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Abstract
Lists Thompson's earlier articles in Mythlore on reviews of and references to Tolkien's works, with errata.

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“Part II: The Fellowship of the Ring [continued], The Two Towers,” Mythlore 11, No. 3 (41: Winter-Spring, 1985), 59-63.


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“Minor, Early References to Tolkien and His Works,” Mythlore 14, No. 1 (51: Autumn 1987), 41-42, 55.

ERRATA


P.56 For Thompson read Thomson

P.57 H., R., line 6: For H ‘38 read H ‘66P Hughes, E., line 2: For Statesmen read Statesman P. A., line 4: For is has read it has

Bottom of page: See also reviews of LotR ’56 by Straight, of LotR ’65 and ’67 in Best Sellers and by Brady ETC

P.59S., S., line 2: For p. ii read p. 11 Blair, line 8: For emphasis read emphases Conklin, line 4: For + read +

“Part II: The Fellowship of the Ring [continued], The Two Towers,” Mythlore 11, No. 3 (41: Winter-Spring, 1985), 59-63.

P.59: Beginning: The following entries were omitted:

“The Fellowship of the Ring,” Adelphi 31:1 (1954), 101-102. [He objects to the excessive praise on the jacket. Conclusion: “Mr. Tolkien rejects everything, tradition, history, symbolism and allegory. His admirers regard it as his strength, yet in fact it is his weakness, despite all the ingenuity and the brilliance of detail. There is a difference between a tour de force and a work of genius.”] + FR ’54E

F[ausset], H. I.A. “Epic Romance.” Manchester Guardian, 20 Aug. 1954, p. 3. [“To have created so enthralling an epic-romance, with its own mythology, with . . . such imaginative largesse in invention and description, and such supernatural meaning underlying the wealth of incident, is a most remarkable feat.” Brief.] +FR ’54E

P.59: after Flood: the following entries were omitted:

Gerson, Villiers. “The Spectroscope.” Amazing Stories 29 (Sept. 1955), 110. [A rather brief review. It is not the adventures which fascinate but “the wonderful characterization, the poetry, the interest which the author makes us feel in each of the protagonists which gives it a strange power.”] +FR ’54E

Green, Peter. “Outward Bound by Air to an Inappropriate Ending.” The Daily Telegraph & Morning Post, 27 Aug. 1954, p. 8. [Green can find no reason for taking the book seriously. Tolkien has “written, with the intolerable prosiness of a bazaar story-teller, an adventure yarn about magic rings and Black Riders which should prove immensely popular with those 10-year-olds who don’t prefer space-fiction.” It does not show imagination at all. “The style veers from pre-Raphaelite to Boy’s Own Paper.” Yet the work has an awesome fascination.] +Fr ’54E

Halle, David. “Faint but Pursuing.” New Zealand Listener, 14 Jan. 1955, pp. 13-14. [“This farrago of the imagination running amok, this saga-crooning over the rivalries or friendships of hobbits . . . elves, dwarves, and orcs, this homeric clashing of ignorant armies by night, is presented with unflagging and enviable zest.” Brief.] +FR ’54E

Hayes, E. Nelson. “New Fiction.” The Progressive (Madison) 19 (Jan. 1955), 42-43. [“Tolkien has created a mythology complete, consistent, and convincing. He writes a prose of great dignity and power, compounded of strong rhythms, colorful
“Heroic Endeavour.” Times Literary Supplement, 27 Aug. 1954, p. 541. [It is a near thing but Tolkien brings off the change of key between the earlier and later parts of this volume. "Yet the plot lacks balance." The only code of the good characters "is the warrior’s code of courage, and the author never explains what it is they consider the Good."] +FR ‘54E

“Hobbits and the Ring.” Newsweek 44 (29 Nov. 1954), 106. ["In the northwest of the Old World" of literature, east of the inky sea of crisp reporting and useful biography, and far south of the icily sensitive psychological novel, live some folk called Hobbits and a remarkable new book about them." The rich Biblical style and the handling of the allegory are praised. "Summing up: Hobbits have something to say." A large cartoon illustration shows a ridiculous conception of orcs.] +FR ‘54A

P.59Kiely, line 3: For enchanting read interesting Lehmann, line 1: For Lehmann read Lehmann
P.60Mitchison, line 2: For Statesmen read Statesman Pearson, line 2: For No. 132 read No. 1232 Sotemann, line 1: For Sotemann read Sotemann
P.61Brady, line 1: For Wonderous read Wondrous de Camp, line 4: For passage read passages P.62Kepert, line 1: For Sidney read Sydney P.63Pearson, line 3: For legend. read legend, Street, line 5: For entralled read enthralled See also, line 2: For Sotemann read Sotemann


P.58 Best Sellers, line 1: For [The read [“The Churchill, line 3: For Fairy read Faerie P.59Forrest, line 2: For ii read II Gale, line 6: For enough. read enough." Hahn, line 17: For Fr read FR Halle, line 2: For [What read [What P.60McAlister, line 4: For dread, power. read dread power, P.61Muir, lines 3 & 4: For heros read heroes Nicholls, line 2: For AGE read Age "Recent Fiction," line 1: For 3 read 52 P.62Roberts, line 1: For Adventures read Adventure “The Saga of Middle Earth," line 12: For Scudmore read Scudmore Scudmore, line 1: For Scudmore read Scudmore Smith, Kathe, line 1: For Kathe read Käthe Sotemann, line 1: For Sotemann read Sotemann line 15: For not as a read not a line 22: For is riding read riding Steele, line 4: For touched read touched with P.63Steele, line 5: For for, read for instance, Warton, line 1: For Hobbit read Hobbits Wickenden, line 5: For European read European


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