Map of Middle Earth (Blacklight Poster)

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Map Maker: Haber

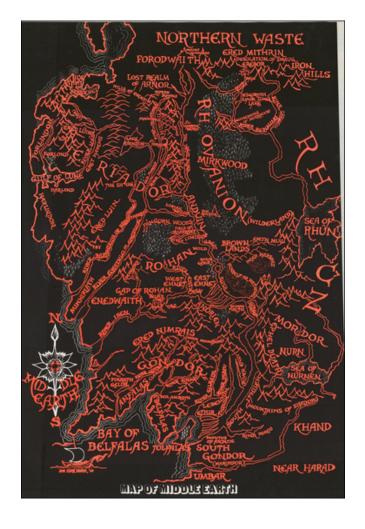**Date:**   1969 circa
Place: n.p.
Color: (See Description)
Condition: VG+
Size: 22.5 x 34.5 inches

Price: SOLD

Description:

Rare blacklight poster map of Middle Earth by Animation illustration Jon Zarr Haber.

The present map is unique version of the Map of Middle-Earth released as advertising artwork advertising J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings.*

A Map of Middle-Earth was the name of two color posters by different artists, published in the late 1960s and early 1970s by the American and British publishers of J. R. R. Tolkien's book *The Lord of the Rings.* Both posters were based on cartography by J. R. R. Tolkien and Christopher Tolkien to depict the fictional region of Middle-earth. Neither map covers the whole continent of Middle-earth. Only the north-western part of the continent is depicted, where the story takes place.

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The earlier poster, signed "BRem" (Barbara Remington), was published in the 1960s by Ballantine Books and features border images adapted from Remington's cover designs for the 1965 Ballantine paperback edition of The Lord of the Rings.

The second version, by Pauline Baynes, was published in 1970 by George Allen & Unwin in the UK and Ballantine Books in the USA. It features ten small inset illustrations of important locations from the story. The poster is framed at the top by a row of nine figures representing the members of the "Fellowship of the Ring" setting out on their quest. At the bottom is an array of antagonists from the novel, including the nine Black Riders, Gollum, Shelob, and various Orcs.

The present map, issued in 1969, is a unique composition, intended to glow in the dark when lit up with a blacklight.

An interesting take on this iconic work.

Detailed Condition: