

The Wizarding World of Harry Potter

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Maybe you were one of the kids who would always play witches and wizards.

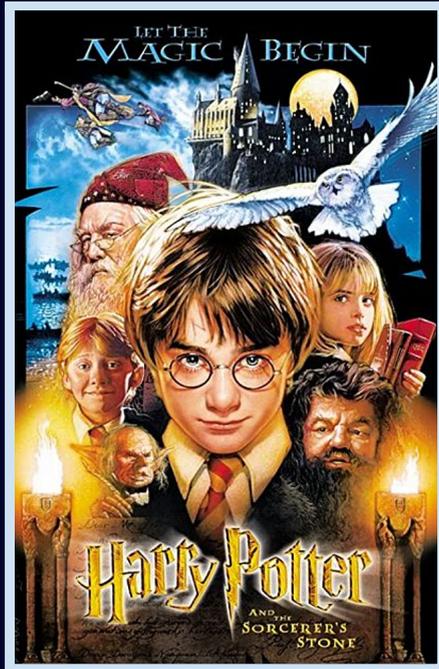
Maybe you used to pick random sticks that had fallen on the ground and fashioned it as your wand, waving it in the air and believing that it would one day cast a spell.

Perhaps you once turned eleven too, and you waited outside the window for that fateful letter which would start your magical adventure to a world you've never known before, to a new home you've always dreamed of, to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

The fantastic world of Harry Potter created by British author J.K. Rowling made magic to the hearts of many, and that includes us.

Originally published by Bloomsbury and Scholastic Press, the series includes the genres of fantasy, adventure, drama, coming of age, a hint of the British school story, with a dash of mystery, thriller, and horror as the story proceeds. In 1997, when British author J.K. Rowling's first Harry Potter novel was released; the book gained immense popularity from readers of all ages and positive reviews from critics. Since then, Potterheads like ourselves have gathered and waited for her next book to be released.

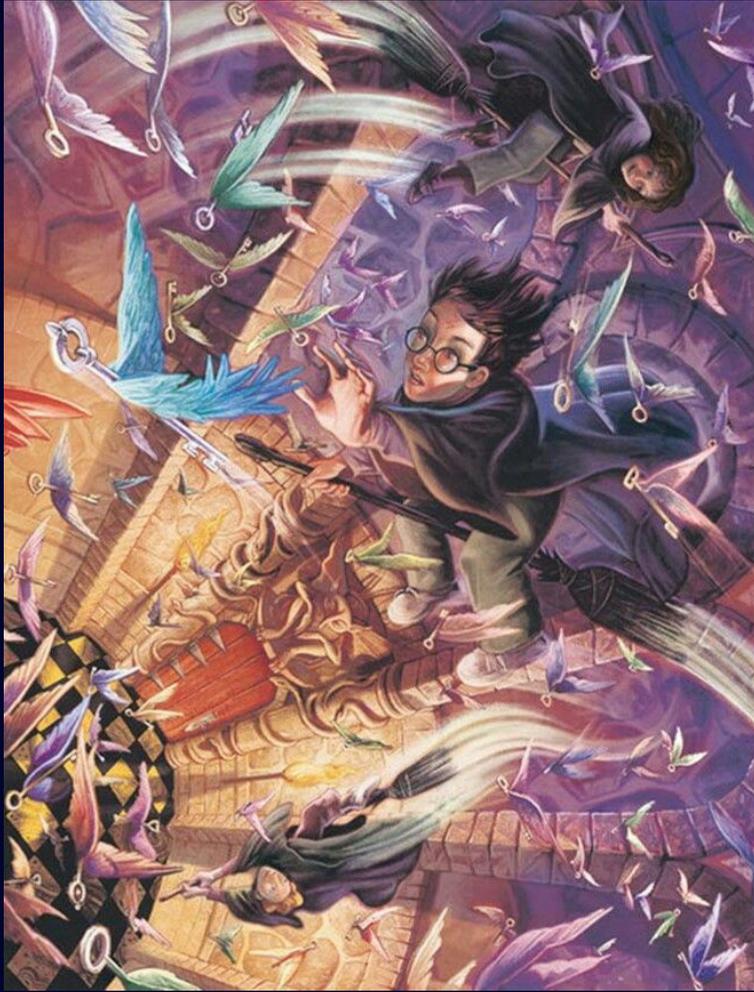




In 2001, the film adaptation of J.K. Rowling's first novel from the Harry Potter franchise "*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*" ("the Philosopher's Stone" in some adaptations) was directed by Chris Columbus and released by Warner Bros. Picture. The actors who portrayed the beloved characters Rowling were Daniel Radcliffe (Harry Potter), Rupert Grint (Ron Weasley), and Emma Watson (Hermione Granger).

