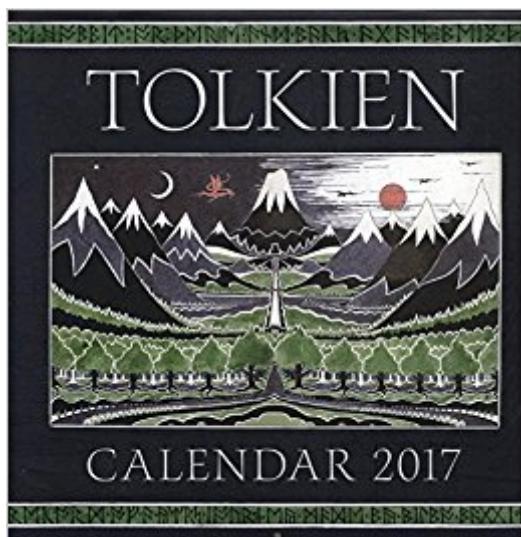


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It is not a new year without this great Calendar for Tolkien fans!

Some repeats from past calendars

The 2017 Tolkien Calendar recognizes the 80th Anniversary of the publication of The Hobbit. Most of the monthly drawings were done by J.R.R. Tolkien in pen and ink for the first British edition, which had no color illustrations. Because there weren't enough of the original illustrations for all twelve months, an artist named Nicolette Caven has created pen and ink versions of two of Tolkien's watercolors, Conversation With Smaug and Rivendell. The front cover illustration is Tolkien's design for The Hobbit's dustjacket, which is still used today. The centerfold contains several of Tolkien's watercolors: "The Hill," "Rivendell," "Bilbo Comes to the Huts of the Raft-elves," "Bilbo in the Eagle's Eyrie," and "Conversation with Smaug." In addition, July's artwork is Tolkien's drawing of Mirkwood, which he originally intended for use as endpapers for the book. There is an Introduction by noted Tolkien illustrator Allan Lee. It would have been nice to have had the maps of The Lonely Mountain and Wilderland included, since they were also part of the first edition, but apparently there wasn't room for them. The calendars for each month include national and religious holidays for the US and

Canada, publication dates for Tolkien's books, and the phases of the moon. Each month has a quote from either The Hobbit or from Tolkien's letters. This is a nice if not very colorful calendar, but it has a serious drawback. The grids for each month run from Monday to Sunday. If, like me, you are accustomed to calendars whose grids run from Sunday to Saturday, you will find yourself constantly off by a day if you just take a quick look at the calendar without remembering the anomalous grid. That's disappointing, because I like to make my Tolkien calendar my "main" calendar for planning during the year. For 2017 I'll have to find a calendar with a traditional grid for scheduling purposes and use this one as mere decoration.

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