

Chapter 1 : Welcome! - Parf Edhellen: an elvish dictionary

Translating Tolkien Vincent FerrÃ©, in charge of the translation into French of J.R.R. Tolkien's works for Christian Bourgois Ã©diteur, describes in this article - in collaboration with Daniel Lauzon and David Riggs - the peculiar difficulties that arise in the attempt to translate J.R.R. Tolkien's works, and the complexities of such a.

Get the latest news and videos for this game daily, no spam, no fuss. Follow Want the latest gaming news as it breaks? You are now subscribed Subscribe for the latest gaming news Fans of J. Lord of the Rings. In short, it is not a fiction most parents would read to their children at night unless of course they wished their offspring would dream of wretched Ringwraiths or legions of vicious Orcs. But can the development team adapt such mature material and keep its themes and messages intact? And if it can, will Tolkien purists be able to stomach the result? Be warned, this feature is full of Lord of the Rings spoilers. Executive producer Nick Ricks talked to GameSpot over the phone recently about the balancing act between respecting the source material and bringing humor to a dark place. And Lord of the Ring is no exception. And according to Ricks, it will leave nothing out. Nothing is skipped over. Nothing is missed out upon," he said. Fans may be happy to learn Lego: Lord of the Rings showed off the pivotal scene within the Mines of Moria, during which Gandalf faces the fiery Balrog. Instead of emitting a devastating stream of fire, the creature belches and Gandalf waves his hand in front of his face to demonstrate his disgust at what must have been a foul odor. This did not happen in the films or in the book. Certainly what motivates me is making these stories applicable and interesting to younger gamers," he said. He explained that it was an "enormous privilege" to work on the Lord of the Rings property, and assures that the company has "brushed up" and "done its homework" with regards to the fiction. The fiction is stuffed with scenes of death and despair, both physically and emotionally. In the first film, Fellowship fighter Boromir is attacked by Uruk-Hai in the wooded hill near the mighty Anduin. As he attempts to save the lives of hobbits Merry and Pippin, he is viciously slain, and his dying words are of his own personal failure to avoid the allure of the Ring. Ricks made clear this violent and important scene, and other pivotal moments from the fiction, will appear in Lego: He did not, however, explain how the game goes about demonstrating these moments. We are really trying to match that cinematic quality which Peter Jackson delivered. There is no direct comparison of the two ratings scales, but if PG roughly equals T, then surely the game had to be watered down some. Not so, says Ricks. We always cover darker material and have the ability to lighten the tone. Lord of the Rings receiving a T or even an M rating, Ricks laughed and said "no. What is so uniquely intriguing about Lego games and Lego toys themselves, to many, is that they inspire imagination. When you are building something, your imagination is your only limit. Lord of the Rings limits imagination in any significant way. In fact, he believes it adds to the cinematic feel of the game. Because what it allows us to do is bring something new to the game and it tells the story in such an effective way that really has a narrative that is quite mature. There is a degree of charm and humor that miming would provide, but I think what we have potentially lost, we more than made up for with what else we can convey. We can put a lighthearted twist on dialogue that is perhaps meant for a different meaning. In the movie, Frodo and Sam are overlooking the doom and gloom of Mordor when Frodo delivers a heartfelt line to his homely hobbit friend. Ricks anticipates players will laugh at this point. Some of these include the temptation of the One Ring, the struggle of the journey, the friction between the preservation of nature and the rise of industry, and the Shire as an illusion of paradise. These ideas are not simple concepts, and Ricks admits many of these will not be present in Lego: Are the allegorical parts of the book, are they being conveyed in our adaptation? It naturally occurs insofar as Peter Jackson did a fantastic adaptation himself. Ricks said he believes Lego: Lord of the Rings is capable of standing on its own as a faithful adaptation and recreation of Middle-earth. But at the same time, he conceded that it would not hurt for younger gamers to pick up the books or watch the films, too, in order to better understand the broader fiction. And not just that, but explore the broader Tolkien fiction at some point," he said. It starts them on their own particular journey--who knows where it will lead? All in One Gameâ€Really? It took Tolkien thousands of pages about 1., depending on the volume and Jackson three already-lengthy feature films about 9. The scope of it was never called into question. Do we do a Lego Fellowship, Two

Towersâ€™? For Lord of the Rings, it certainly fits the quest. And to encompass that, to tell the core story in the gameâ€™it had to be there and back again, if you will. He said it is certainly one of the biggest undertakings the studio has ever tackled and quality assurance playthroughs are taking 24 hours to complete. Tolkien did not actually write Lord of the Rings as a trilogy. His publisher required it be trifurcated. Working with the license-holders Before Lego: And according to Ricks, though there was some "education" that had to go on with certain parties, it has largely been smooth sailing from the onset. An impossible question, for sure, but interesting all the same. If Tolkien was alive today, what would he think of this undertaking? He advocated for the preservation of nature and could have done without the proliferation of mass-scale industry. For these reasons, Ricks thinks Tolkien would need some convincing about Lego: Lord of the Rings, but would ultimately understand it. Got a news tip or want to contact us directly?