The trio returned to screen in the years 2002, 2004-2005, 2007, 2009, and 2010-2011 to reprise their roles as Harry, Ron, and Granger to defeat "He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named," their greatest enemy, while trying to live and experience the life of regular teenagers at Hogwarts.





Although the series started as a light-hearted fantasy novel catered to readers ages 9-11 years old, Harry Potter's overarching theme is death and loss, as stated by Rowling.

After the fifth book of Harry Potter was released in 2003, a few literary critics opened their opinion that the book was no longer suited for children due to its complex themes. But that didn't stop the author from writing her books.





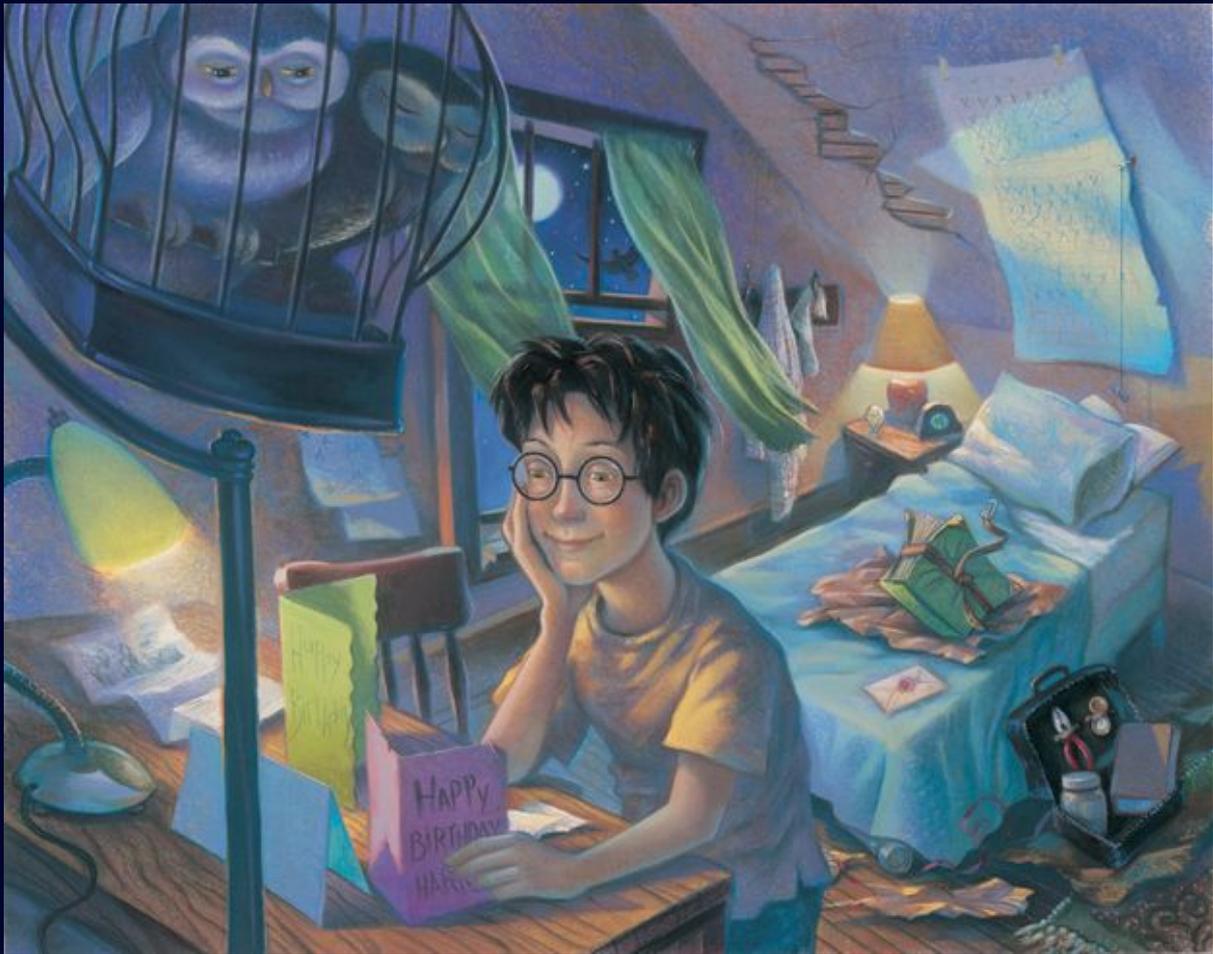
The popularity of Rowling's books led to her financial success, making her one of the first and only billionaire authors worldwide so far. That's right, we're the reason for her success. Rowling was able to sell more than 500 million copies of her works globally, gaining an estimated revenue of \$7.7 billion. The series was further recognized as the best and fastest-selling series, achieving many awards, including the Nestle Smarties Book Prize, Scottish Arts Council Children's Book Award, British Book Awards, Whitaker Platinum Book Award, Carnegie Medal, and many more.



