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## ***The Hobbit, An Unexpected Journey: The Movie Storybook*** **- Paddy Kempshall**

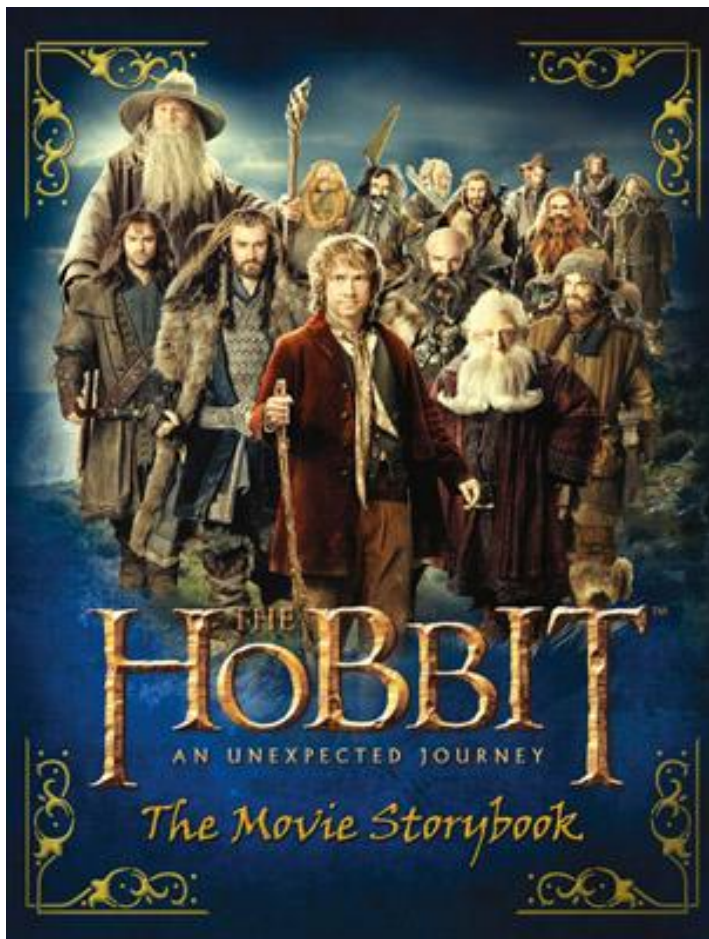
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An excellent introduction to the movie retelling of the incredible journey of Bilbo Baggins. The text is accompanied by photos from *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*. The sizeable photos allow a close study of the cast, costumes, sets and locations.

Packed with fascinating facts, the book gives an overview of the story and profiles the characters who share the adventure. It's a thrilling tale of good versus evil.

At the centre of the drama is the little hobbit, Bilbo Baggins. A large number of diverse characters take part in the expedition which leads them deep into Middle-earth. Each of the travellers has an important role to play in their quest to regain the dwarves' kingdom of Erebor and reclaim their stolen treasure.



Although the hobbit and dwarves are small in stature, they have more courage and determination than many of the devious villains they challenge. The companions trek through valleys and rivers, are taken captive in goblin tunnels under the mountains, and fly to freedom in the talons of giant eagles.

The travellers' adventures are encapsulated in this well-designed, soft-covered book. It is a splendid pictorial guide to the movie and a great souvenir for all ages.

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