



## A Question of Time: J. R. R. Tolkiens Road to Faerie

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Kent State University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 286 pages. Dimensions: 8.9in. x 6.5in. x 0.7in. J. R. R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit*, *The Lord of the Rings*, and *Silmarillion* have long been recognized as among the most popular fiction of the twentieth century, and most critical analysis of Tolkien has centered on these novels. Granted access by the Tolkien estate and the Bodleian Library in Oxford to Tolkien's unpublished writings, Verlyn Flieger uses them here to shed new light on his better known works, revealing a new dimension of his fictive vision and giving added depth of meaning to his writing. Tolkien's concern with time past and present, real and faerie captures the wonder and peril of travel into other worlds, other times, other modes of consciousness. Reading his work, we fall wide asleep into a dream more real than ordinary waking experience, and emerge with a new perception of the waking world. Flieger explores Tolkien's use of dream as time-travel in his unfinished stories *The Lost Road* and *The Notion Club Papers* as well as in *The Lord of the Rings* and his shorter fiction and poetry. Analyzing Tolkien's treatment of time and time-travel,...

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