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The Fellowship of the Ring, the first volume in the Lord of the Rings Trilogy by J.R.R. Tolkien, tells the story of Frodo Baggins and his quest to destroy the ring of the evil Lord Sauron. Frodo is a hobbit—a small, human-like being roughly the same size as a child with large wooly feet. Frodo's journey takes him from the hobbit farming village called The Shire, to snow-covered mountain tops, to deep underground caverns, to mystical forests inhabited by elves. A reserved, introverted character, Frodo realizes that he must become a hero himself if his quest is to succeed.

Frodo must fight against the evil that is drawn to Sauron's ring. He is chased through the Old Forest by the Dark Riders—once human kings, but not twisted and mutated by the power of the Ring. He is attacked in the caves of Moria by Orcs, evil servants of Sauron much like demons in appearance. He is even attacked by one of his own companions—Boromir, a noble warrior who at first is a protector of Frodo's but is seduced by the Ring into trying to take the Ring for his own. Luckily, he also has associates who stay true to him and his cause. Sam is his faithful gardener and truest friend. Pippin and Merry are also hobbits who have known Frodo since their childhoods. The fellowship is rounded out by Aragorn, the rightful king of the land; Gandalf, a wizard; Gimli, a dwarf; and Legolas, an Elf. His companions face peril and near death to help Frodo find the Cracks of Mount Doom—a fire so hot that it can destroy the Ring for good.

The Fellowship of the Ring is a modern classic that truly stands the test of time. Although it was first published in 1954, the novel is read (and reread) by many today and is referenced in popular media. It is skillfully written with a lavish background that makes it seem real. You can almost imagine the landscape; you can hear the accents of the different races; you can feel the terror that Frodo feels when he is being hunted. This is a book that everyone SHOULD read.



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