



**John Ronald Reuel
Tolkien**



J.R.R. Tolkien wrote popular books of fantasy **fiction**. The most famous of his books are *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*.

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John Ronald Reuel Tolkien was born on January 3, 1892, in South Africa. At age 4 he moved with his family to Great Britain. Tolkien graduated from Oxford University in 1915.



In 1925 Tolkien began teaching at Oxford. His classes dealt with the roots of the English language. He studied old fables, myths, and legends.

and prob. OB. rohal rohal (Ducang rohallum - nam
this rohal of arab. into rick - walrus very

ruszwal, Norw. russval (The interpretation
'horse-whale' (a description supposed to be due to

the neighing voice of the animal) does not explain
the -k(c) form or loss showing -u- though
Popular etymologizing as 'Russian whale' may
have been partly responsible for loss (see French
Sander, etc.)

Rather the form appears
ultimately due to a confusion of ON. hrossvalr
a kind of whale (not walrus), and ON. rosmvalr
a walrus. The latter appears to be an alteration

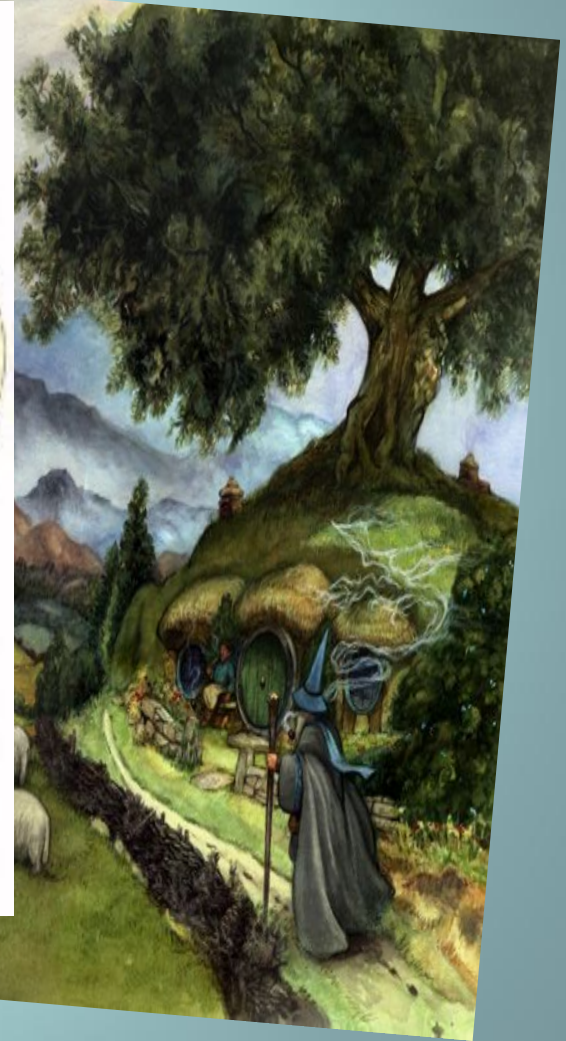
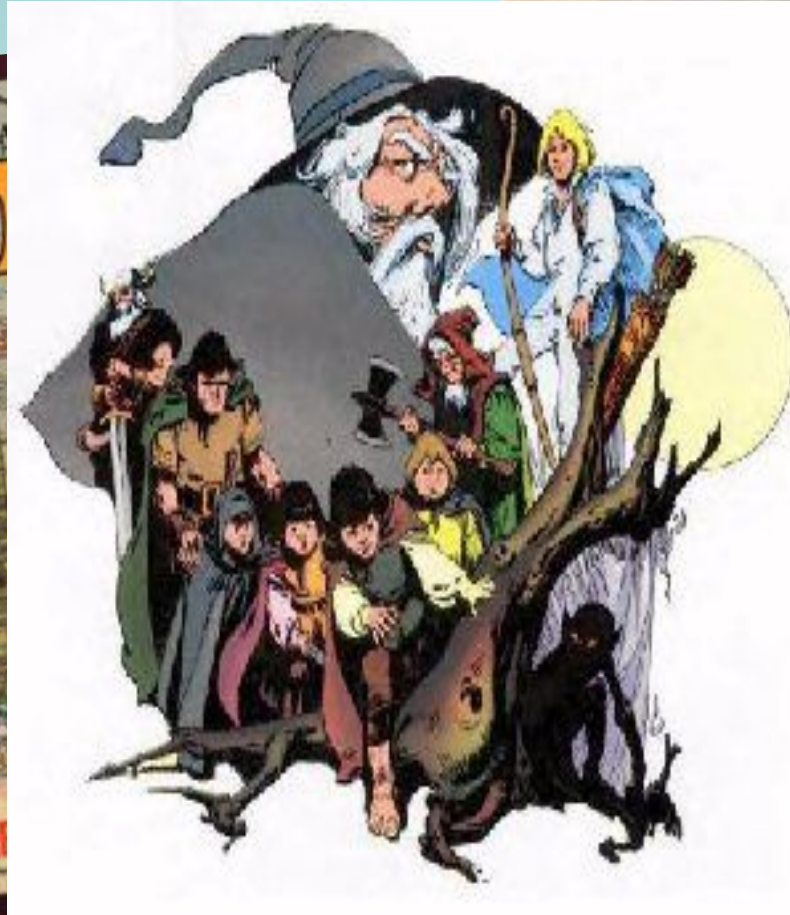
+ ON. rosmale (Norw. rosmal, frosmal, Da.
rosmar, -er, rosmar whence the Scienh. name
rosmarinus & see ROSMARINE 2) ^{in itself} first element

