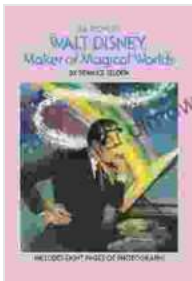


Maker of Magical Worlds: The Life and Art of J.R.R. Tolkien

J.R.R. Tolkien was one of the most influential authors of the 20th century. His books, *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*, have sold millions of copies and inspired countless adaptations for film, television, and video games. Tolkien's unique and imaginative world-building has created a lasting legacy that continues to inspire and entertain readers of all ages.



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Tolkien was born in South Africa in 1892. His family moved to England when he was young, and he grew up in a rural village in the West Midlands. Tolkien was a brilliant student, and he studied classics and philology at Oxford University. After graduating, he served in the British Army during World War I.

After the war, Tolkien returned to Oxford and became a professor of Old and Middle English. He also began writing fiction, and in 1937 he published *The Hobbit*. The book was a critical and commercial success, and it led to the writing of *The Lord of the Rings*, which was published in three volumes in the 1950s.

Tolkien's books are set in Middle-earth, a vast and detailed world that he created over the course of his lifetime. Middle-earth is home to a wide variety of creatures, from elves and hobbits to orcs and dragons. Tolkien's writing is characterized by its rich imagination, its complex characters, and its exploration of themes such as good and evil, the nature of heroism, and the power of friendship.

Tolkien's work has had a profound impact on popular culture. *The Lord of the Rings* has been translated into more than 50 languages, and it has been adapted for film, television, and video games. Tolkien's work has also influenced other fantasy authors, such as George R.R. Martin and Brandon Sanderson.

Tolkien died in 1973, but his legacy continues to live on. His books continue to be read and enjoyed by millions of people around the world, and his influence can be seen in the works of other fantasy authors and in the popular culture landscape.

A Closer Look at Tolkien's Life and Work

J.R.R. Tolkien was born in Bloemfontein, South Africa, on January 3, 1892. His father, Arthur Reuel Tolkien, was a bank manager, and his mother, Mabel Suffield, was the daughter of a farmer. Tolkien had two younger brothers, Hilary Arthur Reuel and Michael Hilary Reuel.

When Tolkien was three years old, his father died of rheumatic fever, and the family moved to England. They settled in the village of Sarehole, near Birmingham, where Tolkien's mother taught him to read and write. Tolkien was a precocious child, and he began writing poetry and stories at a young age.

In 1904, Tolkien's mother died of diabetes, and he and his brothers were sent to live with their maternal aunt, Jane Neave, in Birmingham. Neave was a devout Catholic, and she had a strong influence on Tolkien's religious beliefs. Tolkien was also influenced by the works of William Morris and other Victorian fantasy authors.

In 1911, Tolkien won a scholarship to study at Exeter College, Oxford. He studied classics and philology, and he became interested in the languages and literature of the Middle Ages. Tolkien also began to develop his own mythology and world-building, which would eventually form the basis for his most famous works.

In 1915, Tolkien volunteered for the British Army and served in World War I. He fought in the Battle of the Somme, and he was awarded the Military Cross for his bravery. Tolkien's experiences in the war had a profound impact on him, and they would later be reflected in his writing.

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Tolkien's Legacy

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Tolkien's work has had a profound impact on popular culture. He has inspired countless other fantasy authors, and his work has been referenced in countless other works of popular culture. Tolkien's work has also been used to create educational materials, such as the role-playing game Dungeons & Dragons.

Tolkien's work is also important for its literary merit. His books are well-written and imaginative, and they explore complex themes such as good and evil, the nature of heroism, and the power of friendship. Tolkien's books are also notable for their vivid and detailed world-building.

Tolkien's work is a testament to his imagination and his love of language. His books have brought joy to millions of readers around the world, and they will continue to do so for years to come.



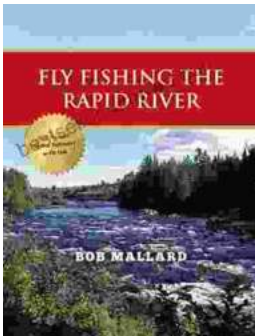
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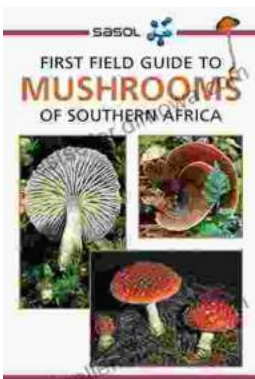
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