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The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King Visual Companion

by Jude Fisher

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New book offers exclusive sneak peek at final film

About the Book

Before the final film in New Line Cinema's epic *Lord of the Rings* trilogy opens in theaters on December 17, *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King Visual Companion* offers readers the opportunity to take a privileged pictorial tour through the cultures, locations, and characters of Middle-earth as depicted onscreen. Enhancing the visual feast of information is a fascinating explanatory text provided by Jude Fisher, the best-selling author of *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers Visual Companion*.

The Return of the King Visual Companion is lavishly illustrated with more than a hundred full-color photographs, including many screen shots directly from the film (more than in previous visual companions) and exclusive images of the climactic battle scenes. Many stunning large-format shots showcase the epic scale of Peter Jackson's Middle-earth. The book includes an unforgettable tour of the once-proud kingdom of Gondor; the eerie catacombs of the Dwimorberg mountain; the rank lair of the monstrous Shelob; and the apocalyptic landscape of Mordor, in which the final desperate moves of this epic struggle will be played out. A brand-new map of Mordor is also featured.

Jude Fisher's enlightening text enables readers to understand the missions undertaken by the members of the Fellowship in their quest to destroy the One Ring in *The Return of the King*. Fisher recounts the Companions' Journey, in which Aragorn, Legolas, and Gimli must travel the petrifying Paths of the Dead to bring desperate aid to the besieged city of Minas Tirith in Gondor; the War of the Ring, in which the men of Middle-earth finally gather at Minas Tirith to fight the Dark Lord Sauron's army; and the Ring Quest, in which Frodo and Sam must put their lives, and the fate of the entire quest, into the hands of Gollum.

The scale and scope of the final film, as well as its inherent drama, are on full display in this breathtaking book, the third in a three-book series. With its spectacular imagery, accompanied by Fisher's informative account of the action, *The Return of the King Visual Companion* is an essential collectible reference that no Tolkien fan should be without.

About the Author

Jude Fisher was born in Cornwall and now lives in London. She has worked in the book industry as a bookseller and publisher for nearly twenty years and has a master's degree in Scandinavian studies, with a specialization in Old Icelandic texts. She is the author of *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring Visual Companion*, the best-selling *The Two Towers Visual Companion*, and the epic fantasy novels *Sorcery Rising* and *Wild Magic*. She has had four novels published under the pseudonym Gabriel King.