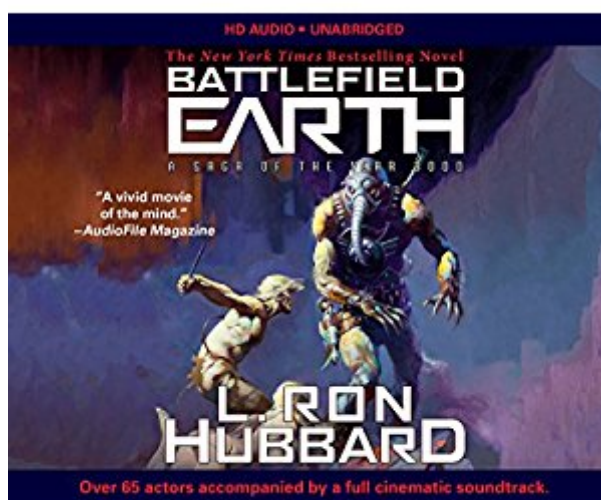


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Customer Reviews

Interesting to get a sense of Hubbard, considering that he created Scientology. The book is a little behind the times in Science fiction and a bit archaic. He had some good ideas and was a pretty smart guy. The book should hold your interest even though its' over a thousand pages. If you want to understand a little about what made Hubbard tick, its' a good read . As Sci-fi goes today not so much.

I recently finished "Battlefield Earth" and I thoroughly enjoyed it. This is the first book I've ever read by L. Ron Hubbard, and I have to admit I only knew of him regarding the "Dianetics" business. The setting is Earth, several centuries in the future, where we first meet a group of native Americans who live a very rural existence. The protagonist is "Johnny Goodboy Tyler". I don't want to say much more than that, for concern of spoiling the story. I went back and forth on what rating to give. In my opinion, there are several flaws. Nevertheless, the sheer scope of the concepts and the excellent ending was worth four stars.

Wow. I've read L. Ron Hubbard previously, but somehow this book got past me. I can't believe it. If I use the word epic, please know that I am NOT exaggerating. I'll concede, Hubbard was no Tolkien, but I cannot help but repeatedly make comparisons (in that epic sense) between Battlefield Earth and the LOTR books. The plot arcs are well constructed - you are led to expectation, and then a satisfying resolution. But, more and more often, I found myself anticipating the resolution, looking to my Kindle app and thinking... "What? How can I ONLY be 30% of the way through?" This book is something I realized I've missed: a 1000 (or more) page book where you actually WANT to read to the end. As a heavy Kindle reader, I've become accustomed to the mini-bite books that Kindle authors churn out, much like the serial novels of the 19th century. I began reading Battlefield Earth in preparation for reading through it with my boys this winter as part of our schoolwork. It didn't take long before I was reading for my own pleasure. Love the characterization, love the speculation on the future of mankind, love the metaphors of how current practices may be impacting humanity right now. I KNOW my boys are going to love the story, and as a homeschooling mom, I am just LOVING

all the teachable moments I'm finding through the book. Edited to add two things: First, I purchased the Kindle edition of this book to read, and I also purchased the Audible version to listen to on a car trip. Later, the publisher sent me a trade paperback version for review purposes on my blog. I wrote this review PRIOR to receiving the hard copy, but I'm still putting this disclaimer in the interests of full disclosure. Second, since I posted this, my oldest son started reading *Battlefield Earth* at my suggestion. He is carrying his Kindle *everywhere* so he can continue to read at any given moment of free time. What really surprised me, though, was finding out that my two younger sons (11 and 9) have ALSO started reading the book. Apparently (it happens), I sent the book to all of their Kindles (sometimes I send files to the wrong Kindle, sometimes I do it on purpose and forget... this isn't a new thing in and of itself). One of my sons is just not really a reader. Reading for recreational purposes is simply not his go-to. But, he had started listening to the audiobook on our car trip, and decided he wasn't waiting for the rest of the story.

My God this is the best book ever. I heard the presidential candidate Mitt Romney say this was his all-time favorite story. This thing goes and goes and you will never be anything but glued to your seat. I will never forget the characters and the science/inventions etc. are totally realistic and stay in the background as flavor to real characterizations. Where Mr. Hubbard got the ideas for this I can't imagine. Just when you think it is going one way it goes another. WOW!!!

The audio book *Battlefield Earth* by L. Ron Hubbard is really a great adventure. The story is amazing and the sound effects are really giving you the impression to be right there on the scene. One can almost see the scenery and the Hero Jonnie Goodboy Tylor fighting the huge monster Terl, a thoroughly corrupt and seemingly invincible guy. The narrators speak a very clear English that is easy to follow even if English is not your native language. It is pure entertainment but also shows the horrible potential of intelligent life against which only extremely clever and courageous heroes can fight and may be win.

I am almost done with the book, and have found it to be terrifically entertaining. It's action-packed, with the main characters very well-developed, great characters throughout, and an excellent plot. At the same time it's a very intricate story that would require a 10-part or 12-part mini-series to do the story justice, and I sincerely hope that such a mini-series can be created at some point in the future. I love the overall message of courage and the willingness to fight back against enormous odds. Very highly recommended, and I look forward to reading it again once I've finished.

Hubbard best work outside of his religion. The work is very well written and well paced. Much much better than the movie.

I am not real big on Ron Hubbard but I read this as a young adult and even though it was so long of a book that it is exhausting to read I did like it. It is a good sci fi story with lots of action, as in a lot of books you have to suspend judgement at times and just enjoy the story.

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