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Atlan Besieged

In her quest to save the fabled Atlan, young Cija and her handsome lover, Smahil, flee the clutches of Zerd, the evil half-serpent who has conquered half the world.

But, too late, they find there is no escape from their enemy--Zerd's army covers the land from hill to valley; all beings are swept along or destroyed; all cities are laid open to the plunder of his warriors.

Now Cija must do the impossible. She must thwart Zerd's ravenous scheme of conquest--and it is the gods' decree that she must do it alone!

Part Two of the book originally published as [The Serpent](#).

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Ikonopeiston says

My favourite of the three Atlan books I have read. Subtly sexual.

Lisa (Harmonybites) says

Take Edgar Rice Burrough's *Tarzan*, H. Rider Haggard's *Lost Civilizations* and John Norman's *Gor* and as your heroine a princess raised to believe she's divine and men are extinct and you have the world of the *Atlan Saga*. This book, *The Dragon* isn't so much a sequel to the first book, *The Serpent*, as the second half--they were designed to be one book. Cija, who can be, well stupid (but almost forgivable given her background) does grow on you, which given these are supposed to be her diaries is important. Sometimes I'm embarrassed to admit I've read these, let alone these are favorites that have been on my bookshelves since my teens, but there you are. Addictive like crack. Or just crack pot.

Chris Duval says

My review for this is included in my review of 'The Serpent.'

Esai Torres says

This is the first novel I read of the Atlan Saga. I kinda didn't know what was going on at first but slowly I was able to pick it up. The main character Cija was someone I didn't mind following around. Honestly I thought at first this was a fantasy romance novel but slowly I found adventure and daring escapes. Sometimes you find yourself hoping tragedy doesn't struck but soon it does. Eye popping random events occur and leave you questioning your judgement on assumptions. In a way I fell in love with the main character, she pushed and pushed and yet sometimes gave in but always rose and continued pushing onward. The final chapters is where you really get down to business. Traveling to Atlan was a fun and dark journey and Atlan itself, when first arriving there was an awesome and sad event. I don't regret starting this saga on book two, but obviously I will read the first one and continue this journey.

Andy says

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Richard Anderson says

Trashy, but some diverting patches.
