

The Hobbit Book Club Questions

1. What do you think of the 3rd person narration?
2. What do you think of the occasional second person asides like "this is of course the way you want to talk to dragons if you don't want to reveal your proper name?"
3. Do you like the description of hobbits?
4. If you had not seen the movie, would this give you a clear vision of what hobbits look like and their environment?
5. Is Bilbo a good character?
6. Is Bilbo's inability to decide if he wants to go an adventure understandable?
7. Would you go on the adventure?
8. If you went, would you regret it after things started to get scary?
9. Do you like Gandalf?
10. What do you think of the dwarves?
11. Do you remember all of their names?
12. Do the songs and the poems add to or detract from the story?
13. Was Bilbo helpful during the troll attack?
14. What do you think of the encounter between Gollum and Bilbo?
15. Do you feel at all bad for Gollum?
16. Would you want the ring?
17. What do you think of the Eagles saving the dwarves and Bilbo from the wolves (wargs) and the goblins?
18. What do you think of Gandalf leaving the adventure after the Eagles drop the group off over the mountains?
19. What do you think of Beorn, the skin-changer?
20. Was he helpful and would he have been an interesting topic for a story?
21. What do you think of Mirkwood?
22. Is the sense of eeriness conveyed effectively?
23. What did you think of Bilbo could really have defeated the spiders?
24. Was it better to be captured by the Wood-elves than to continue to wander in Mirkwood?
25. Are the barrels a good idea to escape the elves?
26. Are the dwarves a little ungrateful to disagree with Bilbo's plan?
27. Is Bilbo different when he enters Smaug's cave than he was in the Shire at the beginning?
28. What do you think of Smaug?
29. Does the party seem to lose a lot of ponies?
30. Why do you think that Bilbo grabbed the Arkenstone?
31. Is it effective that Bard killed Smaug not Thorin?
32. Should Thorin have negotiated with Bard?
33. What do you think of Bilbo giving the Arkenstone to Bard?
34. What do you think of the Battle of the Five Armies in the book?
35. Would a bunch of enemies really come together to fight the goblins?
36. Why do you think the journey back to the Shire is so uneventful?
37. Do you think the Bilbo was happy that he went on the adventure?
38. Did you enjoy the book?
39. The Hobbit is 80 years old. Why do you think we are still reading it (and making movies of it)?
40. Do you want to read the Lord of the Rings Trilogy?