J.K. Rowling, author of Harry Potter

And it didn't stop there. Since her fans can't get enough of the magic brought by the Wizarding World and the "Boy Who Lived," the franchise began to hold stage plays, fan clubs, attractions, games, and spin-off prequels, besides the 8 movie adaptations of the Harry Potter series and its merchandise.





Harry Potter became a cultural phenomenon in the literary world. The series inspired more children to read books, increasing and improving their literacy. What's more? Everybody has been using the term "Muggle" to the point that "Oxford English Dictionary" has accepted the word in 2003. Not to mention, a real-life tournament of the Quidditch sport from Harry Potter was performed at the London Olympics in 2012 as an exhibition event. Truly, the Harry Potter franchise has touched and influenced the hearts and lives of many people even up to this day.

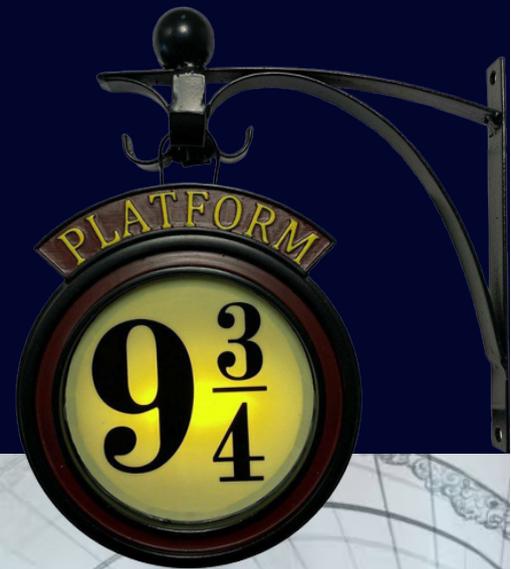
"Books are like mirrors: if a fool looks in, you cannot expect a genius to look out."

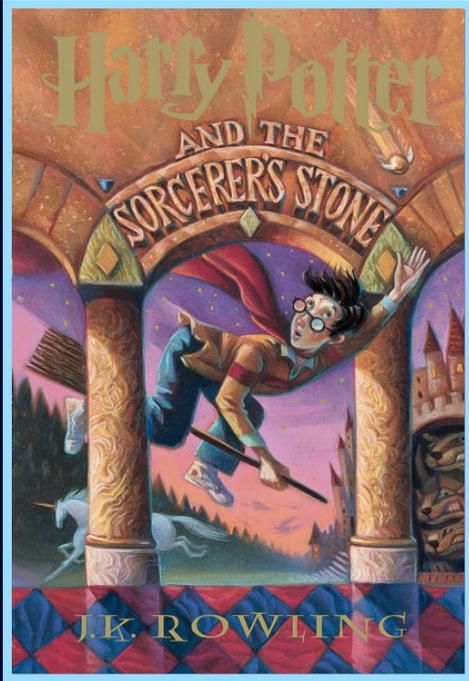
—J.K. Rowling



Pack your bags, we're heading to platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$, for we're going on an adventure!

If you're a Potterhead like us or just starting with the Harry Potter series, we would like to give you a quick glance at what to expect from the books and films with our list below. For our fellow fans, feel free to enter a trip to memory lane as we inspire you to reread the series with us.





Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

By J.K. Rowling

After his parents died, for 10 years, Harry lived miserably with the Dursleys in a tiny cupboard underneath the stairs. On his 11th birthday, Harry received a mysterious letter from Hogwarts that would change his life forever.

