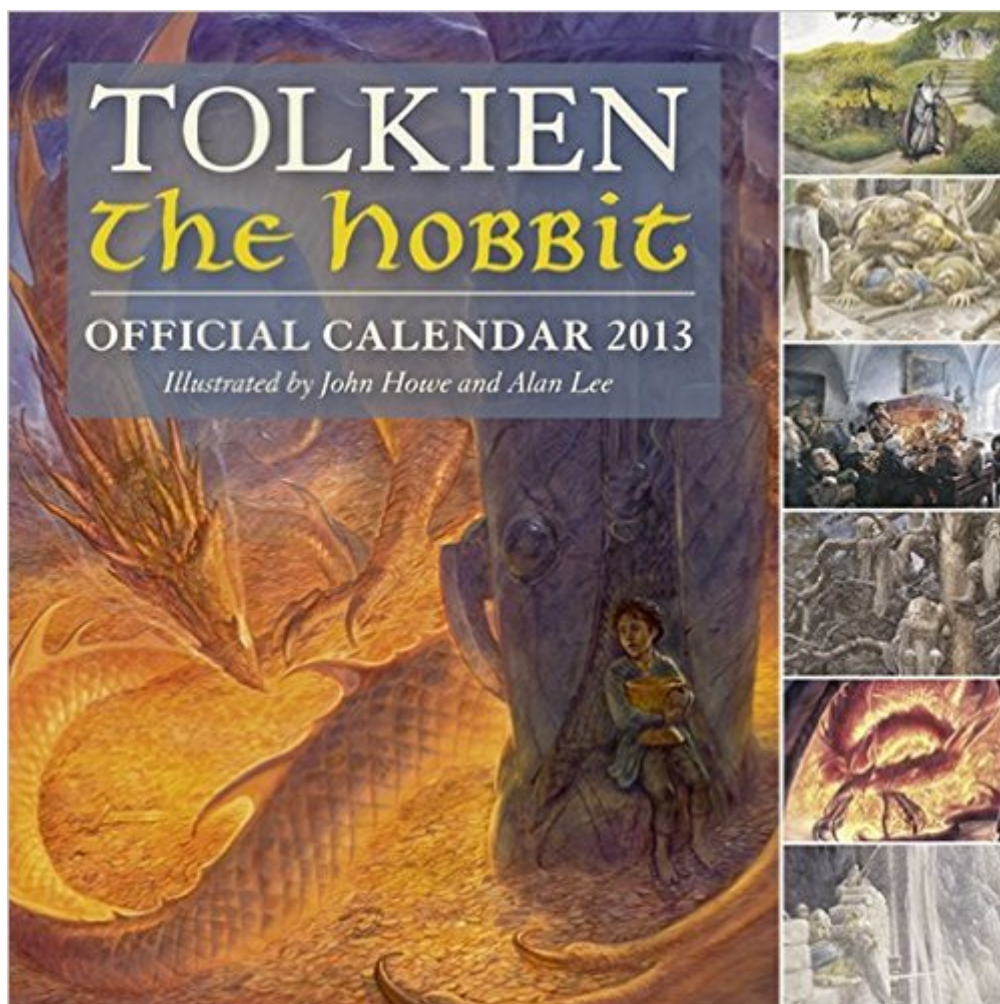


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# Tolkien Calendar 2013: The Hobbit



## Synopsis

The official Tolkien calendar, containing new works of art. The Official Tolkien Calendar has become an established publishing event, eagerly looked forward to by Tolkien fans the world over; there is much demand for the annual calendar, with Tolkien calendars from the past 30 years becoming collectors' items. This year's continues in that tradition and is the perfect Christmas gift for lovers of fine fantasy art.

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Tolkien art calendars for the past few years have been pretty dismal -- instead of using either mainstays (Alan Lee and John Howe) or new artists (check deviantart), they kept using the work of Cor Blok. Ugh. So it's kind of a relief that they've finally gone back to better art in "Tolkien Calendar 2013: The Hobbit," which is apparently to whet the appetites of Tolkien fans who are anticipating the new Peter Jackson movie. It's equal parts John Howe and Alan Lee, each of whom produced six pictures based on scenes in "The Hobbit." First we have Howe, whose pictures include the Great Goblin, Gandalf looking out over Mirkwood with Gwaihir and Bilbo, Smaug attacking Laketown (spoiler!), the dwarves partying in Bilbo's home, the foyer of Bag End, Bilbo hiding from Smaug, and Gandalf approaching Bilbo's gate. John Howe is one of my favorite Tolkien artists -- not just because he's a legend, but because he's able to capture light so effectively. We have the sullen red glow of Smaug's inner flames reflected on gold, the brilliance of dawn over Mirkwood, and the warm sunlight that fills the Shire. Alan Lee's contributions include the dwarves stopping off at the Green Dragon, falling in a heap at Bilbo's feet, and climbing trees to escape the goblins; there is also the

famous "riddles in the dark" scene, Bilbo hanging around outside Bag End, crossing the bridge into Rivendell, and a glimpse of the great kingdom under the Lonely Mountain. I'm not quite as fond of Lee as I am of Howe, mainly because color tends to be very washed out in his art, with lots of greys and browns. But the designs in his art is pretty lovely, especially the arching bridge into Lothlorien -- and the beautiful illumination in the "King Under The Mountain" painting.

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