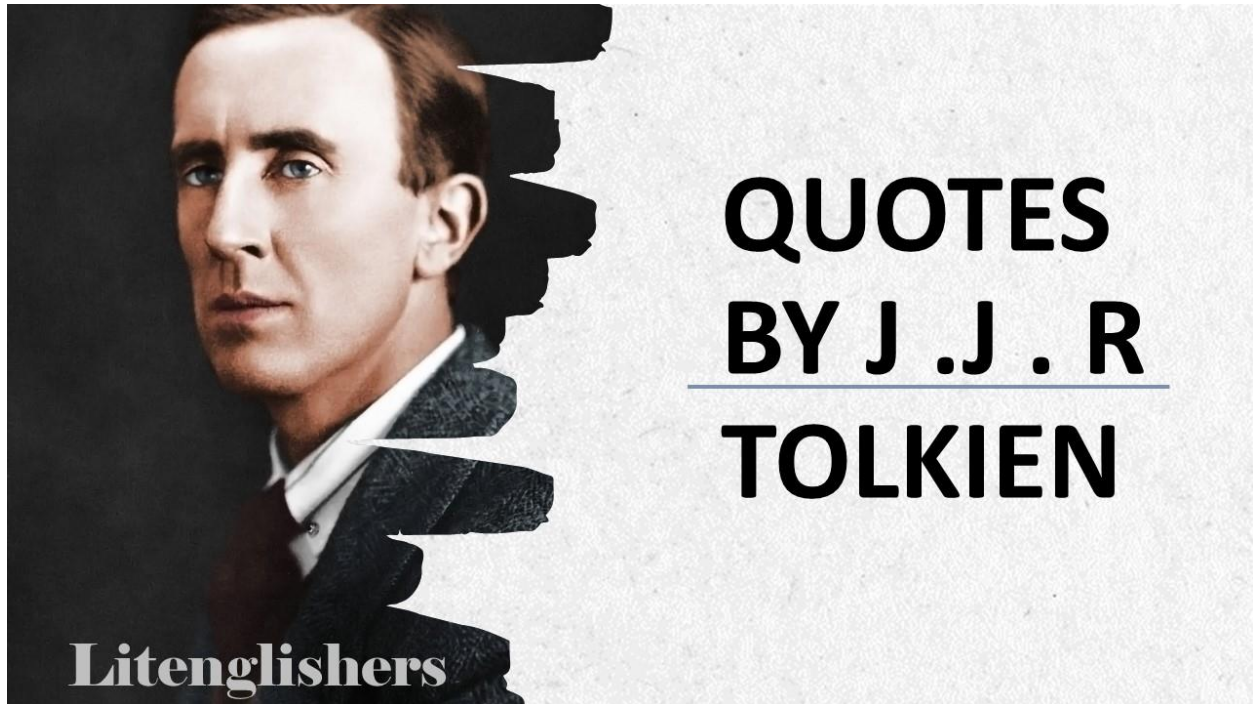


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## *J.J.R. Tolkien >Quotes*

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1: “Not all those who wander are lost.”

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_ The fellowship of the ring

2;“Moonlight drowns out all but the brightest stars.”

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien\_ The Lord of the Rings

3: "In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien\_ The Hobbit

4: "A box without hinges, key, or lid, yet golden treasure inside is hid."

J.J.R.Tolkien\_

5: "Go not to the Elves for counsel, for they will say both no and yes."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien\_

6: "So comes snow after fire, and even dragons have their ending!"

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien\_

7:“It is not despair, for despair is only for those who see the end beyond all doubt. We do not.”

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_ The fellowship of the Ring

8:“Go back?” he thought. “No good at all! Go sideways? Impossible! Go forward? Only thing to do! On we go!” So up he got, and trotted along with his little sword held in front of him and one hand feeling the wall, and his heart all of a patter and a pitter.”

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_ The Hobbit

9:“It is useless to meet revenge with revenge;

it will heal nothing.”

