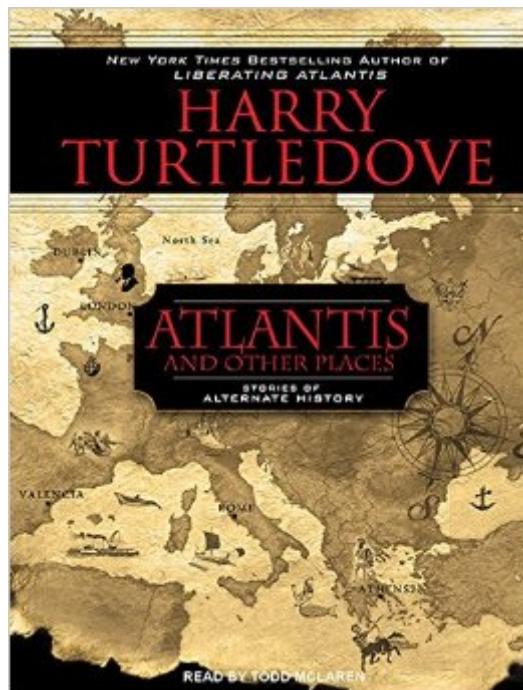


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Synopsis

A famous naturalist seeks a near-extinct species of bird found only on the rarest of lands in "Audubon in Atlantis." A young American on a European holiday finds himself storming an enchanted German castle in "The Catcher in the Rhine." The philosopher Sokrates plays a key role in the Athenian victory over the Spartans in "The Daimon." Centaurs take a sea voyage aboard "The Horse of Bronze" to a land where they encounter a strange and frightening tribe of creatures known as man. London's most famous detective, Athelstan Helms, and his assistant, Dr. James Walton, are in Atlantis investigating a series of murders in "The Scarlet Band." Atlantis and Other Places includes these and seven more amazing stories of ancient eras, historical figures, mysterious events, and out-of-this-world adventure from the incomparable Harry Turtledove. Track List for Atlantis and Other Places: Disc 1 "Audubon in Atlantis"â "Track 1 Disc 3 "Bedfellows"â "Track 1 "News from the Front"â "Track 5 Disc 4 "The Catcher in the Rhine"â "Track 4 "The Daimon"â "Track 18 Disc 6 "Farmers' Law"â "Track 22 Disc 7 "Occupation Duty"â "Track 10 "The Horse of Bronze"â "Track 22 Disc 9 "The Genetics Lecture"â "Track 20 "Someone Is Stealing the Great Throne Rooms of the Galaxy"â "Track 22 Disc 10 "Uncle Alf"â "Track 5 Disc 11 "The Scarlet Band"â "Track 1

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Customer Reviews

If you are into alternative history but have not previously read the twelve short stories and novellas in this collection you will probably really enjoy at least some of them. However, you may find it wise to check before buying which of them you have already seen. The stories in this anthology and

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Atlantis and Other Places (2010) is a collection of Alternate History stories. It contains twelve tales, with short introductions by the author. - "Audubon in Atlantis" (Analog, 2005) takes the painter into the backwoods to capture the likeness of a rapidly disappearing species. - "Bedfellow" (F&SF, 2005) examines the unlikely relationship between a past president and a terrorist. - "News From the Front" (Asimov's, 2007) illustrates the adage "loose lips sink ships" by showing how World War II might have gone with the current media approach. - "The Catcher in the Rhine" (The Chick Is in the Mail, 2000) puts the main proponent into an awkward position. - "The Daimon" (Worlds That Weren't, 2002) examines the possibilities of Socrates traveling to Sicily in the band led by Alkibiades. - "Farmers Law" (Crime Through Time, 2000) considers a murder case in rural Byzantine Rome. - "Occupation Duty" (Time Twisters, 2007) describes a conflict within the Middle East in another timeline. - "The Horse of Bronze" (The First Heroes, 2004) follows a troop of centaurs to the Tin Isles. - "The Genetics Lecture" (Analog, 2005) explains the genetic basis for intelligence. - "Someone Is Stealing the Great Throne Rooms of the Galaxy" (Space Cadets, 2006) involves an intelligent, but pun loving, hamster space cadet chasing a group of thieves. - "Uncle Alf" (Analog, 2002) presents an ardent military policeman with the twin problems of an agent of sedition and languid associates. He writes several letters to his beloved niece. - "The Scarlet Band" (Analog, 2006) brings a noted London private detective and his faithful companion to Atlantis to assist the local police.

Tantor audioRead by Todd McLaren14.5 hoursCalled a "Master of Alternate History" by Publishers Weekly, Harry Turtledove continues on that track with a set of 12 short stories. Topics and eras range from pre-history to the Peloponnesian War to the Byzantine Empire to World War II and two stories set in modern times. All of these stories have appeared in other publications. This collection begins and ends with two stories about Atlantis, a topic he has explored more deeply in a trilogy.

"Audubon in Atlantis" is the first story that Turtledove published about Atlantis. The famed 19th century naturalist John James Audubon has traveled to Atlantis to catalog some of its unique wildlife. Turtledove introduces his alternate world, including basics of the history of Atlantis and he introduces the House of Universal Devotion, a religion that is most analogous to the Mormon Church in regular history. Turtledove's focus on laying down the ground rules for makes the first half of the story a bit tiresome. It does pick up once Audubon is in the field. The last story, "The Scarlet Band" is chronologically Turtledove's last story about Atlantis. In the story, Athelstan Helms and Dr. James Walton, the world famous detective duo (modeled after Holmes and Watson), are summoned to Atlantis to investigate a series of murders of prominent citizens who have been openly critical of the House of Universal Devotion. It is a fine ending to the collection, even if the murder is a bit too easily solved. As in any collection, the quality varies. "Bedfellows" is a tiresome story once the gimmick is understood in the first minute, but it goes on for another 10 minutes.

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