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I Am in Fact a Hobbit - Perry C. Bramlett 2003

John Ronald Reuel Tolkien (1892-1973) was a brilliant writer who continues to leave his imaginative imprint on the mind and hearts of readers. He was once called the "creative equivalent of a people," and for more than sixty years his Middle-earth tales have captivated and delighted readers of all ages from all

over the world. The Hobbit has long been recognized as a children's fantasy classic, and the heroic romance the Lord of the Rings has been called the most influential story of all time. These stories have sold over 150 million copies worldwide and have been translated into over forty languages, and they, along with works such as the Silmarillion and the History of

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Middle-Earth, have convinced scores of readers and critics that Tolkien is the master writer of fantasy. Whether you've been a fan for years or you've just recently been hooked by the blockbuster Lord of the Rings movies, "I Am in Fact a Hobbit" is an excellent starting point into the life and work of J. R. R. Tolkien. Book jacket.

The Nicaraguan Academic Journal - 2002

The Lord of the Rings and Philosophy - Gregory Bassham
2013-11-13

The Lord of the Rings is intended to be applicable to the real world of relationships, religion, pleasure, pain, and politics. Tolkien himself said that his grand tale of wizards, orcs, hobbits, and elves was aimed at truth and good morals in the actual world. Analysis of the popular appeal of The Lord of the Rings (on websites and elsewhere) shows that Tolkien fans are hungry for discussion of the urgent moral and cosmological issues arising out of this fantastic epic story. Can

political power be wielded for good, or must it always corrupt? Does technology destroy the truly human? Is it morally wrong to give up hope? Can we find meaning in chance events? In *The Lord of the Rings and Philosophy*, seventeen young philosophy professors, all of them ardent Tolkien fans and most of them contributors to the four earlier volumes in the Popular Culture and Philosophy series, address some of these important issues and show how clues to their solutions may be found in the imaginary world of Middle-earth. The book is divided into five sections, concerned with Power and the Ring, the Quest for Happiness, Good and Evil in Middle-earth, Time and Mortality, and the Relevance

The Encyclopedia of Fantasy - John Clute 1999-03-15
Contains more than four thousand entries touching on all aspects of fantasy literature, movies, and art

Tolkien's Failed Quest - E.

Michael Jones 2017-06

Tolkien got the main symbols in *The Hobbit* from Richard

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Wagner's Ring cycle, but he was testy and sensitive whenever Wagner's name was mentioned. The problem was Wagner's anti-Semitism. The English had a long history of philo-Semitism that did not mesh with Wagner's views, leading to an artistic conflict that Tolkien could not resolve, and ultimately to an incoherent book. In purging Wagner's symbols of their anti-Semitism, Tolkien purged them of their meaning as well, for the real issue in Wagner's *Das Rheingold* is capitalism, not anti-Semitism. And if Capitalism is the real issue, England must be the villain, which is unacceptable to Tolkien, an English patriot. Once rearranged to suit English sensibilities, though, those symbols lose their power, meaning, and coherence. After reading renowned cultural critic E. Michael Jones's intellectual tour de force, you'll never view Tolkien's saga the same.

The Two Towers - J.R.R.

Tolkien 1986-08-12

The middle novel in *The Lord*

of the Rings—the greatest fantasy epic of all time—which began in *The Fellowship of the Ring*, and which reaches its magnificent climax in *The Return of the King*. Nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's *The Great American Read* *The Fellowship* is scattered. Some brace hopelessly for war against the ancient evil of Sauron. Others must contend with the treachery of the wizard Saruman. Only Frodo and Sam are left to take the One Ring, ruler of the accursed Rings of Power, to be destroyed in Mordor, the dark realm where Sauron is supreme. Their guide is Gollum, deceitful and obsessive slave to the corruption of the Ring.

