

The Hobbit – The Movie

The upcoming *Hobbit* movies will feature some familiar figures: Orlando Bloom will again play legolas; Sir Ian McKellen, Gandalf; and Elijah Wood, Frodo Baggins. Other interesting participants should include:

- Beorn – Mikael Persbrandt
- Bilbo Baggins – Martin Freeman
- Goblin King – Barry Humphries
- Thorin – Richard Armitage

The two films, in epic fantasy genre, directed by Peter Jackson, are an adaptation of the 1937 novel by J. R. R. Tolkien and are a prequel to *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy.

Regarding the history of the original novel *The Lord of the Rings*, one source has attributed the following to Tolkien: “But for the encouragement of CSL [**C. S. Lewis**], I do not think that I should ever have completed or offered for publication *The Lord of the Rings*.”

To quote from the opening of the book *The Hobbit*:

“In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit. Not a nasty, dirty, wet hole, filled with the ends of worms and an oozy smell, nor yet a dry, bare sandy hole with nothing in it to sit down on or to eat: it was a hobbit-hole, and that means comfort. It had a perfectly round door like a porthole, painted green, with a shiny yellow brass knob in the exact middle.”