

# THE PHILOSOPHY OF TOLKIEN THE WORLDVIEW BEHIND THE LORD OF THE RINGS

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IN J R R TOLKIEN S LORD OF THE RINGS THE HOBBIT AND THE SILMARILLION MIDDLE EARTH ENDURED CATAclysmic WARS AND CRITICAL BATTLES CAUSING GREAT MEN WOMEN AND MYSTICAL CREATURES TO ARISE INFLUENCE AND SHAPE THE COURSE OF ITS HISTORY HERE IN THIS BOOK TOLKIEN EXPERT DAVID DAY EXAMINES THE COMPLEXITIES SURROUNDING TOLKIEN S PORTRAYAL OF GOOD AND EVIL AND ANALYSES MIDDLE EARTH S MOST CELEBRATED HEROES AND THE LITERARY HISTORICAL AND MYTHOLOGICAL SOURCES THAT INSPIRED THEIR CREATION THIS WORK IS UNOFFICIAL AND IS NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE TOLKIEN ESTATE OR HARPERCOLLINS PUBLISHERS

J R R TOLKIEN THE BELOVED AUTHOR OF THE HOBBIT AND THE LORD OF THE RINGS TRILOGY IS CONSISTENTLY VOTED THE FINEST WRITER IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN THIS LAVISHLY ILLUSTRATED BIOGRAPHY AUTHOR MICHAEL COREN TELLS THE STORY OF THE MAN BEHIND THE BOOKS FROM HIS EARLY DAYS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF HIS PARENTS TO HIS OXFORD YEARS AND HIS LONG LOVING YEARS WITH HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN TOLKIEN S LIFE WAS COLORED BY HIS EXTRA ORDINARY IMAGINATION TOLKIEN CONTINUES TO INSPIRE GENERATION AFTER GENERATION OF READERS THROUGH THE COMPLEXITY AND VIVIDNESS OF HIS CREATIONS J R R TOLKIEN IS A TIMELY AND INSIGHTFUL LOOK AT THE MAN BEHIND THE CLASSICS SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

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THE PERFECT FATHER S DAY GIFT TOLKIEN S WORKS HAVE INSPIRED ARTISTS FOR GENERATIONS AND HAVE GIVEN RISE TO MYRIAD INTERPRETATIONS OF THE RICH AND MAGICAL WORLDS HE CREATED THE ILLUSTRATED WORLD OF TOLKIEN GATHERS TOGETHER ARTWORKS AND ESSAYS FROM EXPERT ILLUSTRATORS PAINTERS AND ETCHERS AND FASCINATING AND SCHOLARLY WRITING FROM RENOWNED TOLKIEN EXPERT DAVID DAY AND IS AN EXQUISITE REFERENCE GUIDE FOR ANY FAN OF TOLKIEN S WORK TOLKIEN S WORLD AND THE IMAGINATIVE BRILLIANCE HIS VISION INSPIRED PUBLISHED TO COINCIDE WITH THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER THE TOLKIEN BESTIARY THE ILLUSTRATED WORLD OF TOLKIEN REVISITS THE WORK OF SOME OF THE ORIGINAL ILLUSTRATORS BUT ALSO FEATURES WORKS FROM ARTISTS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO DAVID DAY S MORE RECENT BOOKS THIS WORK IS UNOFFICIAL AND IS NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE TOLKIEN ESTATE OR HARPERCOLLINS PUBLISHERS