A Quest of Her Own - Lori M. Campbell 2014-07-24

This collection of new essays seeks to define the unique qualities of female heroism in literary fantasy from Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* in the 1950s through the present. Building upon traditional definitions of the hero in myth and folklore as the root genres

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of modern fantasy, the essays provide a multi-faceted view of an important fantasy character type who begins to demonstrate a significant presence only in the latter 20th century. The essays contribute to the empowerment and development of the female hero as an archetype in her own right.

Logos Rising - E. Michael Jones 2020-03-15

A Companion to J. R. R. Tolkien - Stuart D. Lee 2022-07-21

The new edition of the definitive academic companion to Tolkien's life and literature *A Companion to J. R. R. Tolkien* provides readers with an in-depth examination of the author's life and works, covering Tolkien's fiction and mythology, his academic writing, and his continuing impact on contemporary literature and culture.

Presenting forty-one essays by a panel of leading scholars, the Companion analyzes prevailing themes found in *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*, posthumous publications such

as *The Silmarillion* and *The Fall of Arthur*, lesser-known fiction and poetry, literary essays, and more. This second edition of the Companion remains the most complete and up-to-date resource of its kind, encompassing new Tolkien publications, original scholarship, *The Hobbit* film adaptations, and the biographical drama *Tolkien*. Five entirely new essays discuss the history of fantasy literature, the influence of classical mythology on Tolkien, folklore and fairytales, diversity, and Tolkien fandom. This Companion also: Explores Tolkien's impact on art, film, music, gaming, and later generations of fantasy fiction writers Discusses themes such as mythmaking, medieval languages, nature, war, religion, and the defeat of evil Presents a detailed overview of Tolkien's legendarium, including Middle-earth mythology and invented languages and writing systems Includes a brief chronology of Tolkien's works and life, further reading suggestions,

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and end-of-chapter bibliographies A Companion to J. R. R. Tolkien, Second Edition is essential reading for anyone formally studying or teaching Tolkien in academic settings, and an invaluable resource for general readers with interest in Tolkien's works or fans of the films wanting to discover more.

Celebrating Middle-Earth -

John G. West 2002

"An examination of the writings of J.R.R. Tolkien as a defense of the literary, philosophical, political, and religious foundations of Western society"--Half t.p.

Arthurian Literature XI -

Richard Barber 1992

The vital index to all previous volumes, I-X; plus new research. Epitomises what is best in Arthurian scholarship today. ZEITSCHRIFT FUR ROMANISCHE PHILOLOGIE Arthurian Literature is now established as a leading publication for research articles of monograph length on subjects of perennial interest to Arthurians. The Index to the first ten volumes, representing the years

1980-1990, will be warmly welcomed by Arthurians and other scholars with an interest in medieval and later literature. Additionally an extended biographical essay by JANET GRAYSON draws together material relating to the life and work of Jessie Weston, who, largely working outside the mainstream of scholarly tradition, exercised a powerful influence on Arthurian studies. The regular Update feature catalogues Arthurian legend in the fine and applied art of the 19th and early 20th centuries, contributed by ROGER SIMPSON.

Quest for Middle-earth - Dirk Vander Ploeg 2007

In the Quest for Middle-earth he suggests that The Lord of the Rings may be more than an imaginary tale set thousands of years in the past in a place called Middle-earth! What if J.R.R. Tolkien weaved his fictional characters into a tapestry created from the secret knowledge of earth's ancient history?" Is there historical and archaeological

evidence that supports this position and was any of this knowledge known to Tolkien? Recent discoveries in Iraq (ancient Sumer, Babylon), Greece and Finland confirm the possibility that intelligent creatures once lived and worked alongside man. There are clues that point to the fact, that as a race, we were the labor force required to serve superior beings - Gods - to create their vision of heaven on earth. Discover the truth about the Sang Real (Royal Blood), Rennes-la-Chateau and the Templar Knights!

