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# J.R.R. Tolkien Gift Set



## Synopsis

Enjoy the depth and wonder of these fully dramatized recordings from BBC Radio and Random House Audio. Each program features a full-cast performance, realistic sound effects, and stirring musical scores to give the listener an amazing audio experience. The works of J.R.R. Tolkien have never sounded better. This gift treasury includes: *The Hobbit* Tolkien's timeless tale of the adventures of Bilbo Baggins and the wizard Gandalf will captivate listeners from beginning to end. *The Fellowship of the Ring* The first story in the Lord of the Rings trilogy follows Frodo Baggins and his faithful servant, Sam, through the world of Middle-Earth. *The Two Towers* Part II in the trilogy finds the Fellowship scattered with Frodo and Sam traveling to the dark kingdom of Mordor in an attempt to destroy the Ring of Power. *The Return of the King* The amazing conclusion of the epic fantasy follows Frodo and Sam as they desperately struggle towards Mount Doom in order to destroy the Ring.

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## Customer Reviews

**Summary:** This box set takes the BBC's versions of J.R.R. Tolkien's classics: "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings trilogy" and sticks them together into one convenient place. These are abridged versions of the books, and so they don't contain certain [relatively unimportant] parts and characters; for example Tom Bombadil isn't here. Each book is roughly 4 hours long and is spread over 4-5 CDs. The audio books were originally done by British actors and are all over twenty years old. **Packaging:** The four audio books come in a large black box with a cool hologram picture on the front. Each book is in a triple CD case (Think: the case-size for the CD version of the Beatles White

Album.) with art by John Howe (John Howe was also a major contributor to the Lord of the Rings movie art design.) covering the front of each. There is also a hand-drawn map of "Wilderland" included; unfortunately the map is mostly just of the Misty Mountains and Mirkwood, thus it can really only be used to find places that appear in The Hobbit. It would have been nice if there had been a few more extras included, such as perhaps a booklet explaining a few things, or a map of the entire Middle Earth. However, I'm being fairly nitpicky concerning these things. What really disappointed me by the packaging was the fact that there is nothing included which lists the names (Chapters) of the tracks. So, if you were trying to find a place on one of the audio CDs that corresponds with a place in one of the books, you would have a very difficult time doing so. It really doesn't make much sense and I don't know why tracks and chapters weren't listed on the CD cases or somewhere else in the packaging. Audio Quality: The audio quality for these audio books leaves a few things to be desired.

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