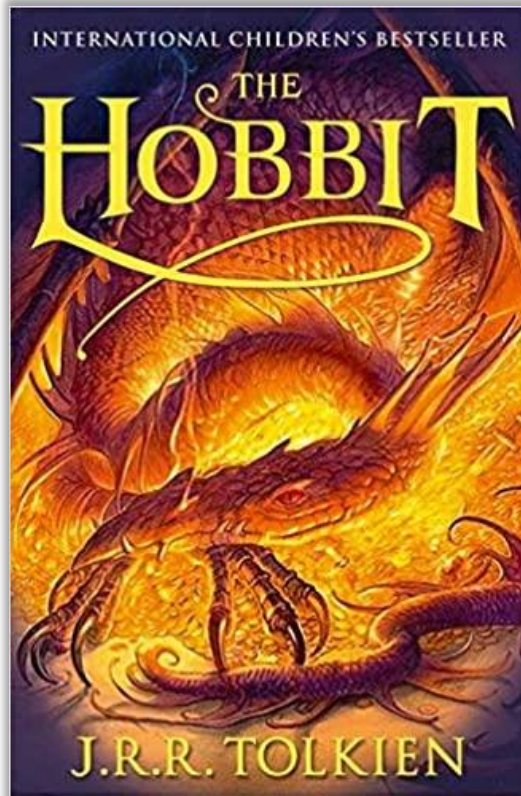








# The Hobbit

## J.R.R. Tolkien (1892-1973)



- *The Hobbit* is the unforgettable story of Bilbo, a peace-loving hobbit, who embarks on a strange and magical adventure.
- Bilbo Baggins enjoys a quiet and contented life, with no desire to travel far from the comforts of home; then one day the wizard Gandalf and a band of dwarves arrive unexpectedly and enlist his services – as a burglar – on a dangerous expedition to raid the treasure-hoard of Smaug the dragon. Bilbo's life is never to be the same again.
- Hardly any book been so widely read and loved by generations of readers all over the world, as Tolkien's classic tale, *The Hobbit*, since its first publication in 1937. Its hero, Bilbo Baggins, has taken his place among the ranks of the most famous characters of fiction.

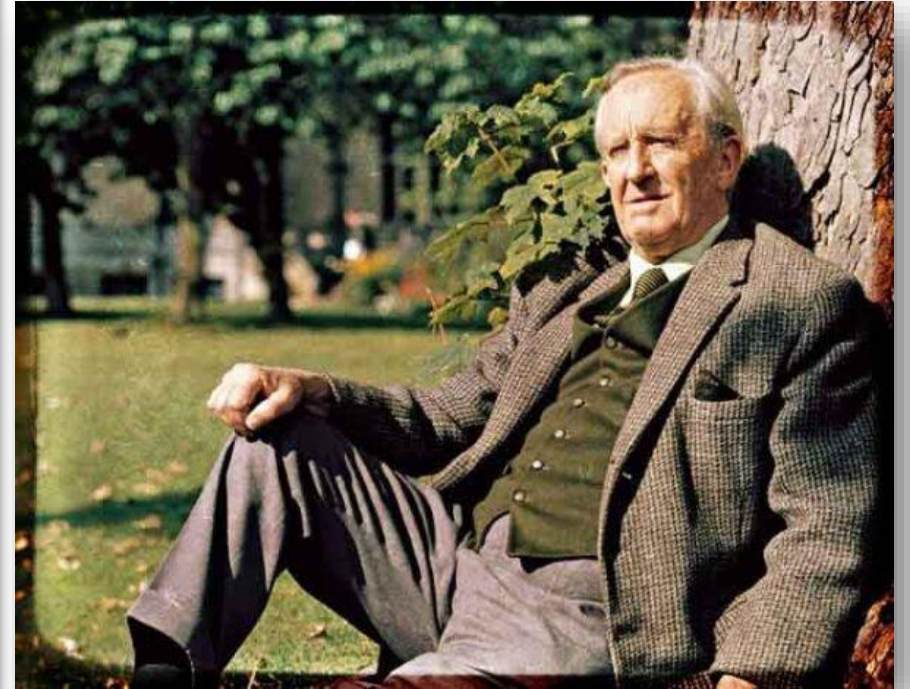
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- **John Ronald Reuel Tolkien** (1892-1973) was an English writer, poet and academic. He was born in South Africa and moved with his British family back to England when he was three. He fought in WW1 and was a professor of Anglo-Saxon and medieval studies at Oxford University from 1925-1945. This influenced a lot of ideas in his stories.
- **He said** *"All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us."*
- **Did you know?** He was a close friend of C. S. Lewis (who wrote the *The Chronicles of Narnia*). They were both members of a literary discussion group known as the "Inklings". They would meet in a pub in Oxford to discuss ideas for stories. It's a good job they did; we have them to thank for two of the most famous fantasy series ever! His books were so popular that he is known as "the father of modern fantasy writing". So perhaps there would be no Harry Potter, His Dark Materials or Percy Jackson without Tolkien and Lewis between them...

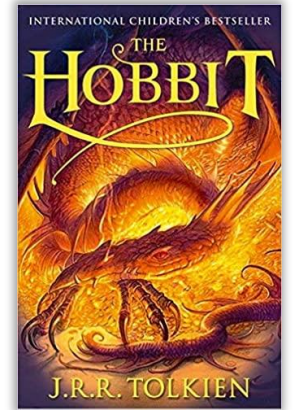


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