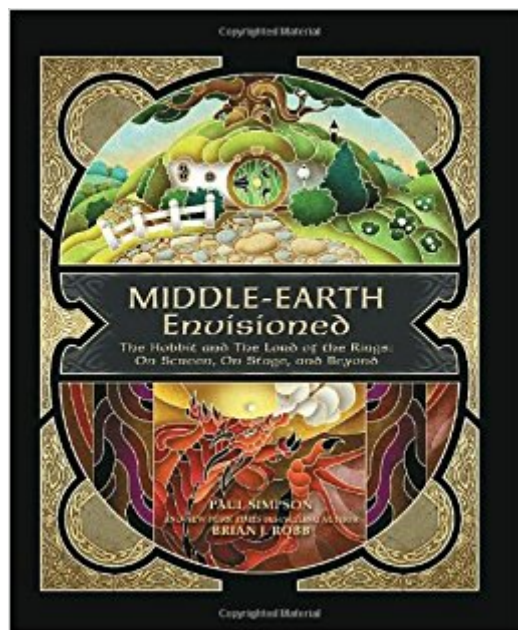




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# Middle-earth Envisioned: The Hobbit And The Lord Of The Rings: On Screen, On Stage, And Beyond



## Synopsis

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. *Middle-earth Envisioned* is 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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"If you're looking for a holiday gift for the nerd who has everything, *Middle-earth Envisioned* should be on your shopping list. It's a lovely looking book filled with enough

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Brian J. Robb is a New York Times/Sunday Times best-selling author. Among his works are Timeless Adventures: How Doctor Who Conquered TV, a critical and cultural history of the TV series (Kamera, 2009), A Brief History of Star Trek (forthcoming, Constable & Robinson, 2012) and A Brief History of Star Wars (forthcoming, Constable & Robinson, 2012). He has also written Silent Cinema (Kamera, 2007), Counterfeit Worlds: Philip K. Dick on Film (Titan, 2005), and Screams and Nightmares: The Films of Wes Craven (Titan, 1998). He is the biographer of River Phoenix (Plexus, 1994), Heath Ledger (Plexus, 2008), Brad Pitt (Plexus, 2001), Johnny Depp (Plexus, 2006) and Keanu Reeves (Plexus, 2003), among others. He's also written books on Laurel and Hardy (Pocket Essentials, 2008), Ridley Scott (Pocket Essentials, 2005) and James Cameron (Pocket Essentials, 2002). Paul Simpson has written official guides to the TV series Farscape and Smallville and the movies The Hitchhikers' Guide to the Galaxy and Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit, as well as unofficial books on subjects as diverse as James Bond, Nicole Kidman, and the TV series The O.C. Paul Simpson has written official guides to the TV series Farscape and Smallville and the movies The Hitchhikers' Guide to the Galaxy and Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit, as well as unofficial books on subjects as diverse as James Bond, Nicole Kidman, and the TV series The O.C. He wrote an unofficial guide to CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A regular visitor to film and TV sets, he has reported for many newspapers and magazines, including TV Guide. For five years, he was the editor of the official licensed Star Trek Magazine. He wrote That's What They Want You to Think for Zenith Press and co-authored Middle-earth Envisioned for Race Point Publishing.

Great book full of wonderful illustrations!

I had really hoped for better coverage of the vast amount of excellent art done for LotR and The Hobbit, but this disappoints on that, instead going into detail on old TV and audio productions.

A nice book with a variety of sketches and information. The book is, what I feel to be of good size as

some I have purchased are much smaller than I would like. By having a larger size book the pictures are able to be seen in further detail. I gave this as a gift and they really enjoyed it also.

This is a great book for people looking for more information not just about the movies but of Tolkien himself. There are great stories about the different medias that books were released in.

Great book for a Tolkien fan!!

My husband loves the book

Nice book. It has a many cool images which helps to imagine. Awesome book.

The book came on time and I really enjoy reading and looking at all the images!

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