

## IF YOU LIKED THE HOBBIT, YOU'LL LIKE...

### Young Adult Titles

*The Abhorsen Trilogy* by Garth Nix

*The Dragonriders of Pern* series by Anne McCaffrey

*The Girl of Fire and Thorns* by Rae Carson

*Graceling* by Kristen Cashore

*The Bartimaeus Trilogy* by Jonathan Stroud

*The Earthsea Saga* by Ursula K. Leguin

*His Dark Materials Trilogy* by Phillip Pullman

### Adult Titles

*A Song of Ice and Fire* by George R.R. Martin

*The Once and Future King* by T.H. White

*The Farseer Trilogy* by Robin Hobb

## ABOUT THE BOOK AND AUTHOR



The prequel to *The Lord of the Rings* Trilogy, this novel is the story that started the whole saga. From its publication in 1937, *The Hobbit* was an instant classic and has earned the love of legions of fans ever since. It is the story of a homely hobbit, Bilbo Baggins, who finds himself on an epic quest to get the treasure of Smaug, a fearsome dragon. Along the way, he encounters many of the creatures that makes Middle-Earth so famous— from dwarves, to Elves, to man-eating trolls, to the delightfully disturbing Gollum. And, of course, he finds himself in possession of a very important ring...

J.R.R. Tolkien is widely considered to be the “father” of high fantasy and is certainly responsible for the great popularity of the genre. A scholar, professor, philologist, and poet, Tolkien ultimately came to fame as a result of the publication of *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy. Many of the themes and ideas in his novels can be traced to aspects of Tolkien’s life— his experiences in WWI, his devout Catholicism, his love of mythology, and his dislike of technology.

# ONE SCHOOL ONE BOOK



# ONE RING

December 13 - January 30

## PROGRAMS & EVENTS

### The Hobbit Premiere

Join us for the grand premiere of The Hobbit directed by Peter Jackson. We're renting out a theater and the movie promises to be spectacular!

**Friday 14 December, Time TBA**

### It Begins with Baggins

Before Peter Jackson made a name for himself, there was the 1978 animated version of The Hobbit. Join us for a screening of this beloved classic; popcorn included!

**Wednesday 16 January, 2:30-4:00, Main Library Pit**

### Riddles in the Dark: an LOTR Trivia Tribute

Wear your geek badge proudly as you prove your knowledge of Middle-Earth in a friendly competition. Winners will take home LOTR-inspired prizes!

**Friday 18 January, 3:00-5:00, The Greene Room**

### There and Back Again: a LOTR discussion panel

Join your librarians in a riveting discussion of Tolkien, Middle-Earth, and the power of fantasy to inspire, enchant, and expand your horizons.

**Monday 21 January, 3:00-4:00, The Greene Room**

### The Hobbit Reader's Theater

Enjoy a dramatic reading from the book as performed by talented members of the ISB community. Refreshments provided.

**Wednesday 23 January, 3:00-4:00, Main Library Pit**

### Frodo's Frocks

Inhabit Middle-Earth for a day and come to school dressed up as your favorite character or creature from Tolkien's universe. The student with the best costume in both the MS and HS will take home a prize!

**Friday 25 January, all day (Costumes will be judged during MS and HS lunches, Main Library Pit)**

### An Unexpected Party

Our culminating event is a Hobbit-themed party complete with Hobbit-approved food, drinks and music from all corners of Middle-Earth. Winners of the three contests will be announced, prizes awarded, and general merriment will ensue!

All are welcome!

**Wednesday 30 January, 3:00-5:00, Main Library**

## CONTESTS

### Bilbo's Bookmarks

Tap into your artistic self and create a Hobbit-inspired bookmark. Bookmark templates can be found on the library website or in the library. The winning design will be printed and distributed for all to see and the creator will receive a prize.

**Deadline: Friday 25 January**

### The Hobbit Book Trailer Contest

Create a compelling book trailer for The Hobbit that is sure to inspire your audience to read the book. Special points for creativity and for not simply using parts of the movie trailer! Winning trailers will be posted on the library blog, In The Mix and the ISB website. Winners will receive Hobbit-inspired prizes.

**Deadline: Friday 25 January**

### The Magic of Middle-Earth Art Contest

Explore the mystery, the magic, and the beauty of Middle-Earth through a piece of artwork. Your piece can be in any medium and must be inspired by characters, events, or settings within Tolkien's worlds. Winning pieces will be displayed in the Main Library and artists will receive prizes and school-wide recognition!

**Deadline: Friday 25 January**

## WHY THIS BOOK? AND WHY AS A COMMUNITY?

One Book, One School is ISB's annual big read--an opportunity for the entire community to enjoy and share their reading with each other. For our first ever event, we invite you to join us in reading J.R.R. Tolkien's masterpiece The Hobbit. Read it, discuss it, celebrate it, watch the movie, and then join us for a month of events and activities that will help make the most of your reading experience!