J.R.R. Tolkien - Peter Hunt
2013-10-01

J.R.R. Tolkien is arguably the most influential and popular of all fantasy writers. Although his position and status have long been controversial, his popularity has not faded. His best-loved works, *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*, have sold millions of copies around the world and continue to enthrall readers young and old. This lively collection of original essays examines *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the*

Rings in the light of children's literature theory and approaches, as well as from adult and fantasy literature perspectives. Exploring issues such as gender, language, worldbuilding, and ecocriticism, the volume also places Tolkien's works in the context of a range of visual media, including Peter Jackson's film adaptations.

Tolkien and Wagner -

Christopher MacLachlan 2012
Tolkien famously rejected comparison of his Ring with Wagner's, though there is good evidence that Tolkien knew much more about *Der Ring des Nibelungen* than he let on after the publication of *The Lord of the Rings*. Analysis of that work from a Wagnerian point of view enables consideration of it in a new way. By exploring the parallels between Wagner's Ring and Tolkien's, a fresh interpretation of Tolkien's work emerges, one that hinges on associating Gandalf with Wotan. Like Wagner's god, Gandalf has to find a way of solving the problems posed by the Ring and like Wotan he

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cannot succeed without other people. When the plots of The Lord of the Rings (and The Hobbit) are examined in this way it becomes apparent how much they owe to Wagner's music-drama, and the role of Gandalf is opened to new explanation.

THE HERO PARADIGM IN FANTASY NOVELS - ELIANA

IONOAI 2020-01-01

Cartea The Hero Paradigm in Fantasy Novels este una interdisciplinară și se înscrie în perimetrul studiilor culturale literare, cu descinderi în mitologie, antropologie culturală, și studiile filmului. Tipologia eroului este analizată așa cum apare în mitologie și basm, înainte de a fi investigate romanele fantastice scrise de J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis și J.K. Rowling, romane de secol XX ale căror rădăcini se regăsesc în cele două genuri precedente ale modului literaturii fantastice. Aceleași romane au fost ecranizate, trecând din modul lecturii în cel al vizualului și chiar în cel al virtualului (al jocurilor video/pe computer). Cartea

argumentează că eroii par să se afle în cădere liberă de-a lungul secolelor, ajungându-se la o epocă posteroică în secolul al XX-lea. Însă literatura fantastică și filmele bazate pe astfel de romane par să înlocuiască mitologia și eroismul tipic acesteia, reușind să insufle un nou interes în paradigma eroică.

Wisdom from Pooh Corner, Alice's Looking Glass, and Other Unlikely Places -

Harrison Grey, PhD 2018-06-19

Wisdom from Pooh Corner, Alice's Looking Glass, and Other Unlikely Places is a book for adults who like to think deep thoughts but still enjoy the stories of their youth. It digs down into some wonderful and well known stories, children's stories, and myths to unearth wisdom lessons buried within them. We mightn't think to look for messages about spiritual friendship in Winnie-the-Pooh, about self-confidence in The Wizard of Oz, or about discouragement in Tolstoy's The Tired Swan, but there they are nevertheless, just waiting for a little imagination on our

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part. So come along with me and let's take a look. You'll enjoy revisiting these lovely old stories and may just learn a few things along the way, things you hadn't realized were tucked away in there!

Tolkien's Theology of

Beauty - Lisa Coutras

2016-08-03

In this book, Lisa Coutras explores the structure and complexity of J.R.R. Tolkien's narrative theology, synthesizing his Christian worldview with his creative imagination. She illustrates how, within the framework of a theological aesthetics, transcendental beauty is the unifying principle that integrates all aspects of Tolkien's writing, from pagan despair to Christian joy. J.R.R. Tolkien's Christianity is often held in an unsteady tension with the pagan despair of his mythic world. Some critics portray these as incompatible, while Christian analysis tends to oversimplify the presence of religious symbolism. This polarity of opinion testifies to the need for a unifying

interpretive lens. The fact that Tolkien saw his own writing as "religious" and "Catholic," yet was preoccupied with pagan mythology, nature, language, and evil, suggests that these areas were wholly integrated with his Christian worldview. Tolkien's Theology of Beauty examines six structural elements, demonstrating that the author's Christianity is deeply embedded in the narrative framework of his creative imagination.