Chapter 2 : A brand new edition and translation of Tolkien's Letters - Sci-fi and Fantasy Network

The Lord of the Rings by J. R. R. Tolkien, written originally in English, has since been translated, with varying degrees of success, into dozens of other languages.. Tolkien, an expert in Germanic philology, scrutinized those that were under preparation during his lifetime, and had comments that reflect both the translation process and h.

Tolkien in both the Dutch and the Swedish case objected strongly while the translations were in progress, in particular regarding the adaptation of proper names. Despite lengthy correspondence, Tolkien did not succeed in convincing the Dutch translator of his objections, and was similarly frustrated in the Swedish case. I wonder why a translator should think himself called on or entitled to do any such thing. However, there is an unauthorized translation by E. Mensink-van Warmelo, dating from the late s. Swedish translation Ohlmarks [edit] Main article: After *The Silmarillion* was published in , Christopher Tolkien consented to a Swedish translation only on the condition that Ohlmarks have nothing to do with it. After a fire at his home in , Ohlmarks incoherently charged Tolkien fans with arson, and subsequently published the book *Tolkien och den svarta magin Tolkien and the black magic - a book connecting Tolkien with " black magic " and Nazism*. In her preparation for *The Lord of the Rings*, unlike Schluchart and Ohlmarks, Carroux even visited Tolkien in Oxford with a suitcase full of his published works and questions about them. On several instances Carroux departed from literal translations, e. Tolkien endorses the Gouw of the Dutch version and remarks that German Gau "seems to me suitable in Ger. With regard to German: I would suggest with diffidence that Elf, elfen, are perhaps to be avoided as equivalents of Elf, elven. Elf is, I believe, borrowed from English, and may retain some of the associations of a kind that I should particularly desire not to be present if possible: It is the true cognate of English elf [Grimm, like Tolkien, notes that German Elf is a loan from the English, and argues for the revival of the original German cognate, which survived in the adjective elbisch and in composed names like Elbegast. Grimm also notes that the correct plural of Elb would be Elbe, but Carroux does not follow in this and uses the plural Elben, denounced by Grimm as incorrect in his *German Dictionary* s. On many instances, though, the German version resorts to literal translations. Rivendell Tolkien considered as a particularly difficult case, and recommended to "translate by sense, or retain as seems best. The name "Baggins" was rendered as Beutlin containing the word Beutel meaning "bag". Another case where Carroux translated the meaning rather than the actual words was the name of Shelob , formed from the pronoun she plus lob , a dialectal word for " spider " according to Tolkien; the OED is only aware of its occurrence in Middle English. Tolkien gives no prescription; he merely notes that "The Dutch version retains Shelob, but the Swed. In , Klett-Cotta published a new translation of *The Lord of the Rings* by Wolfgang Krege, not as a replacement of the old one, which throughout the years had gained a loyal following, but rather as an accompaniment. Klett-Cotta has continued to offer and continuously republishes both translations. A first effort at publication was made in the s, but in order to comply with literary censorship in Soviet Russia , the work was considerably abridged and transformed. Russian translations of *The Lord of the Rings* circulated as samizdat and were published only after the collapse of the Soviet Union , but then in great numbers; no less than ten official Russian translations appeared between and Markova Tolkien fandom grew especially rapidly during the early s at Moscow State University. Many unofficial and incomplete translations are in circulation. The first translation appearing in print was that by Kistyakovski and Muravyov volume 1, published The version was considered a unique book for the sort of Hebrew that was used therein, until it was revised by Dr. Emanuel Lottem according to the second English edition, although still under the name of the previous translators, with Lottem as merely "The editor". In the New edition Dr. Lottem translated the appendices by himself, and transcribed names according to the instructions therein. Parts of the story relating to events mentioned in the above books were not understood and therefore either translated inaccurately, or even dropped completely. There are also major inconsistencies in transcript or in repetitions of similar text within the story, especially in the verse. Tolkien in to , intended for the benefit of translators, especially for translations into Germanic languages. The first translations to profit from the guideline were those into Danish Ida Nyrop Ludvigsen and German Margaret Carroux , both appearing Frustrated by his experience with the