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_

The Return of the King

10:“And then her heart changed, or at least she understood it; and the winter passed, and the sun shone upon her.”

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_

The Return of the King

11:“All’s well that ends better.”

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_

12:“His grief, he will not forget; but it will not darken his heart, it will teach him wisdom.”

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_

The Return of the King

13: "I was talking aloud to myself. A habit of the old: they choose the wisest person present to speak to."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien\_      The Two Towers

14: "If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien\_

15: "A pen is to me as a beak is to a hen."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien\_

16: "The hasty stroke goes oft astray."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien\_      The two Towers

17: "Oft the unbidden guest proves the best company."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien\_      The two Towers

18: "To crooked eyes truth may wear a wry face."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_ The Two towers

19:“The wise speak only of what they know.”

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_ The two Towers

20:“But do not despise the lore that has come down from distant years; for oft it may chance that old wives keep in memory word of things that once were needful for the wise to know.”

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_ The fellowship of the Ring

21:“The world is indeed full of peril, and in it there are many dark places; but still there is much that is fair, and though in all lands love is now mingled with grief, it grows perhaps the greater.”

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_ The Fellowship of the Ring

22: "Let them march now and sing! We have a long way to go, and there is time ahead for thought. It is something to have started."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The two Towers

23: "Such is oft the course of deeds that move the wheels of the world: small hands do them because they must, while the eyes of the great are elsewhere."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The fellowship of the Ring

24: "The praise of the praiseworthy is above all rewards."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The Two towers

25: "The Eagles! The Eagles!" he shouted. "The Eagles are coming!"

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_

26: "And he that breaks a thing to find out what it is has left the path of wisdom."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien\_ The fellowship of the Ring

27:"Short cuts make delays, but inns make longer ones."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien\_

28:"It is perilous to study too deeply the arts of the Enemy, for good or for ill."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien\_ The fellowship of the Ring

29:"This only was wanting. Now comes the night."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien\_

30:"Smeagol'll get into real true hot water, when this water boils, if he don't do as he asked."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien\_ The Two Towers

31:"It's the job that's never started as takes longest to finish."



\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The fellowship of the Ring

32:"Then the sooner we're rid of it, the sooner to rest."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The Return of the King

33:"You have been chosen, and you must therefore use such strength and heart and wits as you have."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_

34:"Ho! Ho! Ho! To the bottle I go  
To heal my heart and drown my woe  
Rain may fall, and wind may blow  
And many miles be still to go  
But under a tall tree will I lie  
And let the clouds go sailing by"

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

35:“Do not meddle in the affairs of wizards, for they are subtle and quick to anger.”

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_The Fellowship of the Ring

36:“All that is gold does not glitter,  
Not all those who wander are lost;  
The old that is strong does not wither,  
Deep roots are not reached by the frost.  
From the ashes a fire shall be woken,  
A light from the shadows shall spring  
Renewed shall be blade that was broken,  
The crownless again shall be king.”

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_ The fellowship of the king

37: "I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo.

"So do I," said Gandalf, "and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_ The fellowsip of the ring

38: "Faithless is he that says farewell when the road darkens."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_

39: "The wide world is all about you: you can fence yourselves in, but you cannot forever fence it out."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_

40: "Short cuts make long delays."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

41:"The proper study of Man is anything but Man; and the most improper job of any man, even saints (who at any rate were at least unwilling to take it on), is bossing other men. Not one in a million is fit for it, and least of all those who seek the opportunity."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

42;"They say it is the first step that costs the effort. I do not find it so. I am sure I could write unlimited 'first chapters'. I have indeed written many."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

43;"Many children make up, or begin to make up, imaginary languages. I have been at it since I could write."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

44:"A safe fairyland is untrue to all worlds."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

45:"Don't go getting mixed up in the business of your betters, or you'll land in trouble too big for you."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

46:"I should like to save the Shire, if I could - though there have been times when I thought the inhabitants too stupid and dull for words, and have felt that an earthquake or an invasion of dragons might be good for them."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