Creation and Beauty in Tolkien's Catholic Vision -

Michael John Halsall

2020-01-02

This book invites readers into Tolkien's world through the lens of a variety of philosophers, all of whom owe a rich debt to the Neoplatonic philosophical tradition. It places Tolkien's mythology against a wider backdrop of Catholic philosophy and asks serious questions about the nature of creation, the nature of God, what it means to be good, and the problem of evil. Halsall sets Tolkien alongside both his contemporaries and

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ancient authors, revealing his careful use of literary devices inspired by them to craft his own "mythology for England."

The Transcendent Vision of Mythopoeic Fantasy - David

S. Hogsette 2022-07-21

An ever-expanding critical library on fantasy fiction requires an analysis of why the genre is so ubiquitous, enduring and beloved. This work analyzes the mythic elements in foundational fantasy texts, arguing that mythopoeic fantasy reveals timeless truths that link human cultures past and present. Through close readings of works like Phantastes, The King of Elfland's Daughter, The Fellowship of the Ring, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, A Wizard of Earthsea, The Neverending Story, A Wrinkle in Time and Out of the Silent Planet, this book explores how mythopoeic fantasy speaks to the deepest concerns of the human heart. It investigates the genre's use of an imagination that is sometimes atrophied by the demands of contemporary life,

and explores how fantasy provides restoration, consolation and hope within a cultural context that too often decries such ideas. Each chapter focuses on a representative text, providing author background and engaging relevant scholarship on a variety of relevant thematic issues. Offering new insights on these classic texts by drawing upon post-secular critical approaches, this work is suitable for both new and seasoned students of fantasy.

Dissertation Abstracts International - 1984

Tolkien's Heroic Quest -

Robert Rorabeck 2008

TOLKIEN'S HEROIC QUEST

J.R.R. Tolkien was above all else a philologist, a scholarly and expert on the Anglo-Saxon corpus of poetry. Yet, it is not Tolkien's scholarly work which he is primarily remembered for, but his mainstream success with *The Hobbit* and to an even greater extent *The Lord of The Rings*. In actuality, Tolkien's scholarly analysis and Tolkien's fiction and creations in the

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realm of faerie are not independent endeavors; there is an intrinsic connection between his two realms of writing: Tolkien's creative works owe a great debt to his insight into the areas of scholarly study, specifically within his observations on the poem *The Battle of Maldon* and the Middle English poem, *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*. Not only does Tolkien bring the literary flavor of these works into his fictional creation, allowing his reader to transcend his time and inhabit a pseudo-era like but much unlike the world of the Anglo-Saxon poems, Tolkien also applies to his creative work his observations ofofermod within *The Battle of Maldon* and the social/ moral distinction which he interprets within *Sir Gawain and the Green*. The encompassing claim of this study is that J.R.R. Tolkien operated as a social critic through his fictional writing, and that Tolkien's developing social criticism has its roots in his critical interpretations of *The Battle of Maldon* and *Sir*

Gawain and the Green Knight. Tolkien was primarily concerned with the elevation of man-made social systems over a divine and moral law, and he worked to deconstruct such systems as dangerous and flawed ideology that would inevitably lead to the downfall of man. Tolkien's specific interpretations on the corpus of his study reflect directly back upon the heroics and social mechanics he creates for his fictional realm of Middle-earth. This claim is intended to underline the important relationship between Tolkien's scholarly study and creative endeavor in a way which has not yet been fully developed within the literary criticism on Tolkien.