Dutch and Swedish translations, Tolkien asked that when any further translations are negotiated, [On 2 January , he wrote to Otto B. Lindhardt, of the Danish publisher Gyldendals Bibliotek: I have therefore recently been engaged in making, and have nearly completed, a commentary on the names in this story, with explanations and suggestions for the use of a translator, having especially in mind Danish and German. Tolkien uses the abbreviations CS for " Common Speech , in original text represented by English", and LT for the target language of the translation. His approach is the prescription that if in doubt, a proper name should not be altered but left as it appears in the English original: All names not in the following list should be left entirely unchanged in any language used in translation LT , except that inflexional s, es should be rendered according to the grammar of the LT. The names in English form, such as Dead Marshes , should be translated straightforwardly, while the names in Elvish should be left unchanged. The difficult cases are those names where the author, acting as translator of Elvish names already devised and used in this book or elsewhere, has taken pains to produce a CS name that is both a translation and also to English ears a euphonious name of familiar English style, even if it does not actually occur in England. The list gives suggestions for "old, obsolescent, or dialectal words in the Scandinavian and German languages". Since then, throughout the s, s, s, s and s, new translations into numerous languages have continued to appear. For some languages, there is more than one translation of The Lord of the Rings. The Russian translations are a special case because many unpublished and unauthorized translations circulated in the s and s Soviet Union , which were gradually published from the s.

Chapter 3 : Translating Tolkien: Text And Film by Thomas Honegger

Tolkien's presentation of The Lord of the Rings as a translation out of the original Westron into modern English inspired him to go one step further and reproduce the relationship between the various languages of Middle-earth by means of linguistic transposition (e.g. Rohirric = Old English, Language of Dale = Old Norse). The resulting 'web of

The case of French is indeed of special interest when considering the work of a writer such as Tolkien, as far as translation is concerned. A critical issue for J. This is seen, apart from the statement cited above excerpted from a preface reprinted in *The Monsters and the Critics*, from the many words of caution addressed to his publishers and the instructions he provided to those who first tackled foreign versions of *The Lord of the Rings*, in Dutch, Swedish and Polish in " There may be sufficient reason, then, to pay attention to the problem. And if the case of French is not exceptionally remarkable, it does however show several peculiarities of interest: Is French a peculiar case? As he does in his correspondence, Tolkien comments on some of the choices made by the Dutch and Swedish translators say, for the name Shadowfax, when he is not actually making suggestions, such as Dachsbaue for German, or Graveling for Danish. Of course, most of the character- and place-names featured in his work being of Germanic heritage, they are much more difficult to translate in a Romance language, rooted in an entirely different tradition. More especially, it must be noted that the lexical richness of English seems difficult to match in French. Indeed Tolkien, in his literary creations, appears very much as a linguist, inventing new words such as tweens, and of course hobbit; but also as a stylist, by taking pains to singularize the speech of most of his important characters: This contrast is in fact made explicit in Appendix F of *The Lord of the Rings*, where it is linked to the imaginary geography: But it may be shown that history also has a word in it " the history of language, that is. But the second form was largely forgotten in the Shire, where use of the familiar form was dominant: But this problem of choice is in fact a general one, and applies to many other aspects of the text, chiefly owing to the imaginary nature of the world in which the narrative unfolds. Because of the moment the translation took place and the scant information available at the time, there arose in the new version problems of internal coherence not encountered in the original. Indeed, the French translation of *The Lord of the Rings* was published thirty-five years ago, at a time when *The Silmarillion*, *Unfinished Tales*, not to mention *The History of Middle-earth*, were still unpublished in English: This led to a number of errors that could hardly be avoided, as the translator was left to choose between different interpretations where readers of the original could leave the ambiguity unresolved in their mind. Take, for example, the phrase the departure of Galadriel in the Prologue. Does it refer to her actual departure, or to her passing away? Today, the situation has altered dramatically, and it is encouraging to note that whereas five different translators have been involved in translating the works of Tolkien from to, only four have carried the bulk of this task in recent years by translating three or four books each, a situation which can only benefit to the coherence of the whole. They are Adam Tolkien Pictures by J. Translating Tolkien requires fuller immersion into the work than is usually the case with most authors. Indeed, a translator has to take into account every published version of the same material: It follows that the translator is taken into the footsteps of the author, who for example composed the Quenta given in *The Shaping of Middle-earth*, the fourth part of *The History of Middle-earth* with the Sketch of the Mythology in front of him, revisiting and developing the earlier text. Copying out, rewriting text, incorporating earlier additions: As Tolkien himself wrote:

Chapter 4 : Tengwar (Elvish) alphabet

"On Translating Beowulf" is an essay by J. R. R. Tolkien which discusses the difficulties faced by anyone attempting to translate the Old English heroic-elegiac poem Beowulf into modern English.

