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J.R.R. Tolkien and His Literary Resonances HMH

A comprehensive introduction to the medieval languages and texts that inspired Tolkien's Middle-earth. Using key episodes in *The Silmarillion*, *The Hobbit*, and *The Lord of the Rings*, medieval texts are presented in their original language with translations. Essential for those who wish to delve deeper into the background to Tolkien's mythology.

The Blue Fairy Book McFarland

Middle-Earth Races: Hobbit, Man, Dwarf, Warg, Uruk-Hai, Elf, Orc, Eagle, Ent, Middle-Earth Peoples, Troll, Half-Elven, Barrow-Wight, Huorn, List of Middle-earth Peoples. MiUniversity-Press.org

McFarland

The Keys of Middle-Earth uniquely introduces the reader to the world of Medieval Literature through the fiction of J.R.R. Tolkien. Using key episodes in *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*, readers are taken back to the works of Old, Middle English and Old Norse literature that so influenced Tolkien. The original texts are presented with helpful new translations to help the reader approach the medieval poems and tales, and introductory essays draw on recent scholarship and Tolkien's own unpublished notes. Presenting a new era of Tolkien studies, this book will be of use to students (and teachers) of Medieval/Old English literature and general readers interested in the origins of Tolkien's most widely-known works.

Essays on Revisions and Influences Ignatius Press

In this volume, the editor gathers together a collection of old fairy tales from various sources that most people are familiar with. As familiar as you might be with the stories within, some of them

have endings that you may not have seen in schools or when you read them at night as a child. Delve back into the classic stores that you were raised on but sometimes a little more twisted.

Tolkien and Shakespeare Palgrave MacMillan

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.

Celtic and Norse in Tolkien's Middle-earth John Wiley & Sons
J.R.R. Tolkien (1892-1973) is increasingly recognized as the most influential writer of the twentieth century. Sales of his books remain exceptionally high, and Middle-earth fan clubs flourish around the world. The massive success of the film versions made of *The Lord of the Rings*, and released between 2001 and 2003, have only added to his popularity. Throughout his life, Tolkien was acutely aware of the power of myth in shaping society; so much so, that one of his earliest ambitions as a writer was to create a mythology for England. The Middle-earth of *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* was to serve as a stand-in for Britain and North-western Europe and is strongly based on a variety of influential literatures and beliefs, particularly the Celtic and Norse. *Perilous Realms* is the first book to focus consistently on the ways in which Tolkien balances these two ancient cultures and unites them in a

single literature. Renowned Tolkien scholar Marjorie Burns also investigates the ways Tolkien reconciled other oppositions, including paganism and Christianity, good and evil, home and wayside, war and peace, embellishment and simplicity, hierarchy and the common man. Even those who do not know *Beowulf* or the Arthurian tales or northern European mythology come away from *The Lord of the Rings* with a feeling for Britain's historical and literary past. Those who recognize the sources behind Tolkien – and the skill with which he combines these sources – gain far more. *Perilous Realms* gives this advantage to all readers and provides new discoveries, including material from obscure, little-known Celtic texts and a likely new source for the name 'hobbit.' It is truly essential reading for Tolkien fans.

How J. R. R. Tolkien Created a New Mythology Lulu.com

Looks at the mythology of Tolkien's works, describing how it changed and evolved throughout his lifetime.

From Fairies to Hobbits ABC-CLIO

Icelandic folklore is rife with tales of elves and hidden people that inhabited hills and rocks in the landscape. But what do those elf stories really tell us about the Iceland of old and the people who lived there? In this book, author Alda Sigmundsdóttir presents twenty translated elf stories from Icelandic folklore, along with fascinating notes on the context from which they sprung. The international media has had a particular infatuation with the Icelanders' elf belief, generally using it to propagate some kind of "kooky Icelanders" myth. Yet Iceland's elf folklore, at its core, reflects the plight of a nation living in abject poverty on the edge of the inhabitable world, and its people's heroic efforts to survive, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. That is what the stories of the elves, or hidden people, are really about. In a country that was, at times, virtually uninhabitable, where poverty was endemic and death and grief a part of daily life, the Icelanders nurtured a

