

J.R.R. TOLKIEN

John Ronald Reuel Tolkien (1892-1973) is a famous¹ English writer. He is also a professor at Oxford University.

Tolkien's hobby is writing. He likes **fantasy stories**. He even creates new languages and a world, which is full of heroes² and **incredible adventures**. He calls the world **Middle-earth**.

His first popular book is *The Hobbit*. It's about a small man called Bilbo. He doesn't like adventures, because he likes eating, drinking and his small house. But **in the end**, he has to leave his home, and he even³ **fight a dragon**.

After *The Hobbit*, Tolkien writes ***The Lord of the Rings***, a longer epic⁴ story about great adventures, battles⁵, friendships⁶ and love. Frodo, Bilbo's nephew⁷, tries to destroy an evil⁸ ring in the story.

The *Hobbit* and the *Lord of the Rings* are the most selling novels in the world.

There is also a new film called *Tolkien*. It is from the year of 2019, and it is about Tolkien's life. But Tolkien's grandchildren don't like the film, because there are a lot of **untrue events** in it.

Vocabulary: ¹slavný|²hrdina(sg.)|³dokonce|⁴epický|⁵bitva(sg.)|⁶přátelství(sg.)|⁷synovec|⁸zlý

Language notes: fantasy story (sg.)=příběh žánru fantasy|incredible adventure (sg.)=neuvěřitelné dobrodružství|Middle-earth=Středozeď (fiktivní kontinent)|in the end=nakonec|fight a dragon=bojovat s drakem|The Lord of the Rings=Pán prstenů|untrue event (sg.)=nepravdivá událost

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