47:"I don't like allegories."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

48:"I dislike Allegory - the conscious and intentional allegory - yet any attempt to explain the purport of myth or fairytale must use allegorical language."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

49:"It may be the part of a friend to rebuke a friend's folly."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

50:"I wish life was not so short,' he thought.  
'Languages take such a time, and so do all the things one wants to know about."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

51:"The original 'Hobbit' was never intended to have a sequel - Bilbo 'remained very happy to the end of his days and those were extraordinarily long': a sentence I find an almost insuperable obstacle to a satisfactory link."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_

51:"So comes snow after fire, and even dragons have their ending!"

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_

52:Victory after all, I suppose! Well, it seems a very gloomy business."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_

53:"Bother burgling and everything to do with it! I wish I was at home in my nice hole by the fire, with the kettle just beginning to sing!"

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

54:"Sorry! I don't want any adventures, thank you. Not Today. Good morning! But please come to tea – any time you like! Why not tomorrow? Good bye!"

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

55:"Deeds will not be less valiant because they are unpraised."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

56:"Even the smallest person can change the course of the future."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_ The two towers



57:"The wide world is all about you: you can fence yourselves in, but you cannot forever fence it out."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The fellowship of the Ring

58:"Short cuts make long delays"

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The fellowship of the Ring

59:"The Road goes ever on and on Down from the door where it began, Now far ahead the Road has gone, And I must follow, if I can."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The fellowship of the Ring

60:"Oft hope is born when all is forlorn."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_

61:"I warn you, if you bore me, I shall take my revenge."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_ Letter of j.j.r to c.s Lewis

62:"A man that flies from his fear may find that he has only taken a short cut to meet it."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The Children of Hurin

63:"May it be a light to you in dark places, when all other lights go out."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The fellowship of the Ring

64:"It's the job that's never started as takes longest to finish."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The fellowship of the Ring

65:"Yet a treacherous weapon is ever a danger to the hand."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The Two Towers

66:"Good and ill have not changed since yesteryear."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The two Towers

67:"News from afar is seldom sooth."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The two Towers

68:"In sorrow we must go, but not in despair.  
Behold! we are not bound for ever to the circles of  
the world, and beyond them is more than memory."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_

69:"I don't know half of you half as well as I should  
like; and I like less than half of you half as well as  
you deserve."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The fellowship of the ring

70:"All we have to decide is what to do with the  
time that is given us."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The fellowship of the ring

71:"Myth and fairy-story must, as all art, reflect and  
contain in solution elements of moral and religious  
truth (or error), but not explicit, not in the known  
form of the primary 'real' world."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

72: "If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

73: "Never laugh at live dragons."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

74: "Faithless is he that says farewell when the road darkens."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_ The fellowship of the ring

75: "The world is indeed full of peril, and in it, there are many dark places; but still there is much that is fair, and though in all lands love is now mingled with grief, it grows perhaps the greater."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

76: “Deserves it! I daresay he does. Many that live to deserve death. And some that die to deserve life. Can you give it to them? Then do not be too eager to deal out death in judgement. For even, the very wise cannot see all ends.”

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

77: “It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door. You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there's no knowing where you might be swept off to.”

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_ The lord of the ring

78: “I will not say: do not weep; for not all tears are an evil.”

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_ The return of the king.

79: “Fantasy is escapist, and that is its glory. If a soldier is imprisoned by the enemy, don't we consider it his duty to escape? . . . If we value the freedom of mind and soul, if we're partisans of liberty, then it's our plain duty to escape, and to take as many people with us as we can!”

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_

80: “Do you wish me a good morning, or mean that it is a good morning whether I want it or not; or that you feel good this morning; or that it is a morning to be good on?”

