

## Annotated Bibliography:

Foster, Mike. "The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien: A Review." The Hobbit Review. Tolkien-Online,

2007. Web. 04 Apr. 2012. <<http://www.tolkien-online.com>>.

Foster gave a good review of The Hobbit. He gives a clear, concise summary and then discusses why the story appeals to children. He also delves into its similarities and differences with Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings books.

"History of Fantasy." Wikipedia. Wikimedia Foundation, 04 Apr. 2012. Web. 04 Apr. 2012.

<<http://en.wikipedia.org>>.

Wikipedia provided a history of fantasy in literature, and specifically gave Tolkien quite a bit of credit. This was helpful for some chronological and background information.

Irwin, W. R. "There and Back Again: The Romances of Williams, Lewis, and Tolkien." *The*

*Sewanee Review* 69 (1961): 566-78. JSTOR. Web. 6 Apr. 2012.

Irwin looks at the different works by the three authors, specifically at how each of them writes about a character's journey for their soul. He talks a lot about good versus evil and the way each author focuses on that conflict in his novel.

Kocher, Paul. "Aragorn." *The Fiction of J.R.R. Tolkien*. New York: Penguin, 1987. Print. Kocher's article discuss Tolkien's character, Aragorn, and his importance in *The Lord of the Rings* as an unsung hero. It also goes through Tolkien's thoughts and impressions from while he was writing.

Kocher, Paul. "The Hobbit." *The Fiction of J.R.R. Tolkien*. New York: Penguin, 1987. Print.

Kocher's article was fantastic. He briefly discusses many important points in Tolkien's writings: the audience, the themes, different characters, ect. He was very straightforward and clear in his writing, which was helpful to completely understand his points.

Marshall, Jill. "The Hobbit by J R R Tolkien: Book Review." Reading Matters: Children's Book Reviews, Teenage Book Reviews. 2012. Web. 03 Apr. 2012.

<<http://www.readingmatters.co.uk>>.

Marshall gave a very nice review of The Hobbit. She had an interesting idea: that all of us are slightly hobbit-ish. Everyone likes to live a comfortable, simple life (like Bilbo) but

we also have a desire for adventure and excitement. She also quotes passages from the novel and discusses them briefly.

Roos, Richard. "Middle Earth in the Classroom: Studying J.R.R. Tolkien." *The English Journal* 58 (1969): 1175-180. JSTOR. Web. 5 Apr. 2012.

Roos discusses Tolkien's use of plot, setting, dialogue, and theme as tools engage and teach the reader. Roos claims that all good novels must have a blend of these things, and that Tolkien is one of the best examples of successfully blending all of these. It was a very interesting article, and Roos goes through each idea individually and clearly.

Shippey, Tom. "From Page to Screen: J. R. R. Tolkien and Jackson." *World Literature Today* 77 (2003): 69-72. JSTOR. Web. 3 Apr. 2012.

Shippey discuss the similarities and differences between Tolkien's books and the movie adaptations we have seen. He discusses why things go well, and why they do not. This is especially interesting with the new movie adaptation of *The Hobbit* coming out this year.

Smith, Adam M. "The Hobbit." JRR Tolkien. 2007. Web. 04 Apr. 2012.

<<http://www.tolkien-online.com>>.

Smith's site gave some very helpful background information on The Hobbit and J.R.R. Tolkien's publication process. He went into detail, and also gives links to similar helpful sites.

"The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien." Fantasy Book Review. 2012. Web. 03 Apr. 2012.

<<http://www.fantasybookreview.co.uk>>.

This was a review of The Hobbit. It gives some helpful background information and then discusses the novel's appeal to children and adults. There is also a brief discussion of how we all have an "inner hobbit" and a discussion of the "Englishness" of the book.

"The Hobbit Notes & Analysis." *BookRags*. BookRags, 2012. Web. 06 Apr. 2012.

<<http://www.bookrags.com>>.

This site was really great. It goes through a lot of the themes we find in *The Hobbit*. It discusses the themes of greed, luck, and magic, just to name a few. Another helpful thing is that it gives chapter summaries and has a list of some significant quotes.

"The Hobbit." Wikipedia. Wikimedia Foundation, 04 Feb. 2012. Web. 04 Apr. 2012.

<<http://en.wikipedia.org>>.

Wikipedia is a quick place to look for information. It had background information on the

publication and writing process of *The Hobbit*.

*Tolkien Books, Rare Book Shop, Tolkien Store*. 2012. Web. 06 Apr. 2012.

<<http://www.tolkienlibrary.com>>.

This site is fantastic for all things Tolkien. It has links to buy books, book reviews, essays, links to journals, and a lot more. The essays were particularly helpful.

*Tolkien Society*. 2011. Web. 5 Apr. 2012. <<http://www.tolkiensociety.org>>.

This site has a ton of information about Tolkien and his books. It answers questions about Tolkien's works, such as questions about his characters, and questions about publications and Tolkien himself. It is helpful for background information.