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“The old vine swinger is one of a handful of fictional characters to rank a biography. Such books give the authors the opportunity to expound on the characters, providing background, side stories, and updates not offered by their creator. Farmer’s 1972 volume borrows from Edgar Rice Burroughs but also adds to the legend by tracing Tarzan’s lineage . . . and extends his exploits beyond the African jungle as an RAF pilot in World War II. Great fun.”—*Library Journal, Classic Returns*
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(*Green Man Review*)

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Philip José Farmer has had a long and illustrious career in science fiction, winning three Hugo awards, the World Fantasy Lifetime Achievement award, and the Nebula Grand Master award. Mike Resnick is the winner of five Hugo Awards and a Nebula Award. His novels include *Santiago*, *Kirinyaga*, the *Widowmaker* series, and *Ivory*. Win Scott Eckert is the editor and author of *Myths for the Modern Age: Philip José Farmer’s Wold Newton Universe* and the editor of the Web site *An Expansion of Philip José Farmer’s Wold Newton Universe*.

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