THIS VOLUME IS AN IN DEPTH AND EXQUISITELY ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO THE SECOND AGE OF MIDDLE EARTH ONE OF THE LEAST EXPLORED PERIODS OF ARDA'S HISTORY THE ILLUSTRATED WORLD OF TOLKIEN THE SECOND AGE IS THE FOLLOW UP COMPANION TO THE BEST SELLING THE ILLUSTRATED WORLD OF TOLKIEN AND GATHERS TOGETHER ARTWORK CHARTS AND FASCINATING AND SCHOLARLY WRITING FROM RENOWNED TOLKIEN EXPERT DAVID DAY EXPLORING THE LANGUAGES POETRY AND ELEMENTS OF THE HEROIC AGES OF NORSE GREEK AND ROMAN MYTHOLOGIES THAT MAY HAVE INFLUENCED TOLKIEN'S WRITING IT IS A REFERENCE GUIDE FOR ANY FAN OF TOLKIEN'S WORK TOLKIEN'S WORLD AND THE IMAGINATIVE BRILLIANCE HIS VISION INSPIRED THE SECOND AGE IS MADE UP OF TWO GREAT NARRATIVE CHANNELS ON THE ONE HAND THE RISE AND CATAclySMIC DOWNFALL OF THE ISLAND KINGDOM OF NÚMENOR AND ITS AFTERMATH AND ON THE OTHER THE FORGING OF THE RINGS OF POWER AND THE RISE TO POWER OF THE NEW DARK LORD TOLKIEN'S SOURCES FOR HIS SECOND AGE ARE OF COURSE AS RICH AND VARIED AS EVER AND THIS BOOK DELVES INTO SOME OF THESE INFLUENCES AND SHOWS HOW THE POWER OF TOLKIEN'S IMAGINATION IS MANIFEST EVEN IN THE LESSER KNOWN PARTS OF HIS LEGENDARIUM THIS WORK IS UNOFFICIAL AND IS NOT AUTHORISED BY THE TOLKIEN ESTATE OR HARPERCOLLINS PUBLISHERS

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THE SPELLBINDING WORLD OF MIDDLE EARTH IS FULL OF BEASTS AND BATTLES HEROES AND HEROINES AND THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL IN THIS DICTIONARY OF SOURCES TOLKIEN SCHOLAR AND BEST SELLING AUTHOR DAVID DAY'S FOUR DECADES OF RESEARCH INFORM US ABOUT THE LANDS INHABITANTS LANGUAGES GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY OF MIDDLE EARTH THIS COMPELLING ENCYCLOPEDIA ON TOLKIEN'S WORLD ALSO INCLUDES OVER 200 ILLUSTRATIONS AND AN APPENDIX THIS WORK IS UNOFFICIAL AND IS NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE TOLKIEN ESTATE OR HARPERCOLLINS PUBLISHERS

AN IN DEPTH ANALYSIS OF THE MAJOR BATTLES OF TOLKIEN'S WORKS FROM THE HOBBIT TO THE LORD OF THE

RINGS FIND OUT HOW EACH BATTLE CAME ABOUT AND HOW IT SHAPED THE COURSE OF MIDDLE EARTH'S HISTORY IN THIS BEAUTIFULLY BOUND LEATHERETTE VOLUME THE THIRD TITLE IN A SUCCESSFUL TRILOGY

LEARN THE MOST POPULAR LEGENDS ABOUT THE RINGS OF POWER THE HISTORY OF J. R. R. TOLKIEN'S FICTIONAL WORLD OF MIDDLE EARTH IS FILLED WITH AN ONGOING STRUGGLE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL CENTERED ON A SET OF RINGS FORGED BY ELVES AND AN EVIL SORCERER THE RING LEGENDS OF TOLKIEN RECOUNTS STORIES AND CONFLICTS SURROUNDING THE RINGS OF POWER INSIGHTFUL COMMENTARY BY TOLKIEN SCHOLAR DAVID DAY DISCUSSES HOW PEOPLE, TACTICS AND WEAPONS WERE USED TO OBTAIN AND CONTROL THE RINGS AND ALSO HOW THE LEGENDS OF MIDDLE EARTH RELATE TO THE REAL WORLD MYTHOLOGY ON WHICH TOLKIEN BASED HIS FAMOUS LITERARY CREATION MAPS AND FULL COLOR ILLUSTRATIONS HELP BRING THIS RICH UNIVERSE TO LIFE MAKING IT AN INVALUABLE REFERENCE BOOK FOR TOLKIEN FANS OF ALL AGES THIS WORK IS UNOFFICIAL AND IS NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE TOLKIEN ESTATE OR HARPERCOLLINS PUBLISHERS

AN ENTIRE RACE WAS BORN WHEN J. R. R. TOLKIEN SCRAWLED ON A LEAF IN A HOLE IN THE GROUND THERE LIVED A HOBBIT FROM THE INVENTION OF THAT SINGLE WORD HOBBIT TOLKIEN BECAME THE EXPLORER AND CHRONICLER OF THE CHARACTER THEIR RACE AND THEIR SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN HIS FANTASTICAL WORLD MIDDLE EARTH HERE IN HIS LATEST BOOK TOLKIEN EXPERT DAVID DAY UNPICKS THE MYRIAD OF RIDDLES PUNS AND MYSTICAL MEANINGS IN TOLKIEN'S WORKS THE HOBBIT AND THE LORD OF THE RINGS THIS WORK IS UNOFFICIAL AND IS NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE TOLKIEN ESTATE OR HARPERCOLLINS PUBLISHERS

