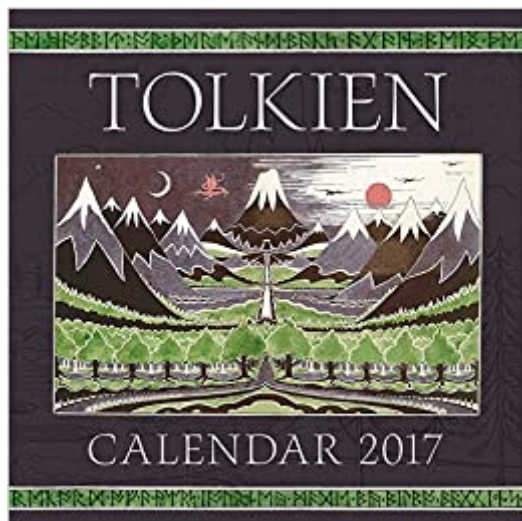


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Tolkien Calendar 2017



Synopsis

Experience the beauty and magic of J. R. R. Tolkien every day of 2017 with this handsome wall calendar showcasing the legendary creator's original artwork from the first edition of *The Hobbit* on the eightieth anniversary of its publication. Celebrate this special occasion with this collectible calendar featuring all your favorites from Tolkien's beloved classic: Bilbo Baggins, Gandalf, Thorin Oakenshield, Smaug, and more!

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John Ronald Reuel Tolkien (1892-1973) was a major scholar of the English language, specializing in Old and Middle English. Twice Professor of Anglo-Saxon (Old English) at the University of Oxford, he also wrote a number of stories, including most famously *The Hobbit* (1937) and *The Lord of the Rings* (1954-1955), which are set in a pre-historic era in an invented version of the world which he called by the Middle English name of Middle-earth.

The 2017 Tolkien Calendar recognizes the 80th Anniversary of the publication of *The Hobbit*. Most of the monthly drawings were done by J.R.R. Tolkien in pen and ink for the first British edition, which had no color illustrations. Because there weren't enough of the original illustrations for all twelve months, an artist named Nicolette Caven has created pen and ink versions of two of Tolkien's watercolors, *Conversation With Smaug* and *Rivendell*. The front cover illustration is Tolkien's design for *The Hobbit's* dustjacket, which is still used today. The centerfold contains several of Tolkien's watercolors: "The Hill," "Rivendell," "Bilbo Comes to the Huts of the Raft-elves," "Bilbo in the Eagle's

Eyrie," and "Conversation with Smaug," In addition, July's artwork is Tolkien's drawing of Mirkwood, which he originally intended for use as endpapers for the book. There is an Introduction by noted Tolkien illustrator Allan Lee. It would have been nice to have had the maps of The Lonely Mountain and Wilderland included, since they were also part of the first edition, but apparently there wasn't room for them. The calendars for each month include national and religious holidays for the US and Canada, publication dates for Tolkien's books, and the phases of the moon. Each month has a quote from either The Hobbit or from Tolkien's letters. This is a nice if not very colorful calendar, but it has a serious drawback. The grids for each month run from Monday to Sunday. If, like me, you are accustomed to calendars whose grids run from Sunday to Saturday, you will find yourself constantly off by a day if you just take a quick look at the calendar without remembering the anomalous grid. That's disappointing, because I like to make my Tolkien calendar my "main" calendar for planning during the year. For 2017 I'll have to find a calendar with a traditional grid for scheduling purposes and use this one as mere decoration.

This is a gift and I am sure the recipient will love it. I am thinking about enclosing some colored pencils when I wrap the calendar because these calendars have been monochromatic the last couple of years. I will also warn the recipient about the weeks starting with Monday instead of Sunday.

I have been collecting Tolkien calendars for the past 40 years and I like them all. The only issue I have with this one is that Monday is the first day of the week and Sunday is the last. It is confusing to look at it and try to remember which day it is, so I put it away with the rest of my collection and will not display it.

Always exciting to see the latest Hobbit Calendar and the unique art renditions of the great stories. This calendar will be enjoyed all year +

A lovely calendar that I will cut up for framing when the year is done. I do wish there was a bit more space at the bottom of the calendar grid so my sticky reminders had enough room.** note that this calendar has a Monday start day format. Most traditional calendars start with Saturday.

I bought this as a present for my brother who is a HUGE Tolkien fan. He has liked other ones that have been published in the past. Glad to find this here as they are difficult to locate in stores. Happy

with this purchase.

Nice Calendar, have been giving them to my Brother for Christmas since they first came out. Not as well drawn as they were in the beginning, but they are still terrific.

I love the artwork but it is strange that the weeks start on Monday. Who does that? I love it anyway, great for any Tolkien fan.

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