

## First Glance

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Nina's mum called. Nina looked around and the trolls were gone. She was back in her bedroom. Nina was filled with shock but now she couldn't wait to start reading every incredible book in her bedroom. In no time the floor was spotless!

by Aleita Brand-Starkey





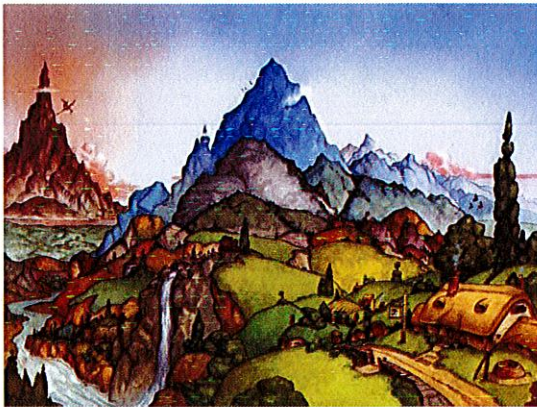
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