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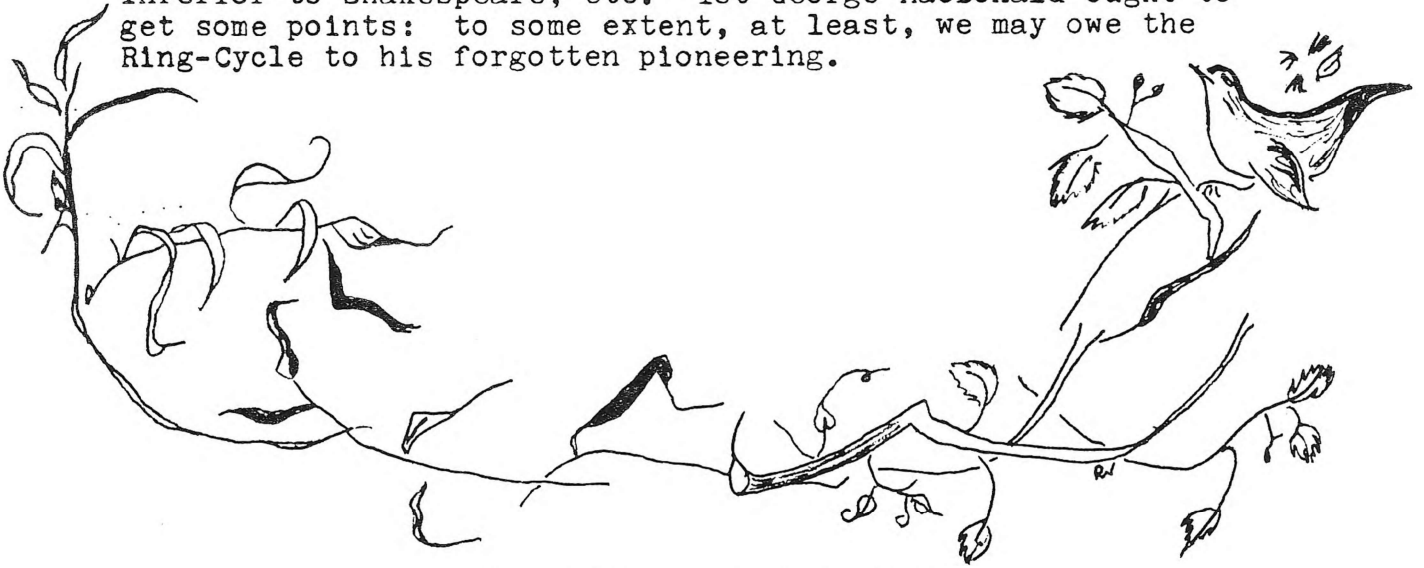
Abstract

Briefly notes that the names of the dwarves in *The Hobbit* come from the Norse Eddas.

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of Gorboduc (first English tragedy) and Ralph Roister Doister or Gammer Gurton's Needle (earliest English comedies) are inferior to Shakespeare; etc. Yet George MacDonald ought to get some points: to some extent, at least, we may owe the Ring-Cycle to his forgotten pioneering.



The Hobbit: The Real Story
by Matthew Hoffman

As I was doing a term paper on Norse mythology, I came across several references to a dwarf, Durin, called "the second dwarf made", a great king, also, in his time. This whetted my curiosity and after a few more days of research, I came up with these findings:

Apparently memories of the Middle-Earth Ages still lingered in the makers and tellers of these legends for of the thirteen Dwarf-companions of Bilbo in The Hobbit, Fili, Kili, Dori, Nori, and Ori are among the famous dwarfs mentioned in the Norse Eddas, along with Dain, Thrór, and Fundin, kings of Erebor. Also mentioned are a few garblings, such as Oinn for Oin, Gloinn for Gloin, and Durinn for Durin. Most interesting is the mention of a Gandalf, who is supposedly part Elf, part Dwarf; this a misunderstanding of Gandalf's position as a helper to both the Elven and Dwarfish peoples.

