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Bored Of The Rings: A Parody



Synopsis

A quest, a war, a ring that would be grounds for calling any wedding off, a king without a kingdom, and a furry little "hero" named Frito, ready - or maybe just forced by the wizard Goodgulf - to undertake the one mission that can save Lower Middle Earth from enslavement by the evil Sorhed. Luscious Elf-maidens, a roller-skating dragon, ugly plants that can soul kiss the unwary to death - these are just some of the ingredients in the wildest, wackiest, most irreverent excursion into fantasy realms that anyone has ever dared to undertake. For everyone who has delighted in J. R. R. Tolkien's fantasy masterwork - or anyone who's just looking for a good laugh - Bored of the Rings is the "all-in-one-volume" comic extravaganza that will convince lovers and haters of fantasy that they've finally experienced it all, and that they'll never need to read another fantasy parody again.

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Customer Reviews

Seems like people either love or hate this one. Most of the "haters" seem to be folks who consider LoTR to be their religion, or kids too young to get any of the 60's / 70's cultural references. If you don't remember Moxie or Bromo-Seltzer, and have never heard of Harold Stassen or naugahyde, then you will probably have a hard time understanding most of the humor. But if you love LoTR but don't worship it, and if you're old enough to get the cultural references, then you'll probably agree that this book is pretty damned funny.

I have been trying to locate a reasonably priced copy of this book for years - literally! Finally, after

43 years, they have reprinted it!!! This is the book my in-laws used to quote snippets of! And for Christmas one year we gave my Father-in-law a corduroy thesaurus with dangling participles! If you are a fan of Tolkien's books, you will laugh yourself silly over this irreverent parody. If you aren't a fan of Tolkien's books, you will still find humor in reading this book, especially if you are a Boomer, simply because of the dated references made into names and locations. So travel through the Nagio Marsh and through the Evelyn Wood with boggies Frito Bugger, Spam Gangree, Pepsi and Moxie, Stomper the Ranger (Arrowroot of Arrowshirt), Goodgulf the wizard, Legolam, the elf and Gimlet the dwarf on their quest to throw the ring of power into the zazu pits of Fordor and destroy Sorhed's power once and for all!

When I first read this A LONG TIME AGO it was laugh-out-loud / can't-catch-my-breath funny. It's still a great parody, but it takes a little effort to recall the "in jokes", even though this copy has footnotes for those who didn't live through the 70's. I gave a copy to my daughter, who shares my sardonic viewpoint on life, and she just couldn't get into it. For those of an older generation, you'll probably enjoy it.

This in my opinion is the best thing H-Lampoon ever did. I loved LOTR and this is such a parody of all the great things characters you laugh yourself silly. But be warned, if you are much younger someone born after 1960, much of the humor may be lost because things use names common in commercials of the 60's era. But this is pee-pants laugh out loud in public funny. But for those of old enough to "get" the references, it almost nostalgic. If you're a bit of snoot - stay away. Go be profound somewhere else. If you enjoy the irreverent, have fun.

Explicit sexual content only if you have an active imagination. It helps to have read the original trilogy in high school as I and few friends did. Tim Benzodrino was the most interesting character. Some friends took the original trilogy so seriously, they refused to read a parody. Narrated by alternating personalities. Harvard Lampoon must have had more than one horse choked on Cheetos to write this turkey ripoff of JRRT. A classic. Laugh, gag, and puke, This golden turkey is for you. Can't wait for the computer generated virgin of this at the theatre!!!

I first read this about 1976 perhaps. I could not breathe for laughing. With the release of the recent first part of The Hobbit, I looked for this parody of J R R Tolkien's Ring series. Anyone familiar with

those books and a good sense of humor can enjoy this. It belongs in the collection of anyone who has the Ring series in their library. I first became aware of the Ring, in 1973. At someone's home, they had a poster of the journey to Mordor. In 1974 I found the second volume of the trilogy, then discovering the set in 1975. Bored complemented those books then and now. Let any fan of Tolkien read Bored to develop and deepen their appreciation of Tolkien's masterful works, Similliarion, through the Rings. John Darel

With my original Lampoon copy virtually disintegrating before my eyes, I decided to finally get a new copy of this wonderful spoof on Tolkien. Much of the humor would be considered pretty outdated for today, but even at that, the story retains its wonderful humor. Being older I still get most of the jokes - such as Moxie and Pepsi, but maybe there should one day be an annotated edition, which could also be done in a humorous way. If this is your first time reading "Bored of the Rings", have loads of fun with it, this is truly one of the great classics of parody for the modern age - sort of like P.D.Q. Bach with his "Eine Kleine Nicht Music".

Not for the easily offended, much of the humor in this book depends on the clever use of cultural references may seem obscure to people under, say, 50 or so years of age. Although written as a satire, it arguably demonstrates a better understanding of the story than recent filmmakers in their lengthy and expensive productions.

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