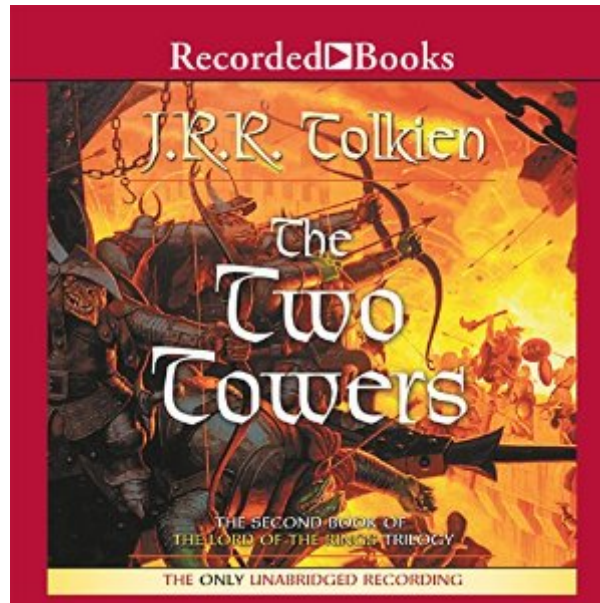


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The Two Towers: Book Two In The Lord Of The Rings Trilogy



Synopsis

The Two Towers is the second volume of J.R.R. Tolkien's epic saga, The Lord of the Rings. The Fellowship has been forced to split up. Frodo and Sam must continue alone towards Mount Doom, where the One Ring must be destroyed. Meanwhile, at Helm's Deep and Isengard, the first great battles of the War of the Ring take shape. In this splendid, unabridged audio production of Tolkien's great work, all the inhabitants of a magical universe - hobbits, elves, and wizards - spring to life. Rob Inglis' narration has been praised as a masterpiece of audio.

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Customer Reviews

The magnificence of Rob Inglis' dramatization, both with respect to its place in the Tolkien Legend and in comparison to the present state of the spoken theatre, is quite simply ineffable. Here presented is THE ONLY completely unabridged reading of the Lord of the Rings to be found, and to commuters like me, it represents a long awaited opportunity to become acquainted with the work of a genius without fear of losing precious shards of his masterpiece to the whim of an editor. Worth every moment of the 20 hour listening time, from the endearing character voices to the hearty singing of songs and chanting of poetry that is sure to linger in your mind throughout the day. A purely wonderful experience for both Tolkien Veterans and the uninitiated alike.

By all means, choose this unabridged cassette version whether you are "reading" LOTR for the first time or for the umpteenth time! I debated whether to go with this cassette version of LOTR or the newly-released BBC CD set with Sir Ian Holm. Thank goodness for reviews because after reading

that the CD set was NOT truly unabridged (how could they leave out Tom Bombadil?!), it simplified my decision. Rob Inglis is outstanding reader and does a fine job selecting an appropriate voice for each of the characters. I personally find it much more pleasing than a host of voices (of course if Sir Ian had done the entire CD version, I'd be back to a difficult decision). The point for me when listening to a book is to hear the story and use my imagination; too many voices or sound effects can be distracting.

In my reviews of *The Hobbit* and *The Fellowship of the Ring*, both read by British Shakesperean actor Rob Inglis, I wrote that the sound quality on these audio books is crystal clear (neither too high, too low or distorted in any way), Inglis's characterizations are spot-on and the story itself (presented here in the only unabridged version available) is engrossing. *The Two Towers* continues the story begun in *The Fellowship of the Ring* but introduces new characters, more battle scenes and a nearly palpable feeling of impending doom as Sauron and Saruman search for the ring. Speaking of new characters, I don't think you'll ever find characters more fascinating than Ents. Ents are walking, talking trees found in Fanghorn Forest. Treebeard (a most "unhasty" Ent) is their leader. He's the oldest living thing in Middle Earth. As Inglis read these passages, I could almost picture the unhasty trees talking to Merry and Pippin. And I longed to look into their very old, wise eyes as they did. The bottom line: *The Two Towers* (part two of the Lord of the Rings "trilogy") is equal to the previous books in every way. Which means there really isn't much more that needs to be written. This is, without doubt, the best audio books edition of *The Lord of the Rings* available. How do you know if *The Two Towers* read by Rob Inglis is right for you? Well, if you... 1. Love Tolkien's stories. 2. Have drive time on your hands. 3. Enjoy hearing a British voice. 4. Don't want to hear a "dramatized," multi-voiced version. 5. Have already listened to (or are familiar with) *The Fellowship of the Ring*. 6. Have a cat you'd like to keep company during the day while you're at work (simply load up your CD changer, push "Play" and "Repeat All" and let Rob Inglis serenade your feline) THEN... This unabridged audio books edition of Tolkien's masterpiece read by Rob Inglis is exactly what you need.

J.R.R. Tolkien's trilogy continues in "*The Two Towers*", the second book of the "*Lord of the Rings*" trilogy. The first book, "*The Fellowship of the Rings*" (read my review on it, too!) end with the breaking up of the Fellowship. The Company is faced with a choice, whether to continue on with Frodo the hobbit to Mount Doom to destroy the ring, or travel to Minas Tirith, capital of Gondor, to help fight the evil Sauron's forces. But in the end, Frodo secretly goes off alone with his faithful

hobbit friend, Sam, to Mount Doom. The other members split up to try to find them. Here is where "The Two Towers" story begins. Boromir is killed while trying to protect hobbits Merry and Pippin from the evil orcs. The three other members of the Company, Aragorn the Ranger, Legolas the Elf, and Gimli the Dwarf, set out to rescue them. They realize that the orcs are not of the forces of Sauron, but someone else. Then a member of the Fellowship Gandalf the wizard, whom they thought was killed, tells them that the orcs are working under the wizard Saruman. Before Saruman had been good but had turned to evil and wants the powers of the Ring. Gandalf tells them that Merry and Pippin have escaped are in the capable hands of Treebeard and the Ents. Gandalf, Aragorn, Legolas, and Gimli to instead go to the lands of Rohan to help King Theoden in the upcoming war from the forces of Saruman. Here ends part one of the book. The second part tells about Frodo and Sam's quest to the land of Mordor with the unexpected help of... Gollum! J.R.R. Tolkien is certainly a genius, "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy have such a depth to it! Middle-Earth is so believable with all the legends, history, geography, language, and races so thought out. Reading the books, I was captivated and couldn't put the books down. Probably one of the best books I've ever read, or will ever read. One of my favorite characters is Legolas the Elf. Elves are so fascinating to me. They're so mysterious, so a part of nature, and a good companion to have. It's so funny how though Elves and Dwarves don't get along too well, Legolas and Gimli are the best of companions and inseparable. Another favorite character is Pippin the hobbit. He's so cheerful, brave, and seems to always get into trouble! I can't honestly say which of the books is my favorite since they're all fantastic. My suggestion to you is that if you are planning to read the books, you should have the whole trilogy on hand, "The Fellowship of the Rings", "The Two Towers", and "The Return of the King". Also I think it will be a good idea to read "The Hobbit", which is a prelude to the trilogy and it tells how Frodo's uncle, Bilbo Baggins, got a hold of the Ring. Most enjoyable I think for ages 12 and up since I think the books will be a little complicated for younger kids.

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