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John Ronald Reuel Tolkien was born on 3 January 1892 in Bloemfontein in the Orange Free State. He was an English writer, poet, philologist, and university professor who is best known as the author of the classic high-fantasy works "The Hobbit", "The Lord of the Rings", and "The Silmarillion". He was the professor of Old English at the University of Oxford, he also wrote a number of stories, including most famously The Hobbit (1937) and The Lord of the Rings (1954-1955), which are set in a pre-historic era in an invented version of our world which he called by the Middle English name of Middle-earth. This was peopled by Men (and women), Elves, Dwarves, Trolls, Orcs (or

Goblins) and of course Hobbits. He has millions of readers worldwide.