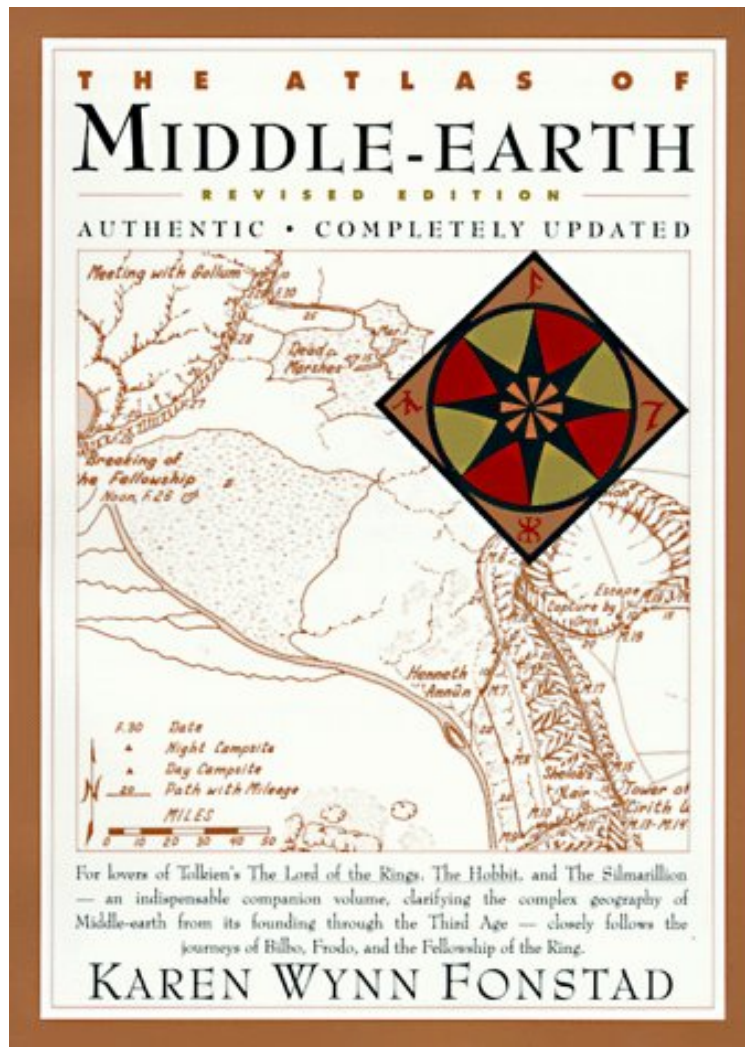


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A fantastic guide for those of us who need a visual map. By agjI love this book. This is a straight-forward map of a fantasy land developed by a true cartographer. Much thought and research went into this book. I find that JRR Tolkein has a very geographical mind and it used to put me off when reading the LOTR series. The maps gave me a better feeling of Middle Earth. I'm not sure, but I think women think in different ways than some men. Karen Wynn Fonstad's Atlas of Middle Earth gave me a true grip of Tolkein's landscape. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good book. By mark twainI agree with the review that

some maps, across the spine (paperback), can be difficult to see at the center especially if you prefer not ripping the book in half. Otherwise, this book is what I was looking for having neat things like maps of paths taken from Bagend to Rivendell, Rivendell to Lorien, where they stopped along the way, etc. Lots of good stuff. Lots of detail. This book is a wonderful companion to the books by J. Tolkien, regarding Middle-earth. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. An Essential Reference for Tolkien Fans By David L. Grant None of the pre-fab boxes above fit this work - as it is a book of maps that accompany J.R.R. Tolkien's works from *The Silmarillion* through *The Hobbit*, *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, and the posthumous works his son, Christopher has published. It is a wonderful reference and exceptionally well-researched and executed. A must-have for any fan of Tolkien's masterful works.

This newly revised edition includes all the light shed by Christopher Tolkien's research in *THE HISTORY OF MIDDLE-EARTH*, including the forthcoming 1992 volume, *Sauron Defeated*. A definitive guide to the peoples, lands, journeys, and their histories. Maps and diagrams.

The publishing world is full of Tolkien spinoff products, some trivial and ephemeral--but some, like this thoroughly researched atlas, are genuinely classy. Karen Wynn Fonstad is a qualified geographer and cartographer who first mapped Middle-earth in 1981 and has since added much new detail based on those endless volumes of drafts, abandoned passages, alternative versions, and laundry lists published since Tolkien's death. She fills in gaps and details in the familiar Third Age maps from *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*, goes back in time to map Middle-earth's First and Second Ages, and reconstructs the route and timescale of every important journey in the stories. There are local maps of key places like the Mines of Moria, Lothlorien, Isengard, Minas Tirith, the Tower of Cirith Ungol, and the volcanic Mount Doom. War maps cover the saga's notable battles, up to the hopeless last stand at Mordor gate and the tiny later skirmish known in Shire records as the Battle of Bywater. Thematic maps show Middle-earth's distribution of climate, geological features, vegetation, people, and (most importantly to Tolkien) languages.... It's all done tremendously seriously and would make a fine gift for enthusiastic Tolkien fans, except that they'll have bought it already. --David Langford, .co.uk From Library Journal Tolkien loved maps and geography played a great importance in his books. In the paperback revision of a hardcover that is out of print, cartographer Fonstad here details that aspect of these stories. Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc. About the Author Karen Wynn Fonstad, the author of *The Atlas of Pern*, *The Forgotten Realms Atlas* and other guides to fantasy worlds, is a noted cartographer. She lives in Wisconsin. Christopher Tolkien, who formerly taught at Oxford University, is J.R.R. Tolkien's son and literary executor. The editor of *The Silmarillion* and *Unfinished Tales* as well as the twelve-part series *The History of Middle-earth*, he lives in France. J.R.R. Tolkien (1892-1973), beloved throughout the world as the creator of *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*, was a professor of Anglo-Saxon at Oxford, a fellow of Pembroke College, and a fellow of Merton College until his retirement in 1959. His chief interest was the linguistic aspects of the early English written tradition, but even as he studied these classics he was creating a set of his own.