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In this sumptuous collection of Tolkien's art, we gain a new understanding of the visual aspects of his remarkable imagination. This memorable collection will delight Tolkien enthusiasts with its beauty and its range. It contains 48 full-color reproductions of Tolkien's paintings and colored drawings, as well as original pen-and-ink drawings, some published here for the first time. Long out of print, the volume is now re-issued with a revised text by Christopher Tolkien. Pictures will provide a unique and fascinating insight into Tolkien's visual conception of many of the places and characters familiar to readers of *The Hobbit*, *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Silmarillion*. Examples of his art range from delicate watercolours depicting Rivendell, the Forest of Lothlorien, Smaug and Old Man Willow to drawings and sketches of Moria Gate and Minas Tirith. Together they form a comprehensive collection of Tolkien's own illustrations for his most popular books. Also included are many of his beautiful designs showing patterns of flowers and trees, friezes, tapestries and heraldic devices associated with the world of Middle-earth. In their variety and scope they provide abundant visual evidence of the richness of his imagination. Christopher Tolkien's text gives detailed notes on the sources for each picture.

Pictures by J.R.R. Tolkien Details

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Mariana says

This picture book has such beautiful drawings that make you wishing for more of those drawings and to have a bigger glimpse of the Tolkien's world. For the first time I see how looks like the trees of Lothlorien and I wasn't disappointed. The las part of the floral designs and the heraldic diveces are also amanzing. Tolkien is realy a multi-talented artist.

Thijs says

This book shows that besides being a brilliant writer, he was also a good artists. The drawings show how well he envisioned Middle-earth and how realistic and real in his mind the landscape was. it feels as though you could walk right in there, a feeling copied from the actual trilogy.

I must say though, that my favourite part were the Heraldic devices. They are so well done and very artistically to my liking.

This books is, unlike the motion picture books, a perfect artbook to accompany your journey through Middle-earth. Wether it be the Silmarillion, Hobbit or LotR you're reading.

Quicksilver Quill says

Lots of fun fantasy drawings and watercolors here by J.R.R. himself. He has a highly unique artistic style and seeing his works helps you to imagine how he envisioned many of the interesting places and scenes that make up Middle Earth.

Giacomo Boccardo says

Le tavole presenti sono in tutto 48, ma, seppur ben lungi da essere uno story-board delle opere di Tolkien, rendono molto bene il mondo fantastico della Terra di Mezzo.

Quello che ho è del 1989, anche se qui viene per ora riportato quello del 1997.

La recensione completa è su <http://www.jhack.it/blog/2007/11/15/i...>

April says

Amazing...and fun!

Amalie says

Tolkien is an artistic genius. This is a collection of illustrations of the Middle-Earth done by the man who also created it.

I'd love to own a hard copy of this book!

Here are some examples:

Loyal says

Beautiful illustrations, including several patterns and such drawn by Tolkien himself, that often depict memorable scenes from his works. An easy read, and the details written by his son, Christopher Tolkien, often provide a bit of insight into the thought behind each.

Jessie says

Lovely reproductions of a variety of Tolkien's illustrations. Primarily I wanted to see color versions of his heraldry symbols which my husband and I are having tattooed (nerd alert) for our 10th wedding anniversary. I might want to buy this one.

Miquela says

I thoroughly enjoyed the drawings and seeing Tolkien's artistic genius, but I wanted more out of the texts: a history, a why, an inspiration for each piece. Instead, each text was more along the lines of: "This drawing appeared in X calendar edition..."

Captain Packrat says

Middle Earth as illustrated by the man who created it.

Elias Alberto Betancurt says

This book reunites drawings and illustrations that were first published on the first editions of The Hobbit, The Lord of the Rings, and The Silmarillion. Any Tolkien fan will appreciate it.

Paolo Nardi says

<http://speloncalibro.blogspot.it/2013...>

Helmut says

Prachtband voller zauberhafter Zeichnungen

Eine beeindruckende Veröffentlichung: Sehr großformatig (32 x 32 cm), dickes Fotopapier, ein stabiler Hardcovereinband mit einem in Gold geprägten Tolkien-Initial, geschützt von einem schön gestalteten Schutzumschlag, lassen dieses Buch auf jedem Kaffeetisch toll wirken.

Doch neben dem Angebe-Effekt findet sich für den Tolkien-Freund in diesem Band viele interessante Einblicke in die Welt Mittelerde, wie der Erfinder sie selbst sah: Jede Seite präsentiert in tadelloser Reproduktionsqualität eine Zeichnung des Autors, auf der gegenüberliegenden Seite einen kurzen Kommentar dazu. Hier findet man alles, von einfachen Bleistiftskizzen, über teilkolorierte Zeichnungen bis hin zu voll ausgearbeiteten Aquarellen. Gerade letztere zeigen, dass Tolkien durchaus neben seinem literarischen Werk auch künstlerische Ambitionen hegte, denn sie sind durchweg sehr ansprechend und in Detailgrad und Ausführung schon fast als professionelle Illustrationen zu bezeichnen.

Wer wissen will, wie Tolkien sich Mittelerde vorstellte, kommt an diesem Werk nicht vorbei.

Daniel says

Tolkien's drawings are quite stunning, and it's nice to have them all in one book.

Matthijs says

Wonderful collection of artwork by Tolkien himself. It's stunning to see the vision he put on this paper, the imagery as he saw it and the intricate details in heraldry, patterns and writings. Great insight in the author's visual ideas.
