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About the Author

J.R.R. Tolkien is creator of Middle-earth and author of *The Hobbit*, *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Silmarillion*. He was awarded a CBE and an honorary Doctorate of Letters from Oxford University, and died in 1973.

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