In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content: Walking Tree Publishers, Text and Film, edited by Thomas Honegger. Traduttore traditore, say the Italians; or, to put it less cryptically, of necessity a translation is to some extent an act of betrayal. Or if it is not quite betrayal, deception, albeit a deception in which the reader is complicit: This has its dangers; for instance, in rendering the speech of a nineteenth century French aristocrat it is often difficult to avoid the opposed dangers of making him sound either like a bluff English squire or a Greenwich Village phony with Proust, the latter is the main trap. Foreign translations of Byron tend to make him seem more refined than his style justifies. Then there is the matter of adaptation, i. If translation is betrayal or disguise, at least it is unavoidable; this sort of adaptation is much less so. As Tolkien himself said of A. Tolkien in fact presents an extraordinary case, at least as far as translation is concerned. For a start, his writing is so bound up with England and the English language that there are always going to be serious problems with any attempt to present him to other cultures, even when the culture is as close as that of the U. It also becomes increasingly remote in time, so that even young generations of British readers probably would welcome a footnote to explain that when *The Lord of The Rings* was first published, a "farthing" was a coin still in circulation just. When it comes to putting him into other languages, the possibilities of misunderstanding and misinterpretation multiply. For instance, the place-name "Shire" [End Page] immediately causes difficulties, even before trading companies try to copyright it. It has no easy equivalent in any other language, and some approximations, like the German "Gau", have acquired undesirable historical associations, in this case with Nazi use of the word. Worse still, in Russian there is not even a straightforward way of translating "Lord," let alone "Shire," "Farthing" or other such terms Russian also does not distinguish between leg and foot, whence the hairy-legged hobbits of many a Russian illustration. In addition, there are such matters as the pseudo-translation from the Common Speech, and how that can be reflected in the "real" translation. So putting Tolkien into another language involves a number of peculiar hazards above and beyond what translators usually meet. The first of these volumes begins by tackling the broader principles raised by the above issues in an article by Allan Turner entitled "A Theoretical Model for Tolkien Translation Criticism". This title, together with the use of terms like "hermeneutic motion," might well frighten off many people who have been exposed to academic literary theory using terminology which one expects is opaque even to the writer. This would be a pity, since Allan Turner is not You are not currently authenticated. View freely available titles:

Chapter 5 : Translating Tolkien Elvish Names

First published in and reprinted in , Translating Tolkien: Text into Film, edited by Thomas Honegger, is the sixth in the Cormarë Series from Walking Tree Publishers and follows the volume Tolkien in Translation.

This translation caused a big controversy among fans and casual readers alike. The article traces these factors against the backdrop of modern translation theory, contrasting especially J. Comparisons will be made on the levels of morphology, syntax, semantics, and stylistics, if necessary back-translated from one of the German versions into English should major differences arise. What About and Where To? The older and more archaic-literary translation by Ruth Livnit is compared with the more recent and more modern-technical one by Emanuel Lottem. Supporters of each translation are given the opportunity to voice their opinions. One is that of names and a few other Middle-earthly words - does one translate or simply reproduce, and in the latter case should the name be declinable or not? A second is the occasional verse: A third is the similar variation in prose styles between the homely and the rhetorical. Hooker This article takes a first look at a recently discovered Dutch samizdat translation of The Lord of the Rings and compares it with the two published Dutch translations of the LotR Schuchart and The Treatment of Proper Names in the German Editions of The Lord of the Rings as an Example of Norms in Translation Practice Rainer Nagel The translation of proper names in literature has always been regarded as a problem area both by translators and linguists, especially when an author uses telling names to illustrate particular plot aspects. In most cases, translators are left to their own devices as to capture the exact meaning of such a term and find a suitable equivalent in the target language. While The Lord of the Rings is basically no exception in this field, in this case the aspiring translator might benefit from help by the author himself, in that J. Tolkien had prepared an extensive glossary of translation hints, explaining not only the concepts behind the names, but also giving suggestions or, in terms of translation theory, norms for the major European languages. This article looks at these norms in the light of means of translation involved, and will also enter into the ramifications of German Tolkien translations based on and beyond this material. This article presents the story of Swedish Tolkien translation, to which a number of translators have contributed over the decades, ending with the new translation of The Lord of the Rings that is currently being prepared. Tolkien has heroes and anti-heroes in virtually all the modes. Since the publication of Lord of the Rings there have been scores of would-be usurpers who have attempted to interpret the epic tale into other media - from graphic novels to fan fiction to radio drama to film. This article endeavors to show this demoralization. Based on the theories of Dudley Andrew, the article explores key aspects of the three films and attempts to illuminate any lack of fidelity to the spirit J. The Professor and the Director and Good vs. Evil in The Lord of the Rings. How these factors play out, in the original vs. Alexandra Velten This article deals with the texts accompanying the orchestral score to the Peter Jackson films. Remarkable parallels can be drawn between the function of non-English texts in the book and in the films.

