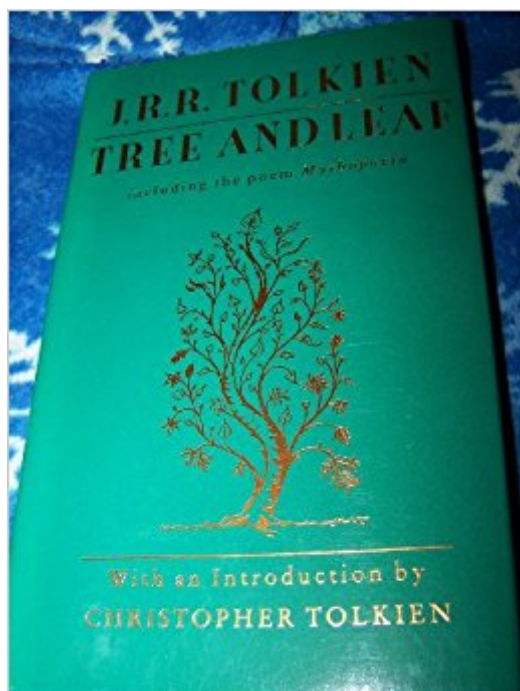


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# Tree And Leaf: Including The Poem Mythopoeia



## Synopsis

Repackaged to feature Tolkien's own painting of the Tree of Amalion, this collection includes his famous essay, 'On Fairy-stories' and the story that exemplifies this, 'Leaf by Niggle', together with the poem 'Mythopoeia' and the verse drama, 'The Homecoming of Beorhtnoth', which tells of the events following the disastrous Battle of Maldon. Fairy-stories are not just for children, as anyone who has read Tolkien will know. In his essay On Fairy-Stories, Tolkien discusses the nature of fairy-tales and fantasy and rescues the genre from those who would relegate it to juvenilia. The haunting short story, Leaf by Niggle, recounts the story of the artist, Niggle, who has 'a long journey to make' and is seen as an allegory of Tolkien's life. The poem Mythopoeia relates an argument between two unforgettable characters as they discuss the making of myths. Lastly, and published for the very first time, we are treated to the translation of Tolkien's account of the Battle of Maldon, known as The Homecoming of Beorhtnoth. Tree and Leaf is an eclectic, amusing, provocative and entertaining collection of works which reveals the diversity of J.R.R. Tolkien's imagination, the depth of his knowledge of English history, and the breadth of his talent as a creator of fantastic fiction.

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J R R Tolkien (1892-1973) was a distinguished academic, though he is best known for writing *The Hobbit*, *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Silmarillion*, plus other stories and essays. His books have been translated into over 40 languages and have sold many millions of copies world wide. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I love Tolkien's works and this book is in character with his other books.

I have never so heavily notated a book I read for school, I have never felt less like reading was assigned, and I have never been happier to go back and read it again and still have my annotations and the wonderful text. *Tree and Leaf* is fantastic all for learning about Tolkien, for hearing what he had to say, and just for a good read. It is all of these things. Really, really great. If you're not sure, buy this--and buy the hard copy--you'll want to make notes.

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This is an excellent little volume of Tolkien's work, collecting together some of his less known work. Each piece is a gem, revealing Tolkien's view on the world, history and religion. I think this is a must for anyone who is interested in Tolkien and his work.

A short story by JRR Tolkien that is KEY to all others 1

This little book contains the essay "On Fairy Stories" which was a dissertation Tolkien delivered in

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