



Tolkiens Bookshelf #1 The Song of the Nibelungs - Illustrated Volume 1

By Margaret Armour

Leaves of Gold Press. Paperback. Condition: New. W. B. MacDougall (illustrator). 330 pages. Dimensions: 8.9in. x 6.0in. x 0.9in. TOLKIENS BOOKSHELF 1 THE SONG OF THE NIBELUNGS - ILLUSTRATED This thirteenth century Germanic epic greatly inspired J. R. R. Tolkien. The story tells of the betrayal of the fair and fearless dragon-slayer Siegfried, and of his beautiful wife's terrible revenge. Scholars have noted the influence of its pre-Christian heroic motifs, based on historic events and people of the 5th and 6th centuries, on Tolkien's writing of *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit*. Tolkien was aged five when this sumptuously illustrated translation by Margaret Armour was published in London. Undoubtedly a copy of it would have fallen into his hands during his boyhood. It contains more than seventy illustrations and hand-drawn ornate capital letters by renowned artist W. B. MacDougall, whose pictures illuminate the text with their delicate beauty. All are reproduced in this edition. MacDougall was a friend of famous art nouveau illustrator Aubrey Beardsley, and his own creations echo Beardsley's flowing lines. Armour uses an archaic form of English to preserve the high-flown style of the epic. In places, in *The Lord of the Rings*, Tolkien too employs...



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