J. R. R. Tolkien and the Matter of Britain

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Abstract

Suggests that Tolkien's legendarium is in some ways modeled on the Arthurian story and that he had the Matter of Britain in mind as he worked on his own stories.

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J.R.R. Tolkien was best known for his fantasy creations of Middle-Earth – writing The Hobbit, and the epic trilogy 'The Lord of the Rings'. The Lord of the Rings made him one of the best selling authors of the Twentieth Century, spawning a new genre of fantasy. Early life J.R.R. Tolkien. J.R.R. Tolkien was born in 1892, Bloemfontein, South Africa. After three years in South Africa, he returned to England with his Mother Mabel; unfortunately, his father died one year later, leaving him with little memory of his father. His early childhood was, by all accounts, a happy one; he was brought up in the War.