



Title: The Hobbit: The Enchanting Prelude to The Lord of the Rings

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BOOK RESUME: THE HOBBIT

BOOK SYNOPSIS

When Thorin Oakenshield and his band of dwarves embark upon a dangerous quest to reclaim the hoard of gold stolen from them by the evil dragon Smaug, Gandalf the wizard suggests an unlikely accomplice: Bilbo Baggins, an unassuming Hobbit dwelling in peaceful Hobbiton.

Along the way, the company faces trolls, goblins, giant spiders, and worse. But as they journey from the wonders of Rivendell to the terrors of Mirkwood and beyond, Bilbo will find that there is more to him than anyone—himself included—ever dreamed. Unexpected qualities of courage and cunning, and a love of adventure, propel Bilbo toward his great destiny . . . a destiny that waits in the dark caverns beneath the Misty Mountains, where a twisted creature known as Gollum jealously guards a precious magic ring.

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Teacher's Guide](#)

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

- [“Banned and Challenged Books In Texas Public Schools 2001-2002,” American Civil Liberties Union of Texas](#) (2002)
 - “School District: Willis ISD . . . ‘Only one family challenged [*The Hobbit*] out of 60 students. After the alternate assignment was made, the matter was dropped.’”
- [“More North Texas schools ban books,” Axios](#) (2022)
 - “Frisco ISD released a list of books that have either been banned from school libraries or restricted to specific grades. . . . ‘The Hobbit’ will be restricted to students in sixth grade and above.”
- [“‘Ban on book bans’ introduced in Minnesota Legislature,” Minnesota Public Radio](#) (2024)
 - “Gov. Tim Walz, who strongly backs the bill, said it is an issue he sees no gray area in. . . . ‘Trying to tell someone else’s children that they can’t read *The Hobbit*, or whatever it might be, you’re in the wrong.’”

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