belief in a world that existed parallel to their own. This was the world of the hidden people, which more often than not was a projection of the most fervent dreams and desires of the human population. The hidden people lived inside hillocks, cliffs, or boulders, very close to the abodes of the humans. Their homes were furnished with fine, sumptuous objects. Their clothes were luxurious, their adornments beautiful. Their livestock was better and fatter, their sheep yielded more wool than regular sheep, their crops were more bounteous. They even had supernatural powers: they could make themselves visible or invisible at will, and they could see the future. To the Icelanders, stories of elves and hidden people are an integral part of the cultural and psychological fabric of their nation. They are a part of their identity, a reflection of the struggles, hopes, resilience, and endurance of their people. What you will read about in *The Little Book of the Hidden People*:

- The fascination in the international media: why are they so obsessed with elves?
- The meaning of elf: what do hidden people stories tell us about the psyche of the Icelanders of old?
- The elves' badassery—they could make or break your fortune so you'd better be nice!
- The *ljúflingar* ... hidden men who became the lovers of mortal women
- Glamorous and regal: why were the elves so damn good-looking?
- The grim realities: what do scholars believe about all those children abducted by elves? ... and so much more!

The Road to Middle-Earth Visible Ink Press

This volume offers a comprehensive critical and theoretical introduction to the genre of the fairy tale. It: explores the ways in which folklorists have defined the genre assesses the various methodologies used in the analysis and interpretation of fairy tale provides a detailed account of the historical development of the fairy tale as a literary form engages with the major ideological controversies that have shaped critical and creative approaches to fairy tales in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries demonstrates that the fairy tale is a highly metamorphic genre that has flourished in diverse media, including oral tradition, literature, film, and the visual arts.

J.R.R. Tolkien Springer

Kidnapped as a child by the Nilfghar dark elves, Orivon Firefist has grown up as a slave, forced to use his great strength to serve his captors, but now he yearns to return to the surface world and is willing to do anything, even destroy the entire dark elf empire,

to escape. Reprint.

Discovering Medieval Literature Through the Fiction of J.R.R. Tolkien VDM Publishing

A philologist and medieval scholar, J. R. R. Tolkien never intended to write immensely popular literature that would challenge traditional ideas about the nature of great literature and that was worthy of study in colleges across the world. He set out only to write a good story, the kind of story he and his friends would enjoy reading. In *The Hobbit* and in *The Lord of the Rings*, Tolkien created an entire world informed by his vast knowledge of mythology, languages, and medieval literature. In the 1960s, his books unexpectedly gained cult status with a new generation of young, countercultural readers. Today, the readership for Tolkien's absorbing secondary world--filled with monsters, magic, adventure, sacrifice, and heroism--continues to grow. Part 1 of this volume, "Materials," introduces instructors to the rich array of resources available for teaching Tolkien, including editions and criticism of his fiction and scholarship, historical material on his life and times, audiovisual materials, and film adaptations of his fiction. The essays in part 2, "Approaches," help instructors introduce students to critical debates around Tolkien's work, its sources, its influence, and its connection to ecology, religion, and science. Contributors draw on interdisciplinary approaches to outline strategies for teaching Tolkien in a wide variety of classroom contexts.

The Hobbit and Tolkien's Mythology Taylor & Francis

How the First World War influenced the author of the *Lord of the Rings* Trilogy: "Very much the best book about J.R.R. Tolkien that has yet been written." —A. N. Wilson As Europe plunged into World War I, J. R. R. Tolkien was a student at Oxford and part of a cohort of literary-minded friends who had wide-ranging conversations in their Tea Club and Barrovian Society. After finishing his degree, Tolkien experienced the horrors of the Great War as a signal officer in the Battle of the Somme, where two of those school friends died. All the while, he was hard at work on an original mythology that would become the basis of his literary masterpiece, the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy. In this biographical study, drawn in part from Tolkien's personal wartime papers, John Garth traces the development of the author's work during this critical period. He shows how the deaths of two comrades compelled Tolkien to pursue the dream they had shared, and

argues that the young man used his imagination not to escape from reality—but to transform the cataclysm of his generation. While Tolkien's contemporaries surrendered to disillusionment, he kept enchantment alive, reshaping an entire literary tradition into a form that resonates to this day. "Garth's fine study should have a major audience among serious students of Tolkien."

—Publishers Weekly "A highly intelligent book . . . Garth displays impressive skills both as researcher and writer." —Max Hastings, author of *The Secret War* "Somewhere, I think, Tolkien is nodding in appreciation." —San Jose Mercury News "A labour of love in which journalist Garth combines a newsman's nose for a good story with a scholar's scrupulous attention to detail . . . Brilliantly argued." —Daily Mail (UK) "Gripping from start to finish and offers important new insights." —Library Journal "Insight into how a writer turned academia into art, how deeply friendship supports and wounds us, and how the death and disillusionment that characterized World War I inspired Tolkien's lush saga." —Detroit Free Press

Utopian and Dystopian Themes in Tolkien's Legendarium Macmillan

A scholar explores the ideas within *The Lord of the Rings* and the world created by J. R. R. Tolkien: "A most valuable and timely book" (Ursula K. Le Guin, Los Angeles Times—bestselling author of *Changing Planes*). What are millions of readers all over the world getting out of reading the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy? Defending Middle-earth argues, in part, that the appeal for fans goes far deeper than just quests and magic rings and hobbits. In fact, through this epic, Tolkien found a way to provide something close to spirit in a secular age. This thoughtful book focuses on three main aspects of Tolkien's fiction: the social and political structure of Middle-earth and how the varying cultures within it find common cause in the face of a shared threat; the nature and ecology of Middle-earth and how what we think of as the natural world joins the battle against mindless, mechanized destruction; and the spirituality and ethics of Middle-earth—for which the author provides a particularly insightful and resonant examination. Includes a new afterword

Defending Middle-Earth Springer

This anthology of folk and fairy tales brings together 52 stories from a range of historical and geographic traditions. Sections group tales together by theme or juxtapose variations of

individual tales, inviting comparison and analysis across cultures and genres. An accessible section of critical selections provides a foundation for readers to analyze, debate, and interpret the tales for themselves. An expanded introduction by the editors looks at the history of folk and fairy tales and distinguishes between the genres, while revised introductions to individual sections provide more detailed history of particular tellers and tales, paying increased attention to the background and cultural origin of each tale. A selection of illustrations from editions of classic tales from the 19th to the 21st centuries is also included. This new edition includes a larger selection of critical articles, more modern and cross-cultural variations on classic tales, and an expanded discussion of illustrations.

Approaches to Teaching Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings and Other Works Broadview Press

Just about everyone is familiar with folk and fairy tales. Children learn about them from parents, teachers, and other adults, while researchers study these tales at colleges and universities. At the same time, folk and fairy tales are inseparable from everyday life and popular culture. Movies, music, art, and literature offer imaginative retellings and interpretations of fairy and folk tales. But despite the pervasiveness of this folklore type, most people have only a vague understanding of these tales. This reference is a convenient introduction to folk and fairy tales for students and general readers. Written by a leading authority, this handbook offers a broad examination of folk and fairy tales as a folklore type. It looks at tales from around the world and from diverse cultures. The volume defines and classifies folk and fairy tales and analyzes a number of examples. It studies the varied manifestations of fairy and folk tales in literature and culture and reviews critical and scholarly approaches to this folklore genre. The volume also includes a glossary and extensive list of works for further reading.