Who would have expected that Harry was secretly celebrated in the Wizarding World?—famously known as “*The Boy Who Lived*” after surviving the killing curse of “*He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named*” when he was just a child, leaving nothing but a lightning bolt scar on his forehead.

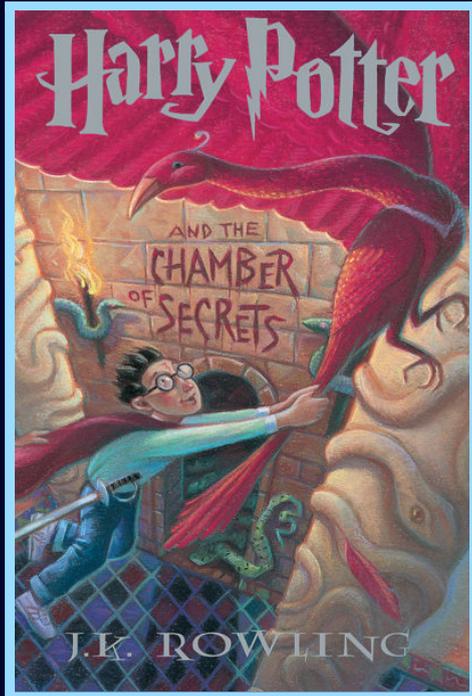
Now that he knows about his tragic past, Harry is ready to begin his adventure at Hogwarts with his newly found friends, Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger, along with his rival, Draco Malfoy—unbeknownst that a great evil in the Wizarding World is returning to power.

From the seven-part Harry Potter series of J.K. Rowling, “*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*” (1997) is a fantasy book that will bring every reader, regardless of age, into the cheerful, breathtaking, and magical world of Wizards and Witches.

“It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to our enemies, but just as much to stand up to our friends.”

– Dumbledore (from Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone)





Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

By J.K. Rowling

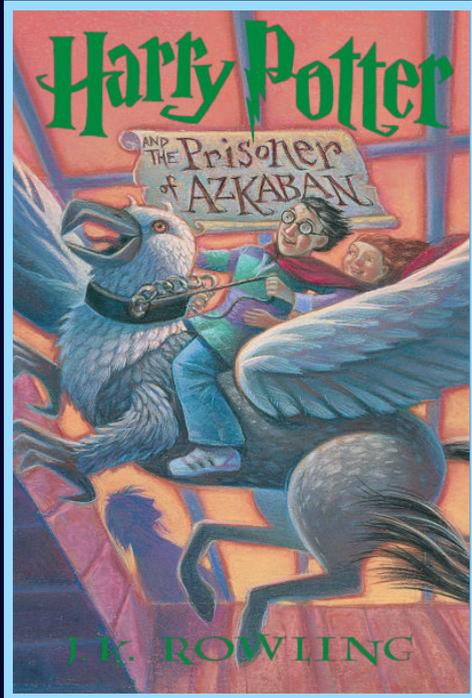
Harry is now in his 2nd year at Hogwarts when a house-elf named Dobby warned him not to go back to the magical school. Disregarding the elf's warning, Harry returns to Hogwarts with the help of his best friend Ron through his dad's flying car after encountering a series of misfortunes along his journey.

Now that Harry is back home in Hogwarts, fresh challenges and obstacles arise as each student is slowly turned into stone by an unknown creature, lurking within the school's walls. Filled with countless troubles, mystery, and a dash of mischievous new characters, join Harry Potter and his friends on their journey as 2nd-year students at Hogwarts and uncover the truth behind the mystery of the Chamber of Secrets.

"You will also find that help will always be given at Hogwarts to those who ask for it."

- Dumbledore (from Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets)





Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

By J.K. Rowling

No criminal has escaped the dread fortress of Azkaban. Not until Sirius Black, the infamous mass murderer who killed thirteen people with a single curse, decided to leave the place undetected and in one piece.

