One Fandom to Rule Them All: Collecting Tolkieniana at the Marquette University Archives

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an open letter
from Marquette

TERRY MARGHERITA, Archival Technical Assistant at Marquette University Memorial Library, USA, has sent us this appeal:

'Dear Readers of Amon Hen,

Greetings from Marquette University. As you may know, the Marquette archives hold the JRRT manuscript collection, which contains working papers for The Hobbit, Farmer Giles of Ham and the Lord of the Rings, as well as fanzines, articles, books, recordings and calendars. We would like to expand the existing collection into a 'self-contained' library of Tolkien works, both primary and secondary, that would document the interest aroused by Professor Tolkien's works and serve as a resource for future enthusiasts and scholars. Since 1978 the collection has attracted an average of 120 reference uses per year.

It is to you, Tolkien's audience, that we appeal. Marquette is eager to receive originals or photocopies of early fanzines, other writings on Tolkien, and theses and dissertations (published or unpublished) about Tolkien and his creations, so that the growing number of researchers using the collection may have these important sources readily available. This would also preserve secure copies for donors in the event that theirs ever become lost or damaged. Any restrictions on photocopying imposed by a donor will be strictly observed.

If you have material to donate please first send us a description of the items you are considering for inclusion, so that we may avoid duplication. We would be pleased to pay postage and photoduplication costs, if any, but ask that photocopies be of high quality to ensure legibility and preservation.

Please write to the Department of Special Collections and University Archives, Marquette University Memorial Library, 1415 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233, USA. Thank you for your support.'
THE LORD OF THE RINGS

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GRACE E. FUNK TOLKIEN COLLECTION

Scope and Content

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The Raynor Memorial Libraries' Department of Special Collections and University Archives purchased this collection of secondary sources from Grace E. Funk (1924-2004) in late 2003. A resident of Vancouver, British Columbia, Funk began developing her collection of Tolkieniana in the early 1980s. She continued adding to the collection until just a few days prior to acquisition by Marquette University. In developing this collection Ms. Funk relied heavily on bibliographies by David Bratman, Bonniejean McGuire Christensen, Wayne G. Hammond, Judith A. Johnson, Nancy Martsch, George H. Thompson, Daniel Timmons, and Richard C. West. She routinely consulted and traded with other collectors and she attended major conferences about Tolkien and fantasy fiction. The collection reflects Funk's background as a school librarian. She identified many materials geared for K-12 teachers and librarians interested in introducing students to Tolkien's fiction. Her detailed bibliographic citations are indicative of her professional expertise. The collection also contains a significant amount of secondary sources about New Line Cinema's The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) and The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (2002). The citations are arranged alphabetically by author.

Archivists processing the Funk Collection separated nearly 500 books, periodicals, fanzines, and other secondary materials. These publications were subsequently cataloged in MARQCAT (the Marquette Libraries' electronic catalog) or integrated into Series 6-Periodical Literature of the J.R.R. Tolkien Collection. Citations for works that appeared in anthologies, conference proceedings, periodicals, and bulletins to which Ms.
J.R.R. TOLKIEN COLLECTION

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Series 5 statement:

“One of the objectives in developing this series is to document the impact of J. R. R. Tolkien’s fiction in popular culture. The department welcomes donations. Due to the sheer volume of ephemera and other three-dimensional items available in the global marketplace archivists must be selective in accepting materials.”
J.R.R. TOLKIEN COLLECTION
SECONDARY MATERIAL RELATING TO J. R. R. TOLKIEN

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J.R.R. Tolkien - Scholarship & Fandom

Collected by: Marquette University

Archived since: Mar, 2011

Description: Websites dedicated to the fiction of J.R.R. Tolkien, including The Hobbit, The Lord of the Rings, and the Silmarillion.

Subject: Arts & Humanities, Society & Culture

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Description: The blog of Tolkien scholar and philologist Jason Fisher
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Questions I ask myself.

Does it capture a sense of community?

Who created the material and why?
The villain of J. R. R. Tolkien's The Hobbit—the fearsome dragon Smaug—dwell deep in a cavern with a massive hoard of treasure and terrorizes nearby villages.

His real-world namesakes aren't quite as fearsome. Smaug is the new name given to a genus of girdled lizards from South Africa by Ed Stanley, a doctoral candidate at the Richard Gilder Graduate School at the American Museum of Natural History, who reclassified the genus in a paper published in Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution in January 2011. Stanley's work is funded in part by the National Science Foundation.

Smaug lizards live in tunnels in the highlands, including the appropriately named Drakensberg (Dragon Mountain) mountain range of southern Africa. But the inspiration for the name came from a connection to the author rather than the fictional character. "Tolkien was born in the Free State, South Africa, where this lizard was found," says Stanley.

Though much smaller than the massive fire-breathing dragon of Tolkien's tale, the real-world reptile bears thick scales of armor on its backs and has a weak underbelly that is vulnerable to predators, much like its novelistic namesake.

The natural predators of the Smaug genus may not be the

**Common names:** Ouvolk, Sungazers, giant girdled lizards, dragon lizards

**Number of species:** Eight

**Habitat:** Rupiculous (the S. warreni complex) or fossorial (S. giganteus)

**Distribution:** The steppes of the eastern Free State and the mountainous regions of Mpumalanga, KwaZulu-Natal, and Limpopo provinces of South Africa, as well as Swaziland, southern Mozambique, and eastern Zimbabwe

**Reproduction:** Viviparous (1-8 young)

**Diet:** Insectivorous

**Content:**

S. breyeri (van Dam, 1921),
S. giganteus (Smith, 1844),
S. mazzambicus (FitzSimons, 1958),
S. regius (Broadley, 1962),
S. vandami (FitzSimons, 1930),
S. w. barberoniensis (van Dam, 1921),
S. w. depressus (FitzSimons, 1930),
S. w. warreni (Boulenger, 1908).

The genus *Smaug* contains the largest species of the cordylidae. All members of this group are robustly built and well armed, possessing distinctly enlarged occipital spines and sharply keeled caudal scales. The largest of all cordylids, *Smaug giganteus*, are commonly known as "Sungazers", because of their distinctive habit of baskin with their head pointed skyward. Unusually for cordylids, *Smaug giganteus* is entirely terricolous, living in deep, self-excavated burrows, which it retreats into when threatened. The other members of the genus prefer deep, horizontal crevices in shaded rock outcrops. The genus was named after the antagonistic dragon from J. R. R. Tolkien's The Hobbit.

According to Tolkien, (who was born in the Free State where these animals occur) the name Smaug is "the past tense of the primitive Germanic verb smaugar, meaning "to squeeze through a hole", making it a doubly appropriate name for dragon-like lizards that live in burrows or rock cracks.

Because of their preference for rocky habitat, most members of the genus are not considered to be in any danger from habitat destruction. However, range fragmentation as a result of increased arable farming, collection for the pet trade and muti (traditional African medicine) is having a significant impact on *Smaug giganteus* populations.
Saul Zaentz

Tolkien Enterprises (1976-2010)

Middle-earth Enterprises (2010-present)
"Thompson has written the definitive study of the remarkable production
entity created by Peter Jackson."—Alex Funke, ASC, Oscar-winning Visual Effects
Director of Photography, miniatures unit, The Lord of the Rings
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Ever since we were children, something important happened. It was
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or, well a mythological
with you, a unique blend
of gods, devils, the whole
more than a half a century
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bartering system at the
corner bookstore. But
we're here, in this
kingdom, talking
much for us.
Thank you!

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http://www.marquette.edu/library/archives/tolkien.shtml