A Companion to J. R. R. Tolkien Cambridge Scholars Publishing
This is a complete resource for scholars and students of Tolkien, as well as avid fans, with coverage of his life, work, dominant themes, influences, and the critical reaction to his writing. An in-depth examination of Tolkien's entire work by a cadre of top scholars Provides up-to-date discussion and analysis of Tolkien's

scholarly and literary works, including his latest posthumous book, *The Fall of Arthur*, as well as addressing contemporary adaptations, including the new *Hobbit* films Investigates various themes across his body of work, such as mythmaking, medieval languages, nature, war, religion, and the defeat of evil Discusses the impact of his work on art, film, music, gaming, and subsequent generations of fantasy writers

Shakespeare to Tolkien Routledge

The *Lord of the Rings* has evoked serious debates among practically all levels of literary society from mere reader to literary critic, tutor to biographer, devoted admirer to simple imitator. J. R. R. Tolkien's masterpiece has been provoking endless disputes about the possible literary origins of its elements, just as well as about the literary category with which it may be characterise, since it was published. In this work, the reader may discover the way and the extent to which certain character-level elements of the literary affiliates of myths, legends and fairy-tales effected the creation of such important characters in Tolkien's classic as Dwarves, Elves, Hobbits, and Wizards. Besides, the most prominent features of *The Lord of the Rings* based on which this book can be characterised as fantasy will also be presented, together with a comprehensive description of this literary mode. *Hobbit, Man, Dwarf, Warg, Uruk-Hai, Elf, Orc, Eagle, Ent, Middle-Earth Peoples, Troll, Half-Elven, Barrow-Wight, Huorn, List of Middle-Earth Races* Hobbit, Man, Dwarf, Warg, Uruk-Hai, Elf, Orc, Eagle, Ent, Middle-Earth Peoples, Troll, Half-Elven, Barrow-Wight, Huorn, List of Mi

Please note that the content of this book primarily consists of articles available from Wikipedia or other free sources online. Pages: 35. Chapters: Hobbit, Man, Dwarf, Warg, Uruk-hai, Elf, Orc, Eagle, Ent, Middle-earth peoples, Troll, Half-elven, Barrow-wight, Huorn, List of Middle-earth peoples, Troll-man, Ainur, Vampire, Werewolf, Children of Iluvatar. Excerpt: In J. R. R. Tolkien's legendarium, Elves or are one of the races that inhabit a fictional Earth, often called Middle-earth, and set in the remote past. They appear in *The Hobbit* and in *The Lord of the Rings*, but their complex history is described more fully in *The Silmarillion*. Tolkien had been writing about Elves long before he published *The*

Hobbit. The modern English word elf derives from the Old English word *aelf* (which has cognates in all other Germanic languages). Numerous types of elves appear in Germanic mythology, the West Germanic concept appears to have come to differ from the Scandinavian notion in the early Middle Ages, and Anglo-Saxon concept diverged even further, possibly under Celtic influence. Tolkien would make it clear in a letter that his Elves differ from those "of the better known lore," referring to Scandinavian mythology. By 1915 when Tolkien was writing his first elven poems, the words elf, fairy and gnome had many divergent and contradictory associations. Tolkien had been gently warned against using the term 'fairy', which John Garth supposes may have been due to the word becoming increasingly used to indicate homosexuality. The fairy had been taken up by as a utopian theme by late 19th century writers and used to critique social and religious values, a tradition which Tolkien along with TH White are seen to continue. One of the last of the Victorian Fairy-paintings, *The Pipe of Dreams* by Estella Canziani, sold 250,000 copies and was well known within the trenches of World War 1, where Tolkien saw active service. Illustrated posters of Robert Louis Stevenson's poem *Land of..*

A Novel of Niflheim Psychology Press

"Tolkien and Shakespeare: These essays focus on the broad themes and motifs which concerned both authors. They seek to uncover Shakespeare's influence on Tolkien through echoes of the playwright's themes and even word choices, discovering how Tolkien used, revised, updated, "corrected," and otherwise held an ongoing dialogue with Shakespeare's works"--Provided by publisher.

Understanding the Lord of the Rings Oxford University Press, USA
The world of J.R.R. Tolkien is one that is inhabited by hobbits, dwarves, elves, wizards, and dragons. As a young man, Tolkien created his very own language, and from there he went on to imagine an entire magical world and its detailed history. Students will take an in-depth and thought-provoking look at *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*, as well as *The Silmarillion*, which provides the foundation for his classic works. The text includes an insightful analysis of the major themes and characters of the works that continue to fascinate new generations of readers.