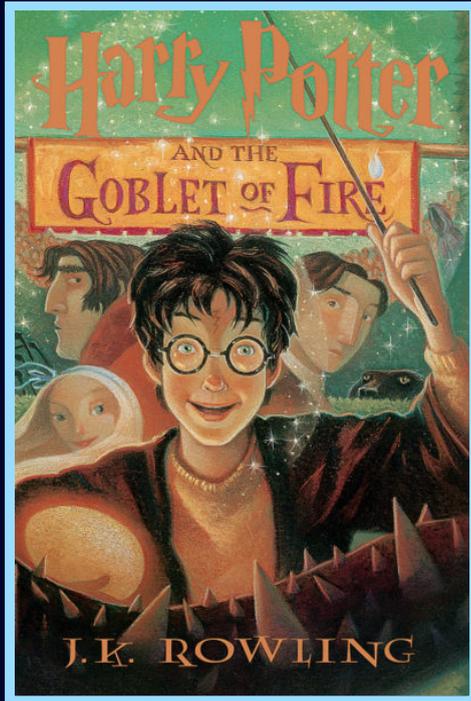
Now he is after Harry, off to finish what he started thirteen years ago. Harry Potter isn't safe even with the magic of Hogwarts—not until the traitor is found.

Who are the Marauders? What's a dementor? Will Harry, Ron, and Hermione save an innocent life from being executed? Or will evil prevail? Unlock more characters in the world of Harry Potter and discover more magical creatures as you continue your journey with Harry and the gang in their third year at Hogwarts.

"Happiness can be found, even in the darkest times, if one only remembers to turn on the light."

- Dumbledore (from Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban)





Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

By J.K. Rowling

Hogwarts will host its famed and deadly Triwizard Tournament on Harry Potter's fourth year, joined alongside Beauxbatons and Durmstrang, two of the largest schools of wizardry in Europe. One fated champion is chosen for each school, selected by the enchanted goblet of fire.

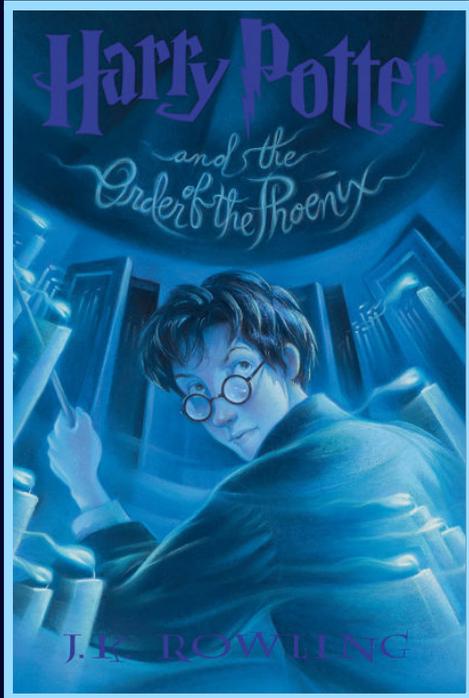
But when Harry's name was drawn from the goblet as a fourth champion, he became the most hated student at school from being the most beloved wizard, accused of cheating. A magical mistake? An error in the enchantments? But the goblet of fire was supposed to be absolute.

And now despite his wish to live a normal year for once, dreaming about asking out his crush, Cho Chang, he's now playing tag with death as he trains for the Triwizard Tournament's dangerous games. Will he survive and win the Cup? Or is something sinister once again at play? one that can cost lives.

A coming of age fantasy novel by J.K. Rowling, "*Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*" (2000), is the fourth book of the Harry Potter Series. This time, join Harry and his friends as they struggle to defeat their battle against the Dark Lord and his servants, the Death Eaters, while they face daily challenges of romance and growing up.

"Curiosity is not a sin...But we should exercise caution with our curiosity...yes, indeed."

– Dumbledore (from Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire)



Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

By J.K. Rowling

Nothing was ever going to be the same again, not after the tournament. Harry was plagued with nightmares in his sleep, haunting him until he wakes in terror.

After his encounter with Voldemort during the last Triwizard Tournament, he knows the Dark Lord's return is imminent. But