Chapter 6 : The Troublesome Task of Translating Tolkien's Tome - GameSpot

Contributions do not only discuss aspects of translation into different languages (German, Dutch, Swedish, Hebrew), but also offer in-depth analysis of especially difficult areas of translation (names, Tolkien's invented languages).

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Chapter 7 : Translating Tolkien: Text and Film - Tolkien Gateway

For his novel Lord of the Rings J. R. R. Tolkien constructed many Elvish languages. These were the languages spoken by the tribes of his Elves. Sindarin and Quenya are two of the major languages spoken by the Elves.

Walking Tree Publishers , reprinted Reviewed by Sara Brown [This review originally appeared in Mythlore

The challenges of translating Tolkien are many: What this article really concentrates on, though, is the problem the translator faces in conveying the subtleties of nuance from one language to another. He then tracks the use of thou, as second-person familiar, throughout the text of The Lord of the Rings, suggesting that it has five different uses: On example that he offers is that if the Common Speech were to be translated into Modern French, then the language of Dale should become Picard and Rohirric should be Vulgar Latin, with names translated accordingly. Honegger makes the point that Rohirric should, for example, be translated into Old High German in a German translation but that no translator has yet bothered to do so, a choice he deplors from a systematic point of view but admits to being common sense from a cultural standpoint. Shippey in The Road to Middle-earth, as well as by Tolkien himself. Placing phrases from each translation side by side, Nagel exposes the weaknesses of both, including variations in style and tone that do not always convey the intention of the original text. Again, the earlier translation is a more literary translation, whereas the second has a more modern flavor. He summarizes the various views on the matter, and concludes with a discussion on whether, in the art of translation, beauty of language is more important than accuracy: He identifies the four main issues of such a translation, many of which appear in the other chapters of this book as they are not limited to a rendering into Latin. First is the problem of names, and whether they should be translated or simply reproduced; second is the poetry or verse in the text; third is the variation in prose styles, so noticeable between The Fellowship of the Ring and the Return of the King, or between the discussions in The Prancing Pony and the meeting between Gandalf and Denethor. To date, The Lord of the Rings has not yet been translated into Latin and the main theme of this essay is a discussion of why that is. Apart from the obviousâ€”what sort of audience would such a translation have, after allâ€”Sturch shows that there are certain difficulties in rendering the narrative into Latin, whilst maintaining the full effect of the language that Tolkien uses. The next language to be considered is Dutch, in Mark T. The self-published translation, by a Mrs. Mensinkâ€”van Warmelo, was produced on a basic typewriter and intended only for her own use, as she had disliked the published version by Max Schuchart. Rather oddly, Hooker chooses to explore these translations through the means of a points system, with points awarded or taken away for style and fidelity to the original, and this does not really work that well. The authors focus first on the portrayal of Gandalf, drawing on T. This is one of the longer essays in this collection; Burdge and Burke have much to say on the topic and it is both well-written and well-argued. The penultimate article in this collection, by James Dunning, examines the depiction of good vs. This chapter begins with a positive note towards the Jackson films; Dunning assures the reader of his fondness for them and the likelihood of repeated viewings. He begins with a comparison of how the ancient times of the Elder Days is depicted in the book and on film, and here is where the weakness in the structure of this article becomes apparent. He then dismisses the depiction of these characters and scenes in the films in what is often a short, tersely-worded paragraph at the end of each section. He concludes that there are some good things about the films, although they change much of the original to such an extent as to occasionally make them unrecognizable. The first point that she makes is that English is barely used: The lyrics are therefore part of the background, setting the scene for the narrative they accompany. In this, perhaps, Jackson comes closest to Tolkien. In summary, then, Translating Tolkien:

Chapter 8 : Translations of The Lord of the Rings - Wikipedia

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