Counsel and Strategy in Middle English Romance - Geraldine Barnes 1993

Barnes contends that 'rule by counsel' is central to the ethos of Middle English romance. By examining the development of Middle English romance against its background of 13th- and 14th-century royal-baronial conflict, this book assumes a

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new historical perspective. Friction between Plantagenet kings and dissident barons contributed to the development of the 'problem of counsel' both as an actuality and as a topos in the literature of the period. Rule by counsel, an ideal which informs medieval English government at every level, is, the author argues, central to the ethos of Middle English romance. The procedural formula of 'counsel and strategy' is tested against a number of romances: Ywain and Gawain, Havelok, Gamelyn, Athelston, a selection of nine romances from the Auchinleck manuscript, and Sir Gawain and the Green Knight. By selecting these narratives Geraldine Barnes is able to approach the question of counsel from a number of different angles. This is a book which will stimulate considerable interest among scholars of medieval literature.

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J.R.R. Tolkien 2012-02-15
Begin your journey into Middle-earth... The inspiration for the upcoming original series on Prime Video, *The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power*. The Fellowship of the Ring is the first part of J.R.R. Tolkien's epic adventure *The Lord of the Rings*. One Ring to rule them all, One Ring to find them, One Ring to bring them all and in the darkness bind them. Sauron, the Dark Lord, has gathered to him all the Rings of Power—the means by which he intends to rule Middle-earth. All he lacks in his plans for dominion is the One Ring—the ring that rules them all—which has fallen into the hands of the hobbit, Bilbo Baggins. In a sleepy village in the Shire, young Frodo Baggins finds himself faced with an immense task, as his elderly cousin Bilbo entrusts the Ring to his care. Frodo must leave his home and make a perilous journey across Middle-earth to the Cracks of Doom, there to destroy the Ring and foil the Dark Lord in his evil purpose.

J.R.R. Tolkien Encyclopedia -
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Michael D. C. Drout 2007
A detailed work of reference and scholarship, this one volume Encyclopedia includes discussions of all the fundamental issues in Tolkien scholarship written by the leading scholars in the field. Coverage not only presents the most recent scholarship on J.R.R. Tolkien, but also introduces and explores the author and scholar's life and work within their historical and cultural contexts. Tolkien's fiction and his sources of influence are examined along with his artistic and academic achievements - including his translations of medieval texts - teaching posts, linguistic works, and the languages he created. The 550 alphabetically arranged entries fall within the following categories of topics: adaptations art and illustrations characters in Tolkien's work critical history and scholarship influence of Tolkien languages biography literary sources literature creatures and peoples of Middle-earth objects in Tolkien's work places in

Tolkien's work reception of Tolkien medieval scholars scholarship by Tolkien medieval literature stylistic elements themes in Tolkien's works theological/philosophical concepts and philosophers Tolkien's contemporary history and culture works of literature
The Thomas Ligotti Reader - Darrell Schweitzer 2003-01-01
Ever since the first edition of Ligotti's "Songs of a Dead Dreamer" appeared in 1985, it was clear that here was an author of extraordinary brilliance. Now here is a book about him, a symposium of explorations and examinations of the Ligottian universe by leading critics.

The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Science Fiction and Fantasy - Gary Westfahl 2005

A comprehensive three-volume reference work offers six hundred entries, with the first two volumes covering themes and the third volume exploring two hundred classic works in literature, television, and film.

Picturing Tolkien - Janice M. Bogstad 2011-09-07

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This group of new critical essays offers multidisciplinary analysis of director Peter Jackson's spectacularly successful adaptations of J.R.R. Tolkien's Lord of the Rings trilogy: *The Fellowship of the Ring* (2001), *The Two Towers* (2002) and *The Return of the King* (2003). Part One of the collection, "Techniques of Structure and Story," compares and contrasts the organizational principles of the books and films. Part Two, "Techniques of Character and Culture," focuses on the methods used to transform the characters and settings of Tolkien's narrative into the personalities and places visualized on screen. Each of the sixteen essays includes extensive notes and a separate bibliography. Instructors considering this book for use in a course may request an examination copy [here](#).