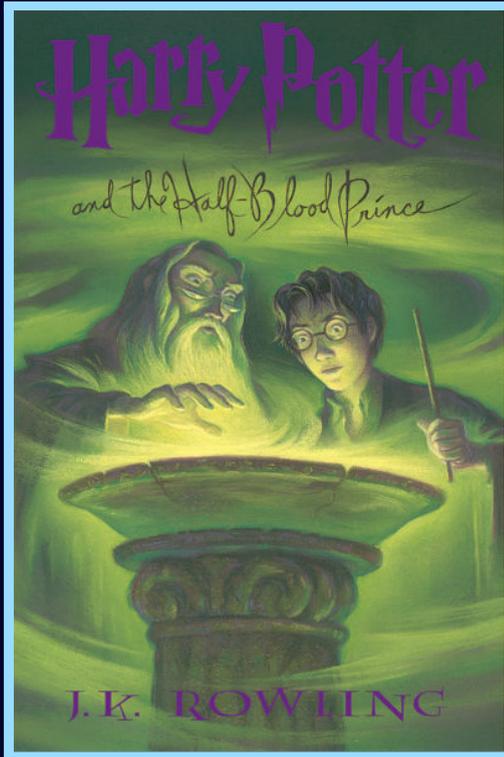
when the Ministry of Magic dismisses his warning, and Dumbledore turns his back at him, Harry must fend for himself, what more with Cornelius Fudge, the minister of magic, who appoints Dolores Umbridge as the Defense Against the Dark Arts professor. As the grasp of darkness tightens, Harry must discover the true strength of friendship, loyalty, bravery, and an unbearable sacrifice to survive.

From the greatest works of J.K. Rowling in 2003, "*Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*" delves into the darker and more dangerous path of Harry's journey as a wizard. Thus, yielding to a mystery fiction from being just a simple, light-hearted adventure fantasy novel.

"Youth cannot know how age thinks and feels, but old men are guilty if they forget what it was to be young."

- Dumbledore (from Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix)





Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

By J.K. Rowling

After confirming the Dark Lord's return, the war against Voldemort is getting closer than ever—even the Muggle government is beginning to notice. Dumbledore is mostly absent from Hogwarts, and the Order of the Phoenix has suffered significant losses after their last encounter with Voldemort's death eaters.

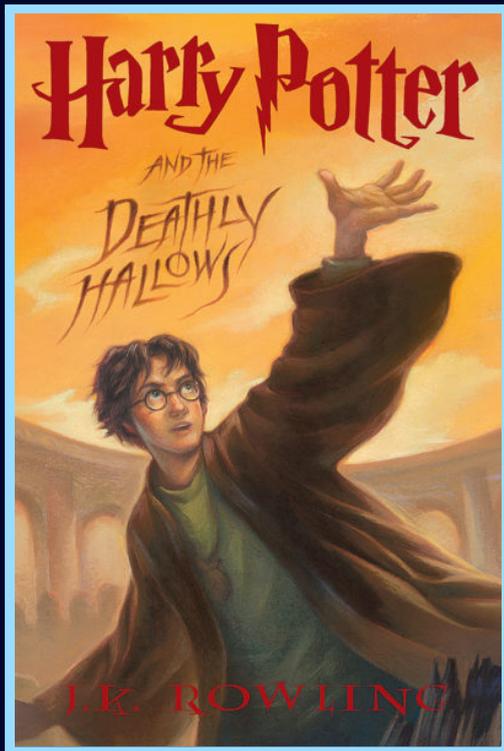
Still, life goes on for Harry, Ron, and Hermione at Hogwarts. Now, as sixth-year students, they get to learn how to apparate. Teenagers flirt and fight at Hogwarts, the Weasley twins open up their business, Ron joins the quidditch team, another professor joins the family, Snape finally gets his dream to become the Defense Against the Dark Arts Teacher, and Harry receives extraordinary help from the mysterious “Half-Blood Prince”? Things are getting interesting.

Witness how two worlds exist and interact with one another while Harry discovers Tom Riddle's past as you read the sixth book of J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series.



“It is important to fight and fight again, and keep fighting, for only then can evil be kept at bay though never quite eradicated.”

– Dumbledore (from Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince)



Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

By J.K. Rowling

Harry is down to his last year at Hogwarts, but the place he calls home is no longer safe. Now, Harry and his friends are on the run after Snape's betrayal and Dumbledore's death, seeking ways to defeat the Dark Lord and end his tyranny with nothing but the clues Dumbledore left them.

