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Harry Potter And The Chamber Of Secrets





Synopsis

The Dursleys were so mean that hideous that summer that all Harry Potter wanted was to get back to the Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry. But just as he's packing his bags, Harry receives a warning from a strange, impish creature named Dobby who says that if Harry Potter returns to Hogwarts, disaster will strike. And strike it does. For in Harry's second year at Hogwarts, fresh torments and horrors arise, including an outrageously stuck-up new professor, Gilderoy Lockheart, a spirit named Moaning Myrtle who haunts the girls' bathroom, and the unwanted attentions of Ron Weasley's younger sister, Ginny. But each of these seem minor annoyances when the real trouble begins, and someone--or something--starts turning Hogwarts students to stone. Could it be Draco Malfoy, a more poisonous rival than ever? Could it possibly be Hagrid, whose mysterious past is finally told? Or could it be the one everyone at Hogwarts most suspects...Harry Potter himself?

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

What makes the Harry Potter series so successful? Maybe it's the fact that J.K. Rowling doesn't write children's books, she writes children's stories, more in the tradition of the Brothers Grimm than

Dr. Seuss. The exploits of Harry and his friends captivate even the shortest attention spans by engaging the imagination with vivid characters and fast-moving action, instead of trying to merely catch the eye with colorful pictures or pop-up effects. Not surprisingly, the Potter tales sound wonderful read aloud, and adapt to the audiobook format extremely well. Broadway actor Jim Dale's impressive vocal range gives each character in the book its own distinctive voice--a considerable task, given the pantheon of witches, warlocks, ghosts, ghouls, dwarves, and elves that Harry encounters in his second outing. And thankfully, since the book is read unabridged, no one's favorite character is omitted. Engaging for children without being childish, the audio version of Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets is worthy addition to the deservedly popular series. (Running time: 9 hours, 6 cassettes) --Andrew Nieland --This text refers to the School & Library Binding edition.

Grade 3-8-Fans of the phenomenally popular Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (Scholastic, 1998) won't be disappointed when they rejoin Harry, now on break after finishing his first year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Reluctantly spending the summer with the Dursleys, his mean relatives who fear and detest magic, Harry is soon whisked away by his friends Ron, Fred, and George Weasley, who appear at his window in a flying Ford Anglia to take him away to enjoy the rest of the holidays with their very wizardly family. Things don't go as well, though, when the school term begins. Someone, or something, is (literally) petrifying Hogwarts' residents one by one and leaving threatening messages referring to a Chamber of Secrets and an heir of Slytherin. Somehow, Harry is often around when the attacks happen and he is soon suspected of being the perpetrator. The climax has Harry looking very much like Indiana Jones, battling a giant serpent in the depths of the awesome and terrible Chamber of Secrets. Along with most of the teachers and students introduced in the previous book, Draco Malfoy has returned for his second year and is more despicable than ever. The novel is marked throughout by the same sly and sophisticated humor found in the first book, along with inventive, new, matter-of-fact uses of magic that will once again have readers longing to emulate Harry and his wizard friends. Susan L. Rogers, Chestnut Hill Academy, PA Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the School & Library Binding edition.

I was disappointed to see that entire words were missing through out some of the books which made it difficult to read in some areas. By the time I reached those points in the books it was too late for a refund. There is more than this one page that had faded words, but this is the only picture I took to show as an example. I suggest going through all of the books to make sure nothing like this has happened to you

They've done a great job with the kindle version of the books and putting them all in one collection. My only complaint would be that you can't turn it sideways and get all the words.

enjoyed immensely. This series is thought provoking for adult minds even though the cTegiry is for kida...differwnt kayers ...not *fluff"

The book arrived in timely fashion and was as described.

One of the better entries in the Harry Potter series. All of them are good, this one stands above most of the other (with the exception fo the half blood prince in my opinion). It's a great long read wth lots of action, story line and a great plot development.

I LOVE HARRY POTTER!!! WOOHOOO!!! I'M so happy I finally finished this book! I liked it very much. It only took me a lot of time to read it cause I never really liked the second of this series or any series. I finished it this morning in the bus and I just felt like I wanted to scream that I WAS FINISHED!!!OK. Let's talk serious about this book now. ***SPOILER ALERT*** (even if everyone already read the book or saw the movie, like daw)-Professor Lockhart really got me on my nerves the whole freeking book! I'm so glad that ass lost him memory! He's so stupid and I am so mad at him that he stole all his stories from other wizards adventures. He's a coward!-I would not like to go to a school full of petrified people getting attacked and killed. But it's worth it if your going to Hogwarts and that Harry Potter is there to save the day :P-I love the character Dobby!! But, I'm mad at him from trying to save Harry Potter with the Budger (if we write it like that) or the letters that he stole... I just love when Harry says "Just please don't try to save me again", but we all know that that won't happen :(I pity Dobby, I think that he's just so cute and deserves to be free (well now he is and I'm glad about it).-I was suspecting Dobby or professor Lockhart all along for the air of Sliterin. I thought that maybe Dobby was helping his master(Lucius) that wants that Harry Potter dies by being killed by Voldemort. (cause you know, Lucius works for Voldy). But, Dubby was only warning Harry that he might be killed by Voldemort on his second year at Hogwarts.-Well I can't think of anything else that you don't already know so.. yaGoodnight people of the world

I just turned 30, but I absolutely ate up the first four Harry Potter books! They brought back great Narnia and Wizard of Oz memories from my childhood. The stories and characters were complicated, rich and just plain fun enough that even "old" me loved them!I realize I'm not telling you anything you haven't heard before, but I wanted to add my two cents and say that Harry Potter is a modern classic. I'm positive my *grandchildren* will be reading these books alongside the Narnia and Oz books, and loving them. I don't doubt for a moment that I too will enjoy dusting them off in the years to come and taking a mental spin with Harry on his Firebolt at Hogwart's -- even when I'm an old granny.

You don't have to be a kid to get into the Harry Potter craze. After reading the first two of the series, I'm likely to read the rest. Rowling captures the concerns of children and adults everywhere-the desire to be wanted and accepted, to feel safe, to be appreciated, have good friends, to learn and have adventures. The characters are distinct, memorable, and charming in original ways. I love the all-flavor beans, the Quidditch matches, Dobby's self-punishing behavior, and polyjuice potion. Very entertaining. A nice change from what I usually read. ~Joan Mazza, author of DREAM BACK YOUR LIFE and DREAMING YOUR REAL SELF

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