

## INTRODUCTION

GARIN OF TAV and its sequel were written more years ago than I care to count now, among my first attempts at fantasy writing and when I was greatly influenced by A. Merritt. His books opened a whole new world of creative description to me and I tried to follow in his footsteps. Though I fear I have lagged quite a bit behind.

But the short stories with these two older novellettes are of a much later vintage. Their basic structure comes from very old folklore and they are laid in High Hallack, that western continent of Witch World. For these the research into many legends was quite detailed.

Thus this volume really spans almost thirty years of my writing time.

—Andy Norton