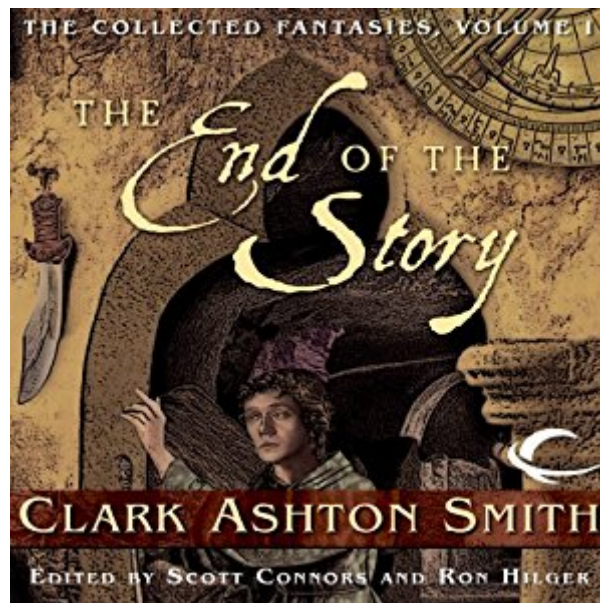




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and allow you to read a LOT of GREAT stories by an amazing writer.

Very recommended, so descriptive, yet fluid writing. Poetic style with a fast pace, wish I could write like him. FANTASTIC!

Excellent collection. I'm looking forward to the rest of the series.

Though Ive long considered myself a fan of pulp era fiction, Ive increasingly realized how limited my experience among the true pulp masters really was. Somehow I had never heard of Clark Ashton Smith untill just a few months ago when I first noticed this series. I was so impressed at the scholarship, time and quality that went into producing it, much like the recent Robert E Howard collections, that I was sure the stories within must be worthwhile. "Worthwhile" was a complete underestimation of Smith's fiction. I devoured this volume in two days, and will no doubt have re read it fully by the time Volume 2 arrives. I have the rest of this series on order and I can not wait to become even more lost in Mr Smith's wierd fantastical imagination.

This apparently is book one of the collected works of Clark Ashton Smith. I'm familiar with some of his works having read them in small anthologies years ago but this is the full collection spanning the four or five books. It's nice to have all of his works in print and in chronological order so the reader can see how, as he continued writing, his style would mature over the years. A collection well worth having for those interested in weird and horror fiction that has a hint of Lovecraft wafting through it's pages.

He was one of H. P. Lovecraft's crowd of "horror story" writers. What I find interesting is that his stories, while written in that stilted style and not lacking some elements of fear, sometimes end up touching or wistful instead of just horrible.

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