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[Lord of the Rings "Wilderness" Poster]

Stock#: 82632
Map Maker: Remington
Date: 1969 circa
Place: New York
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 72 x 36 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fantastic circa 1969 promotional poster of Middle Earth, prepared by Barbara Remington for Ballantine Books' first American edition of J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*.

The colorful and somewhat abstract rendering of Middle Earth is redolent of the graphic design traditions of the late 1960s. Remington apparently was not allowed an advance copy of the trilogy by Ballantine, and so she had to complete her work with only a sketchy understanding of the books' content. As a result, Tolkien was confused by the lions and pumpkins in trees that appeared in some of the cover art. Indeed, on this poster, the illustrations are certainly evocative, but not necessarily of the content of the books themselves. Nonetheless, Remington's work represents a very important part of the history of LOTR design.

Interestingly, Barbara "Brem" Remington was also the illustrator for [this map of Central City, Colorado](#). Remington was born in Minnesota in 1929, and she passed away on January 23, 2020. She was an American commercial artist and illustrator. In addition to this poster for Ballantine Books, she also did the cover art for the first American edition of Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*.

There are a number of issues of this poster, the exact chronology of which seems to be uncertain. This example has the Ballantine number "00002-1-500" and a price of "\$5.00". There are later examples with the price of \$5.95 and an ISBN number. There might be earlier examples with lower prices as well, though we were not able to easily track any down.

Detailed Condition: