

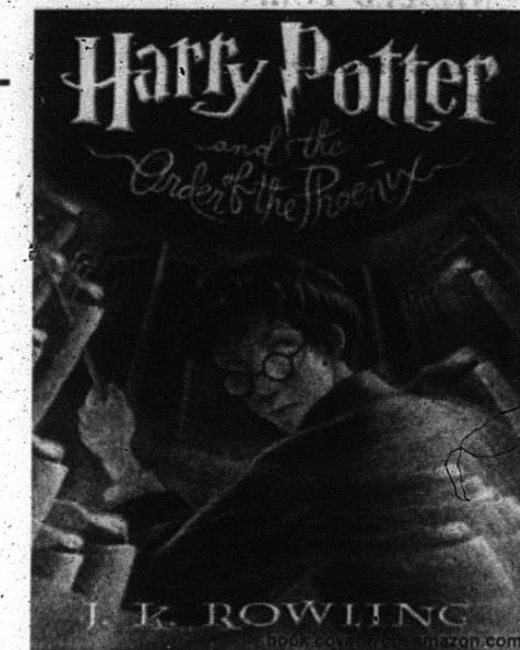
Anxious readers waiting for June 21 release

"Dumbledore lowered his hands and surveyed Harry through his half-moon glasses. 'It is time,' he said, 'for me to tell you what I should have told you five years ago, Harry. Please sit down. I am going to tell you everything.'"

What's does Albus Dumbledore, head of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, mean? Fans of the Harry Potter series will uncover the truth along with Harry when the long-awaited fifth book, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, is released Saturday, June 21.

Security has been very tight surrounding the new manuscript (which weighs in at 768 pages, by the way); however, the J.K. Rowling has released some information surrounding the plot.

Harry Potter fans are going crazy with glee wondering what will happen in this book. Rumors are flying left and right as devoted readers wait in anticipation for the book's release. One rumor (that



would appear to be confirmed, according to some websites) is that another character will die in book 5; the question is who will this character be?

Amber Bobo, a senior, is betting on the gamekeeper at Hogwarts and a good friend of Harry's, Hagrid, an enormous, caring, hairy man with a half-giant heritage.

"Hagrid is loveable but if he is to die I believe it would add interest to the books series."

When someone dies in Harry Potter books they can return as ghost. This fact leads English teacher Nancy Bussell to believe

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Facts About Book Five

These are things that J.K. Rowling has actually said about *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*

Book five will be scary

There will be more 'boy/girl stuff'

We will learn why Voldemort killed Harry's parents

We'll learn something really important about Lily Potter

There will be a lot of older characters returning, including Lupin and Mad-Eye Moody

Ginny Weasley will play a more important part in the story

There will be a female Defense Against the Dark Arts teacher

We'll learn a few surprising things about the Dursleys

We'll learn more about Mrs. Figg, Harry's cat crazy baby-sitter

"In book five (Harry) has to examine exactly what death means, in even closer ways"

A main character will die. Rowling referred to