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In novels like *Mars*, and *Moonbase*, and *Venus*, *Jupiter*, and *Saturn*, as well as *Privateers*, *The Precipice*, and *The Rock Rats*, Ben Bova has been telling the stories of the wars and rivalries, the outsize individuals, public crusades, and private passions that will drive us as we expand into the Solar System and make use of its vast resources. And throughout, Bova has shown our cosmic neighborhood as we know it to be, giving us a sense of Venus and Jupiter and the Asteroid Belt and Mars that's as up-to-date as the latest observations. For the last two decades have been a golden age of near-Earth astronomy and observation, and Bova has made dramatic use of our newest knowledge.

Bova has written short fiction about some of the same characters and events--Sam Gunn, Martin Humphries, Klaus Fuchs, Dan Randolph, the Asteroid Wars. Now, in *Tales of the Grand Tour*, those stories are collected in book form for the first time, creating a volume that is a landmark of modern SF.

Tales of the Grand Tour Details

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Grant says

An interesting combination of short stories and excerpts from some of Bova's novels. The former are more exciting than the latter, but if one is not already familiar with the Grand Tour novels, or if one hasn't read some of them for a while, the excerpts are fun, too.

Kathy Sebesta says

Audiobook. Ho hum. Very mediocre, killed some time in the car.

DaughterDaDa says

Pretty good stories about exploration of the solar system.

Laurie says

Fine on its own, however if you have read the books in the Grand Tour series you have probably read most of this as well. The excerpts taken from novels are the bulk of the material here, but I liked the few short stories just fine.

George says

Interesting combination of short stories and excerpts from some of Bova's novels. Some of the stories are excerpted from novels, but they hold up on their own. Recycled from the Grand Tour books...."Nothing to see here, move along."

David Bent says

Recycled from the Grand Tour books. Disappointing especially if you've read most of the series. Nothing new here.