An Unexpected Journal: The Worlds of Tolkien - C.M. Alvarez 2020-03-12

J.R.R. Tolkien was the British author who fired the imagination of a generation

with his beloved works: *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*. In this collection of essays, short stories, and poems, we explore the magic of Tolkien's works that defined high fantasy and illustrate the underlying Christian themes that are so essential to the joy his work brings. Contributors: C.M. Alvarez: "Melchizedek, Bombadil, and the Numinous in *The Lord of the Rings*," an essay on the parallels between the mysterious figures found in the Bible and *The Lord of the Rings* and what they represent. Donald W. Catchings, Jr.: "The Hero from Bagshot Row," a poem dedicated to the heroism of Sam in *The Lord of the Rings*. Annie Crawford: "Courage at the Crossroads" on how the journey of the Fellowship illustrates the truth of the Gospel message. S. Dorman: "The Common Good in Tolkien's Rural Communities," an essay on the importance of community drawing from illustrations in *The Lord of the Rings* by Tolkien and *In Search of the Common Good: Christian Fidelity in a Fractured World*

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by Jake Meador. Karise Gililand: "One Theme to Rule Them All," an essay on a collection of Catholic essays in Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*. Korine Martinez: "Awakening Joy," an essay on the Christ-inspired joy which infuses *The Lord of the Rings*. Seth Myers: "Tolkien and Miyazaki: Princess Mononoke and *The Lord of the Rings* in Conversation," an essay on the fight against evil in *The Lord of the Rings* by Tolkien and the animated film, *Princess Mononoke*. Annie Nardone: "Finishing Well," an essay on purpose as illustrated in "Leaf by Niggle;" "The Finished Work," a sonnet based on "Leaf by Niggle;" and "A Passage to Something Better," an essay on death in *The Lord of the Rings*. Josiah Peterson: "Supernatural Words" on the importance of language in the creation of Tolkien's Middle-earth. George Scondras: "Melkor and Illuvatar" on the Christian hope in *The Silmarillion*. Zak Schmoll: "The Beauty of a Growing Friendship," an essay on the importance of fellowship

and community illustrated in *The Lord of the Rings* and a book review on *An Encouraging Thought* Clark Weidner: "Tom Bombadil: The Value of an Enigma," an essay on the importance of mystery. Donald T. Williams: "Loth Lorien" and "To J.R.R. Tolkien, poems inspired by Tolkien's work. About An Unexpected Journal An Unexpected Journal is a quarterly publication that presents the truth of Christianity using reason and imagination. Spring 2020, Volume 3, Issue 1 [The Origins of Tolkien's Middle-earth For Dummies](#) - Greg Harvey 2011-04-27 J.R.R. Tolkien's novels of Middle-earth - *The Hobbit*, *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, and *The Silmarillion* - have become some of the most famous, and most beloved, literary works of the twentieth century. And the *Lord of the Rings* films by director Peter Jackson have reignited interest in Tolkien and his works, as well as introduced his stories to a new generation of fans. Even if you've never read the novels

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and have only seen the films, you know that the world of Middle-earth is a complicated one. Tolkien took great care in representing this world, from creating new languages to including very particular cultural details that add to the richness of the world's fabric. Many other books have been written about Tolkien and his works, but none have come close to providing the kind of reference needed to comprehend the world of Middle-earth. That's what veteran Dummies author and unabashed Tolkien fan Greg Harvey attempts to do in *The Origins of Tolkien's Middle-earth For Dummies*. As the author says in his introduction to the book, this is not an encyclopedia or quick guide to all the diverse beings, languages, and history that make up Tolkien's Middle-earth. Nor is it a set of plot outlines for the novels. Rather, what you'll find in *The Origins of Tolkien's Middle-earth For Dummies* is a basic guide to some of the possible linguistic and mythological origins of

