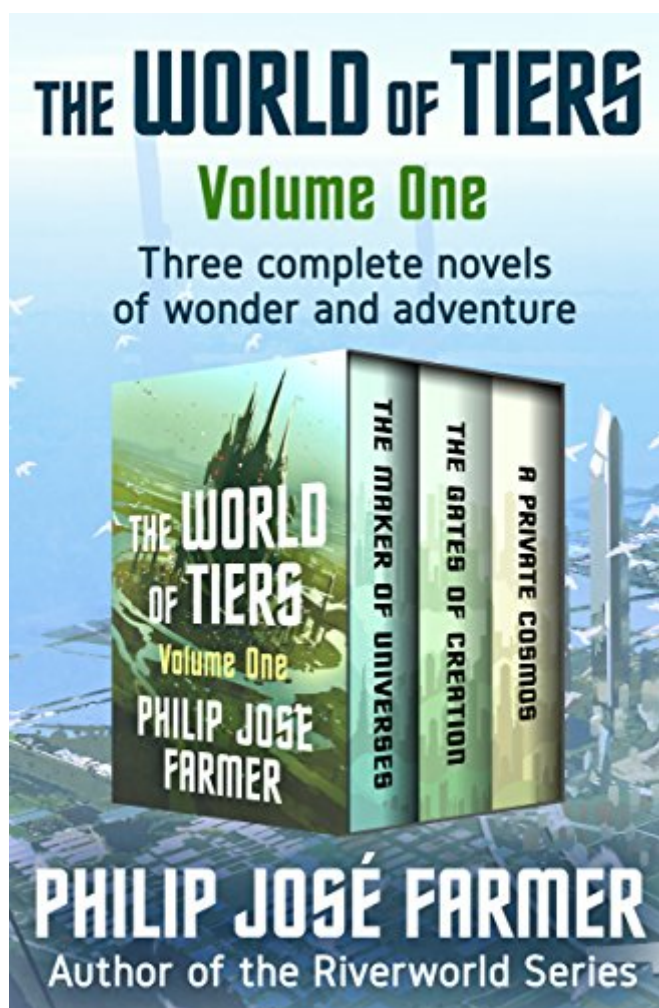


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The World Of Tiers Volume One: The Maker Of Universes, The Gates Of Creation, And A Private Cosmos



Synopsis

The first three adventures set in the amazing realm created by the Hugo Award-winning author of *Riverworld*. His past a mystery and his present unbearably mundane, Robert Wolff is simply trying to buy a new house in Arizona when he stumbles upon a secret doorway through space and time and enters the World of Tiers. Made up of ascending levels of jungles, plains, medieval cities, and, at the top, a Garden of Eden, and populated by fantastical creatures, from nymphs and centaurs to merpeople and strange amalgams nonexistent on Earth, it's beyond anything Wolff could have imagined in his previous humdrum existence. And when his youth is restored in the bargain, it seems he's truly found paradise. But there are dark forces in this new world, and Wolff is plunged into an epic quest up through the tiers, accompanied by Paul Janus Finnegan, another earthling, now known as Kickaha. Wolff's journey to find Jadawin, the Lord of this world, will lead to answers about his own identity and determine his fate. Wolff and Kickaha will face off against feuding Lords who hold the power to control private worlds of their own design and the depraved Bellers. Devices originally created in the biolabs of the Lords, the Bellers are now conscious entities waging war on the Lords and their "pocket universes." As they infiltrate the bodies of creatures throughout the World of Tiers and hunt down the Earth-born, the survival of all the worlds hinges upon the battle between the strangers from Earth and enemies disguised as their allies. This omnibus contains the author's preferred text, reprinted from the limited edition volumes published by Phantasia Press.

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Customer Reviews

The World of Tiers series is an outstanding bit of work that I have read again and again over the years. It is up there with the Roger Zelazny AMBER books in the pantheon on seminal fantasy works. You will not be disappointed by this series of books about cruel and insane makers of worlds jealously competing against their godlike kin. Highly recommended.

Any excellent author, and the story line is well written. The book was in perfect condition, and I'm enjoying reading this story. I am looking forward to purchasing the remaining books in this series

Farmer is up to his usual story telling. Enjoyable as is usual. Being a sci-fy fan I definitely have a prejudice for this kind of story.

Not too much really to say about the stories themselves. A reader either likes the series or he/she doesn't. If you haven't read any of Farmer's "World of Tiers" books yet, by all means be sure to read the first one first (Maker of Universes). A new reader will be lost in the plot otherwise. This particular volume (#2) consists of Farmer's 4th, 5th and 6th tales of Kickaha, Wolfe and the race of lords.

"Behind the Walls of Terra" is a well done story centering on Kickaha's return to earth to search for the last living beller and his friend Wolfe (Jadawin), tangling with earth's lord, Red Orc and an interloper. The second story, "The Lavalite World", drags and is probably the weakest of the series. Readers will want to go thru that one only because it's part of the collection. The last volume, "More than Fire" I cannot comment on at this time since I haven't read it yet. The set of stories by Farmer are imaginative, fast moving (for the most part) and handily available in the two paperback volumes. The book price, while not really cheap is not out of line for paperbacks sold today. Folks who enjoy tales of fantasy, other worlds or dimensions, and science fiction should pass many pleasant hours with the collection -- but read it in sequence to understand what's going on.** Recommended **~P~

Then you'll like this book. Maker of Universes is one of my all time favorite stories. I first read it in high school (1968) and have re-read it several times since. It has a quick hook to catch your interest in the beginning pages of the story, a fast moving/changing developing story and a somewhat of a surprise ending. This particular volume also contains two of Farmer's later related stories, though I don't know why the publisher didn't also include "The Lavalite World". These other two stories are also good, though not in the same class as the blueprint (Maker of Universes). Mr. Farmer does this a lot with his writing, manufacturing sequels after a successful sale. At any rate, this is a worthwhile collection, albeit incomplete, and will give you much reading enjoyment

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