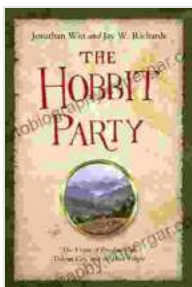


The Vision of Freedom That Tolkien Got and the West Forgot

In his book *The Vision of Freedom That Tolkien Got and the West Forgot*, Gene Edward Veith argues that J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* is a profound meditation on the nature of freedom and the dangers of tyranny.

Veith shows how Tolkien's work is rooted in the classical and Christian tradition, and how it offers a unique perspective on the modern world. He argues that Tolkien's vision of freedom is essential for understanding the challenges we face today, and that his work can help us to rediscover the true meaning of freedom.



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Veith begins by exploring Tolkien's understanding of the nature of man. He argues that Tolkien believed that man is a creature made in the image of God, and that he is therefore endowed with a natural desire for freedom.

However, Veith also shows how Tolkien recognized that man is also capable of great evil, and that he is often tempted to use his freedom for selfish purposes.

This tension between man's desire for freedom and his capacity for evil is at the heart of *The Lord of the Rings*. The story is set in a world where the forces of good and evil are locked in a titanic struggle. The forces of good are led by the Fellowship of the Ring, a group of hobbits, men, elves, and dwarves who are united in their quest to destroy the One Ring, a powerful artifact that is the source of Sauron's evil power.

The forces of evil are led by Sauron, a dark lord who seeks to conquer Middle-earth and enslave its peoples. Sauron is a master of deception and manipulation, and he uses his power to sow discord and division among the forces of good.

The Fellowship of the Ring faces many challenges on their quest, but they are ultimately successful in destroying the One Ring and defeating Sauron. Their victory is a victory for freedom, and it shows that even the smallest and weakest of creatures can make a difference in the fight against tyranny.

Veith argues that *The Lord of the Rings* is more than just a fantasy story. He believes that it is a profound meditation on the nature of freedom and the dangers of tyranny. He shows how Tolkien's work is rooted in the classical and Christian tradition, and how it offers a unique perspective on the modern world.

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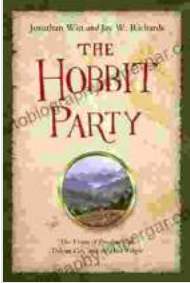
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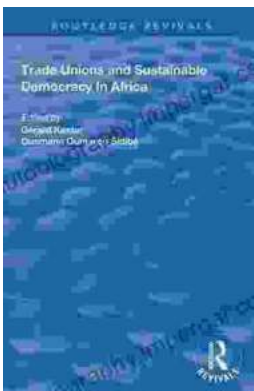
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