

Story	Author	Published	Chronological Notes
The Hyborian Age (essay)	Howard	1936	Essay. Out of chronology.
Cimmeria (poem)	Howard	1965	Poem. Out of chronology.
Conan of Cimmeria			
The Front-Giant's Daughter	Howard	1953	Some chronologies put this story much later in the chronology. I think it fits best first. This is the first of Conan's stories with the Aesir.
Legions of the Dead	de Camp & Carter	1978	Conan is still with the Aesir and is sold into slavery in Hyperborea.
The Thing in the Crypt	de Camp & Carter	1967	Conan escapes the Hyperborean slavers. He heads south through a mountain pass into the Hyborian kingdoms for the first time.
Conan the Thief			
The God in the Bowl	Howard & de Camp	1952	First mention of Thoth-Amon. I originally had this one after "The Hall of the Dead," but I've decided it should be the first thief story.
Rogues in the House	Howard	1934	I've moved this one earlier than I originally had it. Conan is moving east from Numalia to Corinthia.
The Tower of the Elephant	Howard	1933	This is traditionally placed as the first story of Conan's thief period, in Zamora. Instead, I've moved it back to where Conan is coming east from Corinthia.
<i>Conan and the Sorcerer</i>	Offutt	1978	Added just as a fun bonus. Explicitly takes place in Zamora after "The Tower of the Elephant."
The Hall of the Dead	Howard & de Camp	1967	Conan moves south from Zamora to Shadizar.
Conan the Mercenary			
The Hand of Nergal	Howard & Carter	1967	The first story of Conan's Turanian mercenary period. Conan is notably dressed the same as all the thief stories.
The City of Skulls	de Camp & Carter	1967	Conan passes the Vilayet Sea for the first time.
The People of the Summit	Nyberg & de Camp	1970	Conan is slowly making his way back west after escaping the city of Shumballah.
The Curse of the Monolith (aka "Conan and the Cenotaph")	de Camp & Carter	1968	The last story of Conan's mercenary career with the Turanians takes him to Khitai, after which he returns west.
The Blood-Stained God	Howard & de Camp	1955	Conan spends a brief period back in Zamora with much experience under his belt from his days thieving and now as a mercenary.

The Lair of the Ice Worm	de Camp & Carter	1969	Conan continues to move west toward the coast of the Western Ocean.
Conan the Privateer			
Queen of the Black Coast	Howard	1934	Introduces Belit. Takes Conan from Argos to the Black Kingdoms.
The Vale of Lost Women	Howard	1967	Conan is still in the Black Kingdoms. He is solo after the defeat of the corsairs on the <i>Tigress</i> .
The Castle of Terror	de Camp & Carter	1969	Now on the plains of Kush, Conan is still alone.
The Snout in the Dark	Howard, de Camp, & Carter	1969	After stealing a Stygian horse, Conan makes it to Meroe, in Kush.
Hawks Over Shem	Howard & de Camp	1955	Conan moves north to Asgalun, Shem, where he begins to command for the first time.
Black Colossus	Howard	1933	Conan takes on his first major command role in Khoraja.
Shadows in the Dark	de Camp & Carter	1978	Conan departs the service of the Khorajan crown.
Conan the Raider			
Shadows in the Moonlight (aka "Iron Shadows in the Moon")	Howard	1934	The first kozaki raider story in the Vilayet Sea. Begins Conan's second pirate period with the Red Brotherhood.
The Road of the Eagles (aka "Conan, Man of Destiny")	de Camp & Howard	1955	Conan continues to pillage with raiding parties, including the Red Brotherhood.
A Witch Shall Be Born	Howard	1934	Introduces Olgerd Vladislav. Conan works with the zuagir raiders in the desert.
Black Tears	de Camp & Carter	1968	A direct sequel to "A Witch Shall Be Born."
Shadows in Zamboula (aka "The Man-Eaters of Zamboula")	Howard	1935	Conan is recognized as and works with the zuagirs.
The Star of Khorala	Nyberg & de Camp	1978	The last of the kozaki stories. A direct sequel to "Shadows in Zamboula."
Conan the Commander			
The Slithering Shadow (aka "Xuthal of the Dusk")	Howard	1933	Moved up to precede "The Devil in Iron." The beginning of Conan's military commander stint, which is not very dissimilar from his kozak stories. Conan appears slightly more in charge and slightly more well-equipped in these.
Drums of Tombalku (fragment)	Howard	1966	Moved up to precede "The Devil in Iron."

The Devil in Iron	Howard	1934	I've gone back on my original idea of moving this story up by "Shadows in the Moonlight." Because it mentions "Xuthal," it needs to come after "Slithering Shadow."
<i>The Flame Knife</i>	Howard & de Camp	1955	Conan continues to command raiding parties, including against other raiders led by Olgerd Vladislav.
The People of the Black Circle	Howard	1934	The last of Conan's commander period, far east in Vendhya.
Conan the Buccaneer			
The Gem in the Tower	de Camp & Carter	1978	First of the Bacharan pirate stories. Conan has now been a pirate three times, this time returning to the Western Ocean.
The Pool of the Black One	Howard	1933	Another explicit Barachan pirate story.
<i>Conan the Buccaneer</i>	de Camp & Carter	1971	Explicitly takes place about one year after "The Pool of the Black One."
Red Nails	Howard	1936	Conan notes verbally that he was a kozak before he was a pirate.
Jewels of Gwahlur (aka "The Servants of Bit-Yakin," "Teeth of Gwahlur")	Howard	1935	While not with a pirate ship, Conan is "late of the Baracha Isles."
The Ivory Goddess	de Camp & Carter	1978	A direct sequel to "Jewels of Gwahlur."
Conan of Aquilonia			
Beyond the Black River	Howard	1935	First story of Conan's period in Aquilonia, working as a scout in Conajohara.
Moon of Blood	de Camp & Carter	1978	A direct sequel to "Beyond the Black River."
The Treasure of Tranicos (aka "The Black Stranger")	Howard	1953	Conan is even more experienced fighting the Picts. He has grown to become clever, strategizing, and charming.
Wolves Beyond the Border (fragment)	Howard & de Camp	1967	Conan does not appear. Takes place during Conan's fight for the kingship of Aquilonia.
<i>Conan the Liberator</i>	de Camp & Carter	1979	Added just as a fun bonus. Details Conan's campaign for Aquilonian conquest.
King Conan			
The Phoenix on the Sword	Howard	1932	First story in which Conan is king of Aquilonia.
The Scarlet Citadel	Howard	1933	Conan's first major war as king.
<i>The Hour of the Dragon</i> (aka "Conan the	Howard	1935-36	Last Howard-written story chronologically.

Conqueror")			
<i>The Return of Conan</i>	Nyberg & de Camp	1957	Takes place one year after <i>The Hour of the Dragon</i> , about four years after "The Scarlet Citadel."
Old Man Conan			
The Witch of the Mists	de Camp & Carter	1972	First story of Conan's elder life. Introduces his son Conn.
Black Sphinx of Nebthu	de Camp & Carter	1973	Conan moves south against Thoth-Amon, one year after "The Witch of the Mists."
Red Moon of Zembabwei	de Camp & Carter	1974	Conan continues to follow Thoth-Amon into Zembabwei.
Shadows in the Skull	de Camp & Carter	1975	Last story of Conan's elder life. Conan follows Thoth-Amon to the southernmost kingdoms on the continent.
Death-Song of Conan the Cimmerian (poem)	Carter	1972	Poem. Reflects on Conan's life and implies his death at the end.