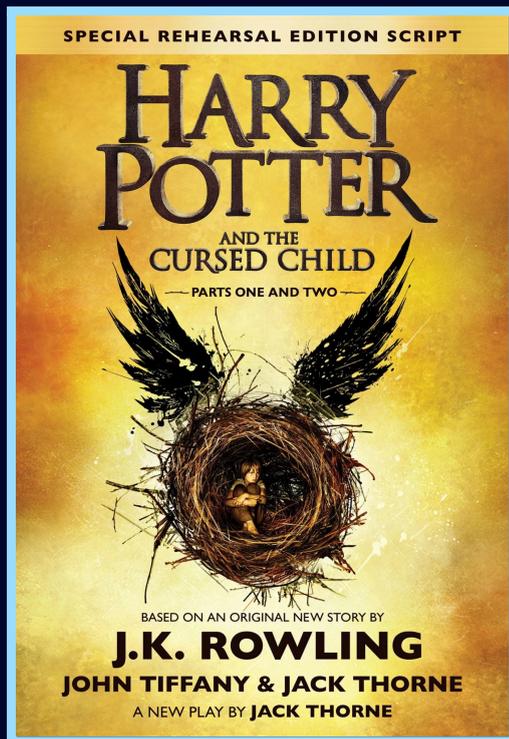
Will Harry finally win against the evil that has been pursuing him since the beginning? Or will Voldemort finish what he started 17 years ago? Find out through the last chapter of Harry Potter's adventure.

A two-part film directed by David Yates in 2010 and 2011 based on J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" (2007), the seven-part magical series of Harry Potter concludes with an epic battle between the "Boy Who Lived" and "He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named."

"Do not pity the dead, Harry, pity the living, and above all those who live without love."

- Dumbledore (from Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows)





Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

By John Tiffany, Jack Thorne, and J.K. Rowling

“Happy Voldemort’s Day!”

What happened? How did we get the holiday? Didn't Harry Potter defeat Voldemort?

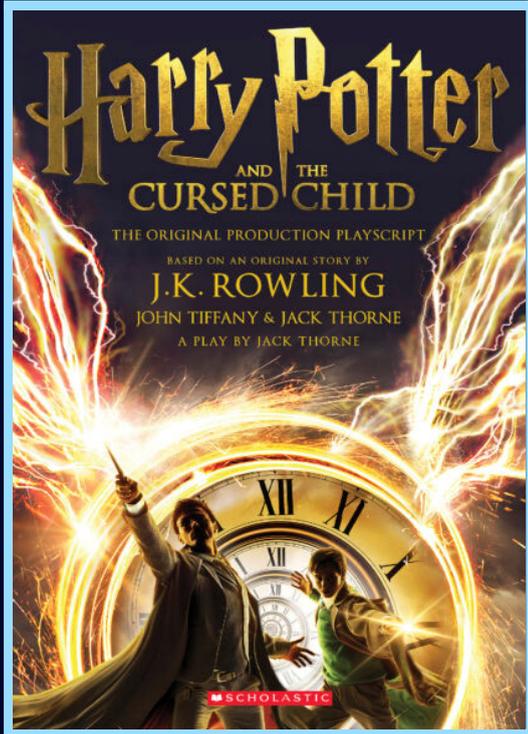
Timeskip—19 years later, after Harry fulfilled his prophecy of defeating the Dark Lord, Albus Severus Potter, the

“disappointing” son of Harry Potter, wanted to change his miserable present by saving Cedric Diggory during the Triwizard Tournament way back in 1994 with a spare time-turner hidden from the office of the Minister of Magic.

With the help of Scorpius Malfoy, Albus’s best friend, and a mysterious girl named Delphi, Scorpius and Al travelled back in time to correct Harry’s mistakes. But tampering with time will lead to no good when done carelessly. Their actions backfired, creating a turbulent present-day for them to return. Will Al and Scorpius return to their original lives? Or will they get stuck in the alternate world they just created?

“Perfection is beyond the reach of humankind, beyond the reach of magic.”

– *Dumbledore (from Harry Potter and the Cursed Child)*



Harry Potter and the Cursed Child: Parts One and Two Playscript: The Original Production Playscript

By John Tiffany, Jack Thorne, and J.K. Rowling

If you want to read its official play script, you may also check out our “*Harry Potter and the Cursed Child: Parts One and Two Playscript*” (2017), written by the same authors.

Based on the original work of J.K. Rowling, John Tiffany and Jack Thorne have written the eighth book of the Harry Potter series, which has been adapted and presented on stage. The play opened to euphoric reviews from theatergoers, critics alike, and Potterheads, while the official playscript became an instant global seller.

And if that’s not enough for you, wait till you’ve read the life and adventures of Newt Scamander, the author himself of Harry’s school books in his third year at Hogwarts entitled “*Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them.*” As a treat, we will also explore the Wizarding World, how the magic was made, and the opinions and thoughts of the actors and the author herself. Stay tuned!