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_ The Hobbit

81: “The Road goes ever on and on  
Down from the door where it began.  
Now far ahead the Road has gone,  
And I must follow if I can,  
Pursuing it with eager feet,

Until it joins some larger way  
Where many paths and errands meet.  
And whither then? I cannot say”

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The fellowship of the Ring

82: “War must be, while we defend our lives against a destroyer who would devour all; but I do not love the bright sword for its sharpness, nor the arrow for its swiftness, nor the warrior for his glory. I love only that which they defend.”

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The two towers

83: "I will give you a name,' he said to it, 'and I shall call you Sting."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_

84: "I came from the end of the bag, but no bag went over me. I am the friend of bears and the guest of eagles. I am Ring-winner and Luckwearer, dddd I am Barrel-rider."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

85: “Three Rings for the Elven-kings under the sky,  
Seven for the Dwarf-lords in their halls of stone,  
Nine for Mortal Men, doomed to die,  
One for the Dark Lord on his dark throne  
In the Land of Mordor where the Shadows lie.  
One Ring to rule them all, One Ring to find them,  
One Ring to bring them all and in the darkness bind  
them.  
In the Land of Mordor where the Shadows lie.”

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

86: “And he took her in his arms and kissed her  
under the sunlit sky, and he cared not that they  
stood high upon the walls in the sight of many.”

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_



89: “Still round the corner, there may wait  
A new road or a secret gate  
And though I oft have passed them by  
A day will come at last when I  
Shall take the hidden paths that run  
West of the Moon, East of the Sun.”

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

90: “I am glad you are here with me. Here at the end  
of all things, Sam.”

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

91: “There is nothing like looking if you want to find  
something. You certainly usually find something, if  
you look, but it is not always quite the something  
you were after.”

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_ The HOBBIT

92: "Courage is found in unlikely places."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_

93: "May it be a light to you in dark places, when all other lights go out."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The fellowship of the Ring

94: "It's the job that's never started as takes the longest to finish."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The Lord of the Rings

95:"Many that live deserve death. And some that die deserve life. Can you give it to them? Then do not be too eager to deal out death in judgement. For even, the very wise cannot see all ends."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_

96: "What do you fear, lady?" [Aragorn] asked.

"A cage," [Éowyn] said. "To stay behind bars, until use and old age accept them, and all chance of doing great deeds is gone beyond recall or desire."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The Return Of the Ring

97: "Hobbits are unobtrusive but very ancient people, more numerous formerly than they are today; for they love peace and quiet and good tilled earth: a well-ordered and well-farmed countryside was their favourite haunt."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The Hobbit

98: "Indeed I have not seen them roused like this for many an age. We Ents do not like being roused, and we never are roused unless it is clear to us that our trees and our lives are in great danger."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The Two Towers

99:“Velour needs first strength, and then a weapon.”

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The fellowship of the Ring

100:“Oft in lies truth is hidden.”

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The fellowship of the Ring

101:"And it is also said,' answered Frodo: 'Go not to the Elves for counsel, for they will say both no and yes."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The fellowship of the Ring

102: “This is the Master-ring, the One Ring to rule them all. This is the One Ring that he lost many ages ago, to the great weakening of his power. He greatly desires it — but he must not get it.”

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The fellowship of the Ring

103: "Hill. Yes, that was it. But it is a hasty word for a thing that has stood here ever since this part of the world was shaped."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien\_ The two Towers

104: "Some who have read the book, or at any rate have reviewed it, have found it boring, absurd, or contemptible; and I have no cause to complain, since I have similar opinions of their works, or of the kinds of writing that they evidently prefer."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien\_

105: "One Ring to rule them all, One Ring to find them, One Ring to bring them all and in the darkness bind them."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien\_ The fellowship of the Ring

106: "I am old, Gandalf. I don't look at it, but I am beginning to feel it in my heart of hearts. Well-

preserved indeed!’ he snorted. ‘Why I feel all thin, sort of stretched, if you know what I mean: like butter that has been scraped over too much bread. That can’t be right. I need a change or something.’”

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The fellowship of the Ring

107: “I don't know half of you half as well as I should like, and I like less than half of you half as well as you deserve.”

