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The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

The genre of fantasy has been a well-respected form of story for hundreds of years and still remains extremely popular in the present day. With the recent conclusion of its film adaptation, J.R.R. Tolkien’s original adventure, The Hobbit, remains relevant today as the grandfather of modern fantasy and adventure stories.

The Hobbit chronicles the adventure of titular character Bilbo Baggins, a member of the Hobbit race created solely by Tolkien. Upon meeting the wizardly grey wizard Gandalf, who introduces him to a company of thirteen dwarves, he sets off on an adventure to reclaim their stolen gold from the dragon Smaug. After braving many dangers, the journey ends in true fantasy fashion, with a large and satisfying battle.

Although written during the latter half of the twentieth century, Tolkien’s words are still easy to
understand today. The Hobbit is written simplistically, in a manner easy to understand for children, whom it was intended for. While many characters have little development, it is in Bilbo where Tolkien’s writing shines. He is endearing, often humorous and relatable. The theme is one of friendship through shared experiences and the strong relationship between the smart leader, Thorin, and Bilbo is especially evident at the story’s conclusion.

The Hobbit is an immensely enjoyable read. Able to be understood easily, it includes something for all ages to enjoy. A perfect book to read to a child at bedtime, it is a classic story that any enjoyer of reading should find an excuse to pick up.