

# The JRR Tolkien Discussion Group Issue 1-4 May 22 2019

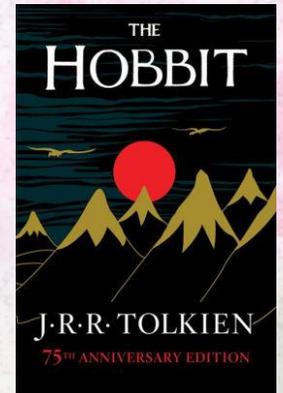
Next meeting: June 1, 2-4PM at Grace Lutheran Church, 1107 Main St. West Hamilton

## Last meeting:

While discussing Chapter 1 of *The Hobbit*, we were introduced to the geography of the Hobbits' homeland, and their deep connection to Earth and peace. We also learned of dragons, and the wild lands surrounding The Lonely Mountain. We also looked at the conflicting adventurous (Tookish) and affluent (Baggins) sides of Bilbo.

## Next meeting:

Come join us on June 1 as we read Chapters 2 and 3 of Tolkien's lighthearted book *The Hobbit*!



## Fun Facts from the World of JRR Tolkien

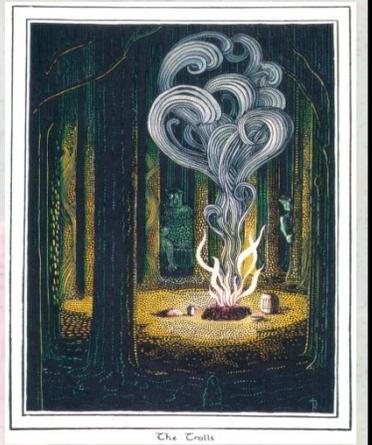
### Lairë

The long Elven summer season begins with the *Nost-na-lothion* festival day, May 22, and lasts until *Yavië*, the season of harvest that begins on August 2nd. It is a time when the days are long and growth is at its peak. Take delight in the growing things this summer and embrace the spirit in nature with the Elves.



### Bert, Tom, and William

Three trolls that Bilbo encounters during his first 'serious' adventure. These trolls wandered south from the wildlands farther north. As monsters of the night, they have one, very distinct weakness!



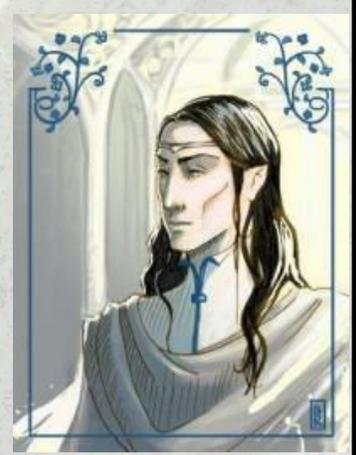
### The Misty Mountains

The great mountain chain of the world, these mountains are always a significant barrier to cross. Many of these peaks exceed 20,000 feet. The passes are also very high and dangerous, with caves serving as homes for hostile and unaffiliated monsters and beasts.



### Elrond

Elrond is an Elf and protector of the hidden valley and haven of Rivendell. He is well-versed in much of the ancient lore of Middle-earth. Elrond is also the only character to appear first hand to the reader and have dialogue in all three of Tolkien's books: *The Hobbit*, *The Lord of the Rings*, and *The Silmarillion*.



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