Middle-earth, plus a rudimentary analysis of its many themes and lessons for our world. This book can help enrich your reading (or re-reading) of Tolkien's novels, and it will challenge you to think about the themes inherent in Tolkien's Middle-earth and their implications in your own life. Here's just a sampling of the topics you'll find covered in *The Origins of Tolkien's Middle-earth For Dummies*: Exploring the main themes in Tolkien's works, including immortality and death; the heroic quest; love; fate and free will; and faith and redemption Investigating the diverse lands of Middle-earth - including the Shire, Gondor, and Mordor - and their significance Examining the different cultures of Middle-earth, such as Hobbits, Elves, Men, and those wily Wizards Touring the history of Middle-earth Understanding Tolkien's creation of new languages to enrich the story of Middle-earth Top Ten lists on the battles in the War of the Ring, online resources, and the ways

the films differ from the novels
So, whether you're reading
Tolkien's novels or watching
the films for the first time, or
you've been a fan for many
years and are looking for a new
take on Tolkien's works, *The
Origins of Tolkien's Middle-
earth For Dummies* can help
you enhance your reading or
viewing experience for years to
come.

**New York Times Saturday
Review of Books and Art -
1956**

Peter Jackson - Ian Pryor
2004-04-03

Traces the journey of film
director Peter Jackson from
movie fanatic, through his
creation of a series of low-
budget cult movies to his
acquisition of Tolkien's trilogy
and his struggle to create the
Lord of the Rings film trilogy.

Launch Point: Community
Group Mission Guide - Gary
Comer 2014-01-21

What if Small Groups
Embarked on Mission Together
. . . In Their Own Backyards?
Whereas small groups have
traditionally focused internally,

many Christians nowadays are
hungering for much more!
Seeking to make a difference
where they live, Christians
desire mission. The Community
Group Mission Series focuses
eight weeks of training--to
launch groups in a dynamic
mission trajectory! Each group
will engage holistically,
showing the love of Christ and
making disciples. Relationally
angled, this series leads groups
to assimilate the mission skill
set of Jesus. Hold on! The
stories of God are yet to be
written. Who knows what God
will do in the lives of your
neighbors . . . your group . . .
and your church?! Session
Titles: 1. The Soul of Mission 2.
When Faith Is Fantastic 3.
Learning the Faith Formation
Process 4. Getting Real for the
Gospel 5. The Gospel and Its
Key 6. Discerning Belief
Barriers 7. Coming Home to
Jesus 8. What Jesus Co-
mmissioned Us to Do

Tolkien among the Moderns -
Ralph C. Wood 2015-08-28

It has long been recognized
that J. R. R. Tolkien's work is
animated by a profound moral

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and religious vision. It is less clear that Tolkien's vision confronts the leading philosophical and literary concerns addressed by modern writers and thinkers. This book seeks to resolve such uncertainty. It places modern writers and modern quandaries in lively engagement with the broad range of Tolkien's work, while giving special attention to the textual particularities of his masterpiece, *The Lord of the Rings*. In ways at once provocative and original, the contributors deal with major modern artists and philosophers, including Miguel de Cervantes, Friedrich Nietzsche, Emmanuel Levinas, Iris Murdoch, and James Joyce. The essays in *Tolkien among the Moderns* also point forward to postmodernism by examining its implications for Tolkien's work. Looking backward, they show how Tolkien addresses two ancient questions: the problems of fate and freedom in a seemingly random universe, as well as Plato's objection that art can neither depict truth nor

underwrite morality. The volume is premised on the firm conviction that Tolkien is not a writer who will be soon surpassed and forgotten—exactly because he has a permanent dwelling place "among the moderns." [The Lord of the Rings' Metaphors](#) -

