

Bibliography

J.R.R. Tolkien

-*The Silmarillion*

This is the history of Ardu, Middle Earth, and the hosts of inhabitants.

-*The Hobbit*

The story of how the ring came into the possession of Bilbo.

-*The Lord of the Rings*

This is the main story. The drama of how the Ring of Power was destroyed.

-*On Fairy Stories* <https://coolcalvary.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/on-fairy-stories1.pdf>

This is Tolkien's reflections on the function of fairy stories and myths.

Fleming Rutledge

-*The Battle for Middle Earth: Tolkien's Divine Design in Lord of the Rings*

A Theological Commentary on each section of the book.

Ralph Wood

-*The Gospel According to Tolkien: Visions of the Kingdom in Middle Earth*

A fairly simple reflection on Biblical themes in Lord of the Rings.

Peter Kreeft

-*The Philosophy of Tolkien: The Worldview Behind Lord of the Rings*

If you enjoy philosophy, this will pique your interest from a Catholic perspective.

Gregory Bassham and Eric Bronson

-*The Lord of the Rings and Philosophy: One Book to Rule Them All*

A collection of very accessible essays on the philosophy of Lord of the Rings. Particularly engaging is the chapter by Douglas Blount entitled "Uberhobbits: Tolkien, Nietzsche, and the Will to Power".

Sarah Arthur

-*Walking with Frodo: A Devotional Journey Through Lord of the Rings*

If you are inclined toward a devotional, this is a good reflection on major themes from Scripture in Lord of the Rings.

Theology Pugcast

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1e1BOUL4zI0>

Several Christian philosophers and theologians discuss the Nietzschean themes in Lord of the Rings.