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# The Return Of The King Visual Companion: The Official Illustrated Movie Companion (The Lord Of The Rings)



## Synopsis

From the New York Times best-selling author of *The Two Towers Visual Companion* comes a lavishly illustrated keepsake guide to *The Return of the King*. As Frodo, Sam, and Gollum slowly make their way into the depths of the Dark Lord's realm of Mordor in their desperate quest to destroy the One Ring, the scattered members of the fellowship, now scarred and battered from the Battle of Helm's Deep, must journey to the Gondorian stronghold of Minas Tirith for a last stand against the might of Sauron and his evil minions.

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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..

I've been reading Tolkien for a long time (since 1964) & as a reader anticipated the Peter Jackson films anxiously wondering what he'd get right & more cynically what would go wrong (remembering the Rankin-Bass & Ralph Bakshi attempts to render the Lord of the Rings into cartoon form 20 or so years before Jackson). I could complain about what was left out of Peter Jackson's trilogy (especially Tom Bombadil, Old Man Willow & the Scouring of the Shire) but the three extant films more than make up for what was left out. Jackson's trilogy runs over with sights & sounds & haunting insights & captures the sweep & complexity that Tolkien lavished on the Lord of the Rings. Jude Fisher's Visual Companion series gives the reader both Tolkien's world & Jackson's vision. The story is there (admittedly in a truncated Readers Digest sort of a way) & the pictures illustrate the episodes &

characters the way illustrations should. In this case the wisdom that pictures are worth a thousand words rings true. I could complain that this piece of Tolkien or that piece or another was left out of both the Visual Companions & Jackson's trilogy ..... but why complain? The Visual Companions & Peter Jackson's film trilogy give the casual reader a doorway to Tolkien's world & it reminds those Tolkien readers why we were so moved by Gandalf, Frodo, Sam & Aragorn & company way long ago when we opened the first book of Tolkien's trilogy. It's good stuff ...

This is a hardback book, oversize so it can accommodate the quality of images and text. A "coffee table" edition is what people would label it. This book is a more definitive version than the photo guide, and it goes into the story with more details and more images. In the first chapter "The Great Task", it recaps the first two movies and what all the characters were doing. Then for Return of the King, Chapter Two picks up with the Kingdom of Gondor, the Realm Aragon is destined to rule. Under the rule of Denethor, father of Boromir and Faramir, he is only the Steward of Gondor. Discovering Boromir's death through one of the seeing-stones has made him power-mad in his grief and bordering on insanity. He is determined to hold on to the throne of Gondor and blames his son, Faramir, for setting Frodo with the One Ring free, and means to stand against Aragon's return as the King of Gondor. The book adds background for people who love the Rings movies, but have not read Tolkien books, and maybe have a few questions. This is not only a wonderful showcase, super packed with gorgeous photos, but explains little nuances to the non-reader of the books, the film assumes you understand. So this book is highly recommended to Ring Collectors, but also for lovers of the movie wanting to know a little more. The images are stunning, well selected and give you a piece of the movie to keep forever. Great Christmas or birthday gift for your LOTR fan.

I was pleased by the really great photographs covering the wonderfully written script that so faithfully attempted to stick to Tolkien's imagination. It's a pretty book and it covers the film, could any picture book about the Return Of the King contain enough pictures? The answer is no, but this book is pleasing. If you want more, do as I do, order books from other authors to cover the spectrum.

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

I have read The Return of The King. 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.

We are all Lord of the Rings fans around here. I got this for my 12 year old son. However, the entire family has thoroughly enjoyed the many photos and behind the scene commentary found in this book. Well worth the money.

This book was a little easier to read than the whole novel. I read whole novel to kid, but he likes to read this book by himself. I got it for him when he was 11.

Great read. If your a fan of LOTR, you'll enjoy this.

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