1. rosm

ƒ	v	hw	m	(mh) mb	t	d	th	dh	n-r	ch	j
k	g	kh	gh	β-n	kw	gw	khw	ghw,w	ngw	nw	r
ng-nd	s-h	s-'	z-β	ng	nd-nj	i(y)	y	hy	u	ũ	w
a	â	o	ô	ö	n	h-s	*	*	ps	ts	+h

During this time Tolkien began writing fantasy stories. Part of this writing included making up an entire language called Elvish. The characters called elves in Tolkien's stories speak this language.

Tolkien published *The Hobbit* in 1937. He wrote it partly to amuse his four children. The main character of the book is a short, furry-footed creature called a hobbit.





The story takes place in a fantasy world called Middle-earth.





The Lord of the Rings,
published in 1954 and 1955,
also takes place in
Middle-earth.

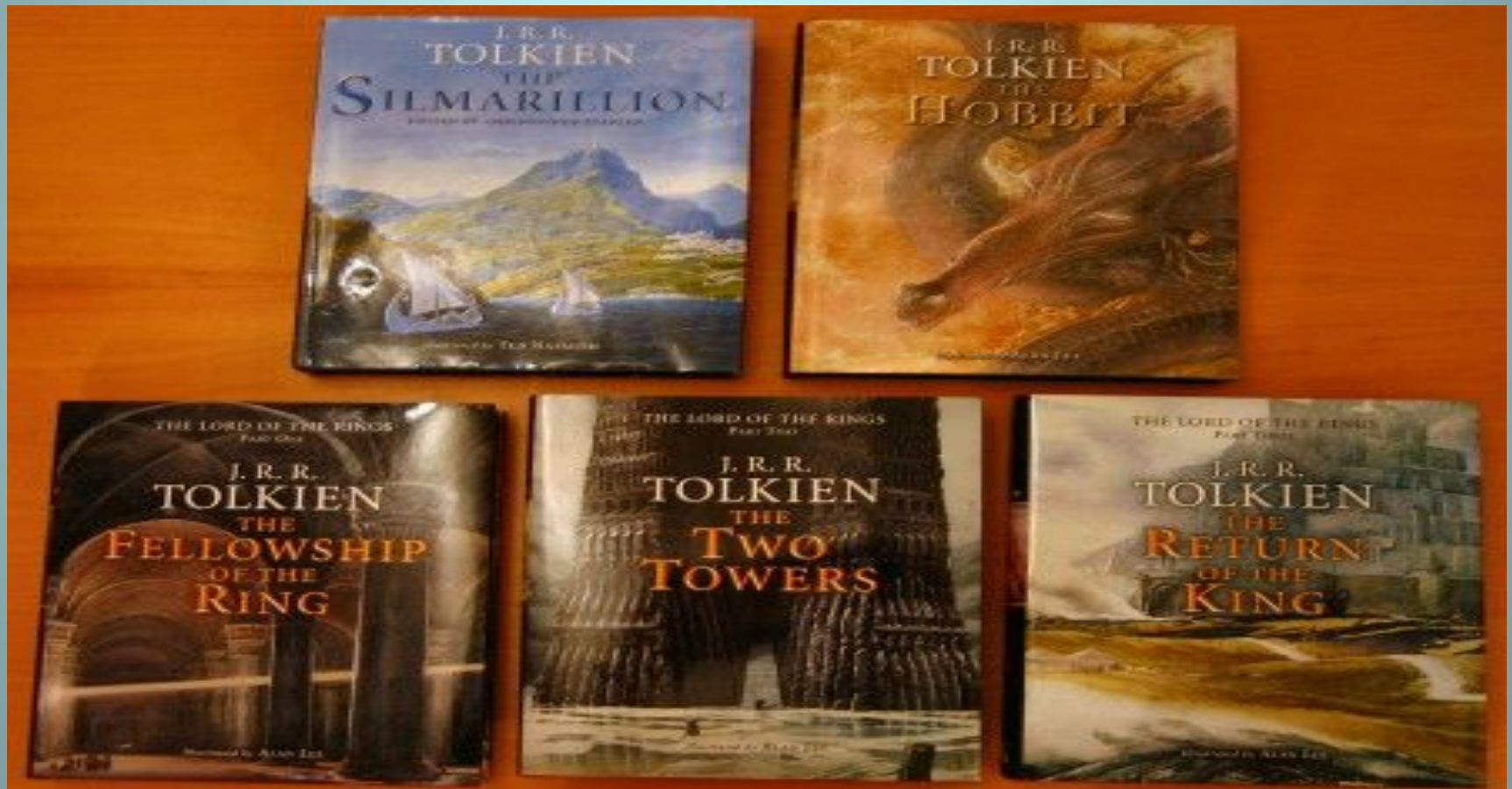








This novel is sometimes divided into three parts: *The Fellowship of the Ring*, *The Two Towers*, and *The Return of the King*.



Tolkien died on September 2, 1973. He had started another book about Middle-earth, called *The Silmarillion*, but did not finish it.



Tolkien's youngest son, Christopher, published this book in 1977.