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_The fellowship of the Ring

108:“All the same, I should like it all plain and clear,” said [Bilbo] obstinately, putting on his business manner (usually reserved for people who tried to borrow money off him), and doing his best to appear wise and prudent and professional and live up to Gandalf’s recommendation. “Also I should like to know about risks, out-of-pocket expenses, time required and remuneration, and so forth” – by which he meant: “What am I going to get out of it? and am I going to come back alive?”

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

109: "If ever you are passing my way,' said Bilbo, 'don't wait to knock! Tea is at four, but any of you are welcome at any time!"

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

110:"Very well! "said Bilbo very downcast, and also rather annoyed. 'Come along back to your nice cells, and I will lock you all in again, and you can sit there comfortably and think of a better plan-but I don't suppose I shall ever get hold of the keys again, even if I feel inclined to try."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

111:"I sit beside the fire and think  
Of all that I have seen

Of meadow flowers and butterflies  
In summers that have been  
Of yellow leaves and gossamer  
In autumns that there were  
With morning mist and silver sun  
And wind upon my hair  
I sit beside the fire and think  
Of how the world will be  
When winter comes without a spring  
That I shall ever see  
For still there are so many things  
That I have never seen  
In every wood in every spring  
There is a different green  
I sit beside the fire and think  
Of people long ago  
And people that will see a world



That I shall never know  
But all the while I sit and think  
Of times there were before  
I listen for returning feet  
And voices at the door”

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

112:"In October 1920 I went to Leeds as Reader in English Language, with a free commission to develop the linguistic side of a large and growing School of English Studies, in which no regular provision had as yet been made for the linguistic specialist."

\_ J.J.R.Tolkien \_

113:"Middle English is an exciting field - almost uncharted, I begin to think, because as soon as one

turns detailed personal attention on to any little corner of it, the received notions and ideas seem to crumple up and fall to pieces - as far as language goes, at any rate."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_

114:"If you really want to know what Middle-earth is based on, it's my wonder and delight in the earth as it is, particularly the natural earth."

\_J.J.R.Tolkien\_

115:"I beg of you," said Bilbo stammering and standing on one foot, "to accept this gift!" and he brought out a necklace of silver and pearls that Dain had given him at their parting. "In what way have I earned such a gift, O hobbit?" said the king. "Well, er, I thought, don't you know," said Bilbo rather confused, "that, er, some little return should be

made for your, er, hospitality. I mean even a burglar has his feelings. I have drunk much of your wine and eaten much of your bread.” “I will take your gift, O Bilbo the Magnificent,” said the king gravely.

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116:"It will not be long now,' thought Bilbo, 'before the goblins win the Gate, and we are all slaughtered or driven down and captured. Really it is enough to make one weep, after all one has gone through. I would rather old Smaug had been left with all the wretched treasure, than that these vile creatures should get it, and poor old Bombur, and Balin and Fili and Kili and all the rest come to a bad end; and Bard too, and the Lake-men and the merry elves. Misery me! I have heard songs of many battles, and I have always understood that defeat may be glorious. It seems very uncomfortable, not to say distressing. I wish I was well out of it."

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117:"Then Bilbo fled [with the cup]. But the dragon did not wake – not yet – but shifted into other dreams of greed and violence, lying there in his stolen hall while the little hobbit toiled back up the long tunnel. His heart was beating and a more fevered shaking was in his legs than when he was going down, but still he clutched the cup, and his chief thought was: 'I've done it! This will show them. 'More like a grocer than a burglar' indeed! Well, we'll hear no more of that."

J.J.R.Tolkien

118:"Three Rings for the Elven-kings under the sky,  
Seven for the Dwarf-lords in their halls of stone,  
Nine for Mortal Men doomed to die, One for the  
Dark Lord on his dark throne In the Land of Mordor  
where the Shadows lie. One Ring to rule them all,  
One Ring to find them, One Ring to bring them all

and in the darkness bind them In the Land of  
Mordor where the Shadows lie."

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