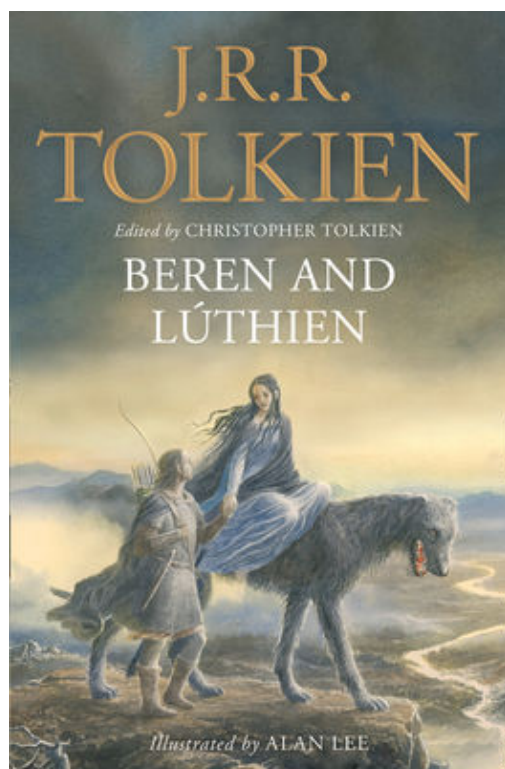


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J.R.R. Tolkien (1892-1973) was a distinguished academic, though he is best known for writing *The Hobbit*, *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Silmarillion*, plus other stories and essays. His books have been translated into over 60 languages and have sold many millions of copies worldwide.

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