

## Bookfolio for **The Hobbit**

**Author:** [J.R.R. Tolkien](#)

**Illustrator:** Alan Lee

**First Publication Date:** 1937

**Publisher:** Houghton Mifflin

**ISBN:** 0395873460

**Recommended for:** [Grades 5-8](#)

**Classification:** Fiction

**Genre:** [Fantasy](#)

**Story Summary:** J.R.R. Tolkien's THE HOBBIT traces the adventures of Bilbo Baggins from the peaceful comfort of his hobbit hole to fights with dragons and humans, all through no fault of his own. Gandalf the Wizard drafts Bilbo as a burglar to accompany Thorin Oakenshield and his band of 12 dwarves in their quest to regain their under mountain kingdom from Smaug, the dragon. Along the way Bilbo grows in confidence as he helps the dwarves escape from trolls, giant spiders, and wood-elves. He is aided by Gandalf the Wizard, a magical ring that allows him to disappear, and a sword called Sting.

Thorin and company are chased by wolf-like wargs, besieged by goblins, and saved by eagles. They meet Elrond who knows how to read runes, and Beorn the skin changer, part bear part human, who assists them through Mirkwood. Bilbo proves himself heroic in the final Battle of Five Armies when he gives the Arkenstone, the symbol of the mountain's power, to Bard the dragonslayer rather than Thorin the rightful owner who has been overcome by greed. War comes in spite of Bilbo's efforts, and many die including Thorin. In the end, peace is established among the humans, dwarves, and elves, and Bilbo Baggins happily returns to his hobbit hole much wiser from his adventures.

**Read-aloud Recommendation:** Chapter 2, "Roast Mutton".

**The skills for each activity are identified by the following abbreviations:  
R=Reading, W=Writing, S=Speaking, L=Listening, D=Drawing**

The Hobbit - Independent Activities	Skills
1. <a href="#">Creatures from Folk Tales</a> (Making a comparison chart)	S , W
2. <a href="#">Bilbo Speaks</a> (Writing from the character's point of view)	W
3. <a href="#">Bilbo's Homebound Adventure</a> (Creating an adventure)	S , W
4. <a href="#">The Battle Plan of Five Armies</a> (Drawing a battle plan)	D , S
5. <a href="#">Dragon Drama</a> (Reporting the news)	S , W
6. <a href="#">Forest Fires</a> (Researching a topic)	R , S , W
The Hobbit - Group Activities	Skills
1. <a href="#">Mapping THE HOBBIT</a> (Discussing story maps)	S , W
2. <a href="#">Gandalf and Sparrowhawk</a> (Comparing wizards)	S
3. <a href="#">Dangerous Dialogue</a> (Reading aloud)	S
4. <a href="#">Character Search</a> (Creating a word search)	W
5. <a href="#">A Tolkien Book Talk</a> (Sharing books)	S , W
6. <a href="#">"Let's Talk About..."</a> (Discussing the story)	L , S

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