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The painstakingly crafted world that J.R.R. Tolkien created for *The Hobbit*, *The Lord of the Rings*, and *The Silmarillion* is so vivid that it's easy to briefly imagine Middle-earth as a real place—even Tolkien himself had said it existed somewhere on Earth. From the languages spoken and the creatures that peopled it to the wars and cosmology, the richly imagined Middle-earth has left many artists and fans worldwide imagining what it would look and feel like to inhabit such a wildly inspired world. Tolkien left out no details in his picture so it is no surprise that Middle-earth has inspired such inventiveness in turn.

Middle-earth Envisioned is the first book to explore the artistic legacy left by Tolkien's world. Paintings, drawings, theatrical performances, radio serials, and films inspired by *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* are all discussed in a manner that further illuminates the brilliance of Tolkien's creation. Readers will discover details surrounding an attempted Beatles live-action version (with Paul McCartney as Frodo Baggins), a nearly four-hour Canadian musical, the West End stage production of *Lord of the Rings*, and of course, the Peter Jackson films—including the *Hobbit* trilogy—and much more. In this beautifully illustrated gift book, discover the richness of Middle-earth anew, through the works of the artists inspired by it. From *NYT* bestselling author Brian J. Robb and Paul Simpson, TV guide writer/reporter and the former editor of the *Star Trek* magazine.

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Andy says

Loved all the history showcased within this book. And it made so many things clear that were confusing even after all these years

Simon Yoong says

Awesome read on the history of the Hobbit and LOTR on other media since the books were published.

Tammy Raue says

I was so pleased to win this book as a Goodreads First Read! When it arrived, I was shocked by its size and beauty. It is an absolutely beautiful book with heavy quality pages and gorgeous illustrations. I am a fan of Peter Jackson's movies, but had not read the original stories. I am definitely going to do that now...as well as go back and watch the movies again. I was astonished at how many times J.R.R. Tolkien's stories of Middle-Earth have been adapted. Paul Simpson and Brian J. Robb give in-depth information about all of these works--audio, television, stage, comics, games, movies--even Lego got in on the act! It is a must read for fans of Middle-Earth who want a behind the scenes look at the vast legacy of Tolkein's work.

CleverBaggins says

This is an absolutely beautiful book about Tolkien, his works and works inspired by his world. It full of details about audio plays tv shows and movies I'd never heard of and look forward to hunting down. I really look forward to being able to afford to buy this book and add it to my ever increasing Tolkien shelf. If you like to hunt down all things Tolkien I'd definitely recommend this book!

Tiff Fouks says

Being that I am a Tolkien fan I thought that this book would be fun to review as I love seeing all the different ways things have been done with stories such as The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings. I remember the first time I was introduced to The Hobbit, I was just a child - probably no more than nine or ten years old - and I was fascinated by the story played out in front of me on the TV screen as a cartoon movie. That is specifically when I think I really fell in love with Tolkien's works.

This book is something that will touch not only the most avid fans of Tolkien's works but those who know

very little of him too. Explaining how these stories came about, how they were adapted not only to stage but movie and radio, and even going into Peter Jackson's versions that are now what we think of when we hear The Lord of the Rings or The Hobbit. The nice thing with Middle Earth Envisioned is that it doesn't just stop with the previously mentioned adaptations. It covers games, Legos, and even fan work! I found it amazing that the fan work was recognized as a lot of times it goes unnoticed or at least unpublished.

The book is the size of a coffee table book and has beautiful pictures and illustrations. It's a beautiful book that I will be leaving out on an end table for my guests and children to peruse. This is definitely something I would highly recommend for the Tolkien fan in your life! Rated at 5 stars!

Melody says

The illustrations are delightful, especially the ones that were new to me. There was too much enthusiasm for the Peter Jackson films to suit me. I get that people like them, but they totally make my knickers bunch up.

Joan says

Interesting though most things I knew before. The art that accompanied the text made the buying of this book worth it.
