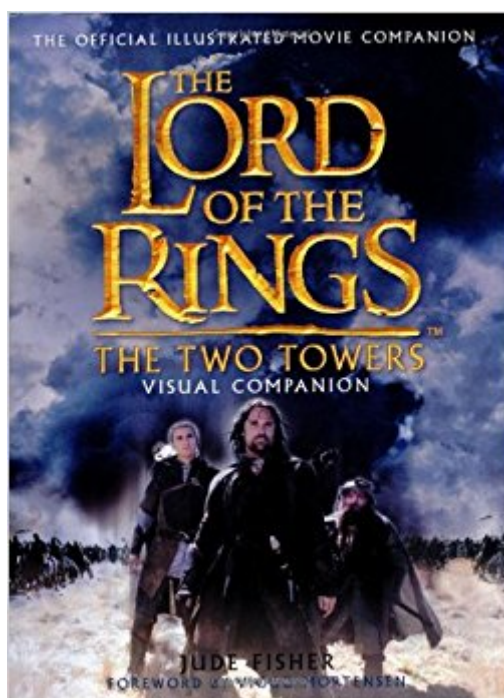


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The Two Towers Visual Companion: The Official Illustrated Movie Companion (The Lord Of The Rings)



Synopsis

The official, fully authorized companion to the second part of Peter Jackson's award-winning trilogy, *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*. *The Two Towers Visual Companion* is a full-color guide to the characters, places and landscapes of J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle-earth as depicted in the second film in *The Lord of the Rings* Trilogy, and features a special introduction by Viggo Mortensen, who plays Aragorn. Lavishly illustrated with more than 100 full-color photographs, including exclusive images of Gollum, Treebeard and the battle of Helm's Deep, *The Two Towers Visual Companion* offers a privileged tour through the principal events of the second film. It begins with a recounting of *The Fellowship of the Ring*, and then takes the reader on the separate journeys undertaken by the Fellowship in *The Two Towers*. *The Ring Quest*: in which Frodo and Sam journey alone towards Mordor, alone that is, except for the sneaking figure of Gollum, who has been dogging their footsteps since Moria. *The Captives' Journey*: in which Merry and Pippin are carried by the fearsome Uruk-hai towards a fateful encounter with the wizard, Saruman, at the stronghold of Isengard. *The Companions' Journey*: in which Aragorn, Legolas and Gimli pursue the abducted hobbits across the Plains of Rohan and into the eaves of Fangorn Forest. Also included are a brand new map of Rohan and Gondor and a specially commissioned battle plan of the climactic events at Helm's Deep, where a brave stand will be made by the Free Peoples of Middle-earth against Saruman's horde. The companion offers an unforgettable tour of the haunted swamp of the Dead Marshes and the lovely but dangerous land of Ithilien which borders Mordor, the breathtaking kingdom of Rohan, home of the Horse-lords, its seat of power, Edoas, and the ancient stronghold of Helm's Deep, and provides an invaluable introduction to Peter Jackson's *The Two Towers*.

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Customer Reviews

JUDE FISHER is a pseudonym for an established fantasy author. Her *Two Towers Visual Companion* was a New York Times bestseller..

The *Two Towers Visual Companion* is a beautifully done book that die hard Tolkien fans and those new to Tolkien's world will appreciate. Most of the oversized book is filled with gorgeous full color photographs to give you little teasers regarding the film, but also to help define the different races and introduce new characters. For those who are not as familiar with *The Fellowship of the Ring*, it gives you a little background on those events that spill over into *The Two Towers* and then moves forward with the story. This makes it a great book for those who are not very familiar with Tolkien's world as it clearly explains who everyone is as far as races and cultures go. There are sections on Gollum, The Dead Marshes, Ithilien, Faramir, Fangorn Forest, Ents, Saruman, Gandalf the White, The Rohirrim, and many more. I am a big Tolkien fan so it was all review for me, but Jude Fisher does a fine job of summarizing the story and preparing the reader for the film. My main interest in reading this book was to see where the book by Tolkien and the movie by Jackson differed and, in that respect, it was very helpful. At the cheap price available now, it is a worthy addition to any fantasy or Tolkien fan's library.

I'm an amateur artist and bought this book for some good reference pics--particularly of the actors--for doing some LOTR drawings. The problem is that the pics are rather small much of the time (a lot of fluffy text takes up much of the pages), and the shots usually aren't that interesting, anyway. There are few headshots of the main characters, and Gollum isn't featured at all, outside of the back of his head. Of course, you can find tons of beautiful LOTR images online, such as at the official movie site, but for drawing, I find it more convenient to have a photo reference on the table in front of me. If you're just a fan and don't care about creating portraits, I'd still recommend just looking around online. The photos in this book are surprisingly mediocre given the absolutely stunning source material.

Thin hard cover book that outlines the story using visuals directly from the movie stills.

This book was easier for my kid to read than the novel. I read him the novel, but this he could read

himself. He also liked pictures. He was 11 when I purchased this book.

I have read The Two Towers. My wife has not. We both enjoyed this visual companion. I would recommend this book to explain things to someone who has not read the original book. Great pictures.

This made a very great gift for my sweetie who loves anything to do with Tolkien and of course, Lord of the Rings Movies! He adored this book and it made a great addition to his collection! :-)

Marvelous book...A must have for every LOTR fan!!!!

Received with thanks

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