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THE FORERUNNER TO THE LORD OF THE RINGS THE SILMARILLION FILLS IN THE BACKGROUND WHICH LIES BEHIND THE MORE POPULAR WORK AND GIVES THE EARLIER HISTORY OF MIDDLE EARTH INTRODUCING SOME OF THE KEY

CHARACTERS THE SILMARILLION IS AN ACCOUNT OF THE ELDER DAYS OF THE FIRST AGE OF TOLKIEN'S WORLD IT IS THE ANCIENT DRAMA TO WHICH THE CHARACTERS IN THE LORD OF THE RINGS LOOK BACK AND IN WHOSE EVENTS SOME OF THEM SUCH AS ELROND AND GALADRIEL TOOK PART THE TALES OF THE SILMARILLION ARE SET IN AN AGE WHEN MORGOTH THE FIRST DARK LORD DWELT IN MIDDLE EARTH AND THE HIGH ELVES MADE WAR UPON HIM FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE SILMARILS THE JEWELS CONTAINING THE PURE LIGHT OF VALINOR

THE VAST FICTIONAL UNIVERSE OF J R R TOLKIEN CONTAINS MANY DARK TERRORS TO CHALLENGE THE FORCES OF GOOD THIS COMPENDIUM OF VILLAINS INCLUDES BATTLE TIMELINES GENEALOGY CHARTS FOR CREATURE RACES STRIKING ILLUSTRATIONS AND WELL RESEARCHED COMMENTARY ON THE EVIL FORCES THAT DWELL IN MIDDLE EARTH THE UNIQUE HEAT BURNISHED COVER DESIGN AND HANDY SIZE MAKE IT A CONVERSATION STARTER AS WELL AS A GREAT READ

J R R TOLKIEN'S WRITINGS ON THE SECOND AGE OF MIDDLE EARTH COLLECTED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ONE VOLUME J R R TOLKIEN FAMOUSLY DESCRIBED THE SECOND AGE OF MIDDLE EARTH AS A DARK AGE AND NOT VERY MUCH OF ITS HISTORY IS OR NEED BE TOLD AND FOR MANY YEARS READERS WOULD NEED TO BE CONTENT WITH THE TANTALIZING GLIMPSES OF IT FOUND WITHIN THE PAGES OF THE LORD OF THE RINGS AND ITS APPENDICES INCLUDING THE FORGING OF THE RINGS OF POWER THE BUILDING OF THE BARAD D  R AND THE RISE OF SAURON IT WAS NOT UNTIL CHRISTOPHER TOLKIEN PUBLISHED THE SILMARILLION AFTER HIS FATHER'S DEATH THAT A FULLER STORY COULD BE TOLD ALTHOUGH MUCH OF THE BOOK'S CONTENT CONCERNED THE FIRST AGE OF MIDDLE EARTH THERE WERE AT ITS CLOSE TWO KEY WORKS THAT REVEALED THE TUMULTUOUS EVENTS CONCERNING THE RISE AND FALL OF THE ISLAND OF N  MEN  MENOR RAISED OUT OF THE GREAT SEA AND GIFTED TO THE MEN OF MIDDLE EARTH AS A REWARD FOR AIDING THE ANGELIC VALAR AND THE ELVES IN THE DEFEAT AND CAPTURE OF THE DARK LORD MORGOTH THE KINGDOM BECAME A SEAT OF INFLUENCE AND WEALTH BUT AS THE N  MEN  MEN'S POWER INCREASED THE SEED OF THEIR DOWNFALL WOULD INEVITABLY BE SOWN CULMINATING IN THE LAST ALLIANCE OF ELVES AND MEN EVEN GREATER INSIGHT INTO THE SECOND AGE WOULD BE REVEALED IN SUBSEQUENT PUBLICATIONS FIRST IN UNFINISHED TALES OF N  MEN  MENOR AND MIDDLE EARTH THEN EXPANDED UPON IN CHRISTOPHER TOLKIEN'S MAGISTERIAL TWELVE VOLUME THE HISTORY OF MIDDLE EARTH IN WHICH HE PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED A WEALTH OF FURTHER TALES WRITTEN BY HIS FATHER MANY IN DRAFT FORM NOW ADHERING TO THE TIMELINE OF THE TALE OF YEARS IN THE APPENDICES TO THE LORD OF THE RINGS EDITOR BRIAN SIBLEY HAS ASSEMBLED INTO ONE COMPREHENSIVE VOLUME A NEW CHRONICLE OF THE SECOND AGE OF MIDDLE EARTH TOLD SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE WORDS OF J R R TOLKIEN FROM THE VARIOUS PUBLISHED TEXTS WITH NEW PENCIL ILLUSTRATIONS BY THE DOYEN OF TOLKIEN ART ALAN LEE

