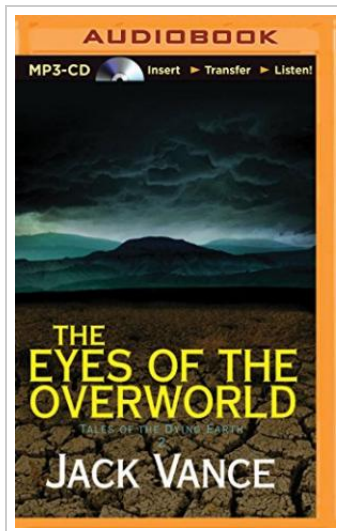




The Eyes of the Overworld

By Jack Vance

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