[Tolkien, Race, and Racism in Middle-earth](#) - Robert Stuart
2022-04-15

Tolkien, Race, and Racism in Middle-earth is the first systematic examination of how Tolkien understood racial issues, how race manifests in his oeuvre, and how race in Middle-earth, his imaginary realm, has been understood, criticized, and appropriated by others. This book presents an analysis of Tolkien's works for conceptions of race, both racist and anti-racist. It begins by demonstrating that Tolkien was a racialist, in that his mythology is established on the basis of different races with different characteristics, and then poses the key question "Was Tolkien racist?" Robert

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Stuart engages the discourse and research associated with the ways in which racism and anti-racism relate Tolkien to his fascist and imperialist contemporaries and to twenty-first-century neo-Nazis and White Supremacists—including White Supremacy, genocide, blood-and-soil philology, anti-Semitism, and aristocratic racism. Addressing a major gap in the field of Tolkien studies, Stuart focuses on race, racisms and the Tolkien legendarium.

Soul Whisperer - Gary Comer
2013-02-19

What if we changed the face of evangelism? In a time when so many have a negative perception of evangelism, what if a new model was entirely biblical, loaded with skills, and more effective? *Soul Whisperer* shifts the emphasis from "telling" to a "drawing" paradigm. It develops biblically the pattern of Jesus, who did not give static presentations but rather customized his words to each hearer. By learning his ways, our words, too, can have pinpointed impact! Christians will discover

how to draw out first, in order to read their friends and discern the relevant appeal of the gospel. In this way, the style is far more dynamic. It adapts! Understanding the non-believer's unique starting point will determine a distinct path. By creating a conversation about spiritual influence and what is involved in faith formation, this book charts ways for Christians to go deeper in evangelistic relationships. Most importantly, *Soul Whisperer* infuses skills that will shape a more Christ-likened missional disciple.

Rock Bottom - Pamela Des Barres 1996

An author investigates the deaths of and tragedies affecting many rock stars--including Jan Berry, Kurt Cobain, Eddie Cochran, Brian Jones, Jimi Hendrix, and Dennis Wilson--interviewing people close to them and visiting gravesites, deathsites, and the scenes of crimes. Tour.

Middle-earth Minstrel -
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witnessed a dramatic rise in fantasy writing and few works became as popular or have endured as long as the novels of J.R.R. Tolkien. Surprisingly, little critical attention has been paid to the presence of music in his novels. This collection of essays explores the multitude of musical-literary allusions and themes intertwined throughout Tolkien's body of work. Of particular interest is Tolkien's scholarly work with medieval music and its presentation and performance practice, as well as the musical influences of his Victorian and Edwardian background. Discographies of Tolkien-influenced music of the 20th and 21st centuries are included.

J.R.R. Tolkien and His Literary Resonances - Sir

George Clark, Sir 2000
Although Tolkien's literary works have, over the past few decades, attracted a considerable and varied body of criticism, much of this material is inaccessible, unreflective, and repetitive. Though various scholars have

treated Tolkien's sources and his concept of fantasy, this study situates the author in a broad literary context that includes ancient metrical modes, medieval culture, Renaissance poetics, 19th-century social movements, and modern critical thought. Each chapter is written by an expert contributor and examines the literary resonances of Tolkien's works from a variety of informed perspectives.

Tolkien's Lost Chaucer - John M. Bowers 2019-09-26

Tolkien's Lost Chaucer uncovers the story of an unpublished and previously unknown book by the author of *The Lord of the Rings*. Tolkien worked between 1922 and 1928 on his Clarendon edition *Selections from Chaucer's Poetry and Prose*, and though never completed, its 160 pages of commentary reveals much of his thinking about language and storytelling when he was still at the threshold of his career as an epoch-making writer of fantasy literature.

Drawing upon other new materials such as his edition of

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the Reeve's Tale and his Oxford lectures on the Pardoner's

Tale, this book reveals Chaucer as a major influence upon Tolkien's literary imagination.