J R R TOLKIEN CREATED CHARACTERS AND A WORLD SO UNIQUE AND SO RICH WITH DETAILS THAT THEY WARRANTED A WHOLE NEW VOCABULARY TO GO WITH THEM ON THESE PAGES YOU'LL FIND A CHRONOLOGY OF TOLKIEN'S LIFE ALONG WITH A SHORT BIOGRAPHY AND AN EXPLANATION OF HIS WRITINGS THEN YOU CAN FLIP THROUGH THE ILLUSTRATED DICTIONARY TO DISCOVER TERMS LIKE AGLAROND THE GREAT CAVERNS BENEATH HELM'S DEEP OR THE BLACK RIDERS AND THE MYSTERY SURROUNDING THEM AMONG MANY OTHERS THIS DELUXE HARDCOVER EDITION FEATURES AN EMBOSSED AND FOIL STAMPED COVER PLUS GILDED EDGES TO MAKE IT A HANDSOME ADDITION TO YOUR HOME LIBRARY PROVIDED BY PUBLISHER

EVERY PAGE BRINGS FORTH THE ELEGIAC TONE OF JRR TOLKIEN'S WORK IT IS A BEAUTIFUL BOOK INCLUDING MANY WONDERFUL PICTURES BY TOLKIEN HIMSELF GARTH'S BOOK MADE ME REALISE THE IMPACT THAT TOLKIEN HAS HAD ON MY LIFE THE TIMES A LAVISHLY ILLUSTRATED EXPLORATION OF THE PLACES THAT INSPIRED AND SHAPED THE WORK OF J R R TOLKIEN CREATOR OF MIDDLE EARTH THIS NEW BOOK FROM RENOWNED EXPERT JOHN GARTH TAKES US TO THE PLACES THAT INSPIRED J R R TOLKIEN TO CREATE HIS FICTIONAL LOCATIONS IN THE LORD OF THE RINGS THE HOBBIT AND OTHER CLASSIC WORKS FEATURING MORE THAN 100 IMAGES IT INCLUDES TOLKIEN'S OWN ILLUSTRATIONS CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER ARTISTS ARCHIVE IMAGES MAPS AND SPECTACULAR PRESENT DAY PHOTOGRAPHS INSPIRATIONAL LOCATIONS RANGE ACROSS GREAT BRITAIN PARTICULARLY TOLKIEN'S BELOVED WEST MIDLANDS AND OXFORD BUT ALSO OVERSEAS TO ALL POINTS OF THE COMPASS SOURCES ARE LOCATED FOR HOBBITON THE ELVEN VALLEY OF RIVENDELL THE GLITTERING CAVES OF HELM'S DEEP AND MANY OTHER KEY SPOTS IN MIDDLE EARTH AS WELL AS FOR ITS MOUNTAIN SCENERY FORESTS RIVERS LAKES AND SHORELANDS A RICH INTERPLAY IS REVEALED BETWEEN TOLKIEN'S PERSONAL TRAVELS HIS WIDE READING AND HIS DEEP SCHOLARSHIP AS AN OXFORD PROFESSOR GARTH USES HIS OWN PROFOUND KNOWLEDGE OF TOLKIEN'S LIFE AND WORK TO UNCOVER THE EXTRAORDINARY PROCESSES OF INVENTION TO DEBUNK POPULAR MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT THE INSPIRATIONS FOR MIDDLE EARTH AND TO PUT FORWARD STRONG NEW CLAIMS OF HIS OWN ORGANISED BY THEME THE WORLDS OF J R R TOLKIEN IS AN ILLUSTRATED JOURNEY INTO THE LIFE AND IMAGINATION OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S BEST LOVED AUTHORS AN EXPLORATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WORLDS REAL AND FANTASTICAL AND AN INSPIRATION FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO FOLLOW IN TOLKIEN'S FOOTSTEPS

BEGINNING WITH AN ANALYSIS OF THE CRITICAL HISTORY OF TOLKIEN THE FIRST SECTION CONTEXT AND CRITICISM EXAMINES AND CONTRASTS THE HISTORICAL AND INTELLECTUAL CONTEXT OF THE BOOKS FILMS AND THEIR CRITICISM THE SECOND SPACE PLACE AND COMMUNITIES TURNS TO THE PHILOSOPHICAL AND POST COLONIAL CONCERNS WHICH STRUCTURE CONTEMPORARY UNDERSTANDINGS OF THE BOOK AND FILM THE THIRD SECTION GENDER SEXUALITY AND CLASS SHOWS HOW THESE ISSUES ARE DEPICTED IN THE NOVELS AND FILMS THE FINAL SECTION TOLKIEN S FUTURES LOOKS AT THE CONTINUING INFLUENCE OF HIS WORK IN BOTH MORE TRADITIONAL LITERARY FORMS AND IN CONTEMPORARY GAME AND ELECTRONIC NARRATIVE

STUNNING TWO VOLUME SLIPCASED SET CONTAINING THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE IN DEPTH COMPANION TO TOLKIEN S LIFE AND WORKS EVER PUBLISHED INCLUDING SYNOPSES OF ALL HIS WRITINGS AND A TOLKIEN GAZETTEER WHO S WHO AND CHRONOLOGY THE THREE VOLUMES CONTAINED IN THIS SLIPCASE WRITTEN BY TWO OF THE FOREMOST EXPERTS ON J R R TOLKIEN COMPRISE THE DEFINITIVE HANDBOOK TO ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR AUTHORS OF THE 20TH CENTURY TOLKIEN S PROGRESS IS TRACED FROM HIS BIRTH IN SOUTH AFRICA IN 1892 TO THE BATTLEFIELDS OF FRANCE AND THE LECTURE HALLS OF LEEDS AND OXFORD TO HIS SUCCESS AS THE AUTHOR OF THE HOBBIT AND THE LORD OF THE RINGS UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1973 HIS MANY ACADEMIC AND LITERARY ACHIEVEMENTS HIS PUBLIC RECEPTION AND HIS ENDURING FAME ARE EXAMINED IN DETAIL THE FIRST VOLUME IN THIS SET IS A CHRONOLOGY OF TOLKIEN S LIFE AND WORKS THE MOST EXTENSIVE BIOGRAPHICAL RESOURCE ABOUT HIM EVER PUBLISHED THOUSANDS OF DETAILS HAVE BEEN DRAWN FROM LETTERS CONTEMPORARY DOCUMENTS IN LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES AND A WIDE VARIETY OF OTHER PUBLISHED AND UNPUBLISHED SOURCES ASSEMBLED TOGETHER THEY FORM A PORTRAIT OF TOLKIEN IN ALL HIS ASPECTS THE DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR OF OLD AND MIDDLE ENGLISH THE CAPABLE TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR THE DEVOTED HUSBAND AND FATHER THE BRILLIANT CREATOR OF MIDDLE EARTH THE SECOND AND THIRD VOLUMES THE READER S GUIDE IS AN INDISPENSABLE INTRODUCTION TO TOLKIEN S LIFE WRITINGS AND ART IT INCLUDES HISTORIES AND DISCUSSIONS OF HIS WORKS ANALYSES OF THE COMPONENTS OF HIS VAST SILMARILLION MYTHOLOGY BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES OF PERSONS IMPORTANT IN HIS LIFE ACCOUNTS OF PLACES HE KNEW ESSAYS ON TOPICS SUCH AS TOLKIEN S INTERESTS AND ATTITUDES TOWARDS CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IDEAS FOUND IN HIS WORKS ADAPTATIONS AND INVENTED LANGUAGES AND CHECKLISTS OF HIS PUBLISHED WORKS HIS POETRY HIS PICTORIAL ART AND TRANSLATIONS OF HIS WRITING

INCLUDES FOUR POSTERS DEPICTING TOLKIEN S WORLD OF MIDDLE EARTH WITH MAPS FROM THE HOBBIT BELERIAND AND NUMENOR ACCOMPANIED BY A MANUAL DESCRIBING THE SIGNICANCE OF GEOGRAPHICAL EVOLUTION IN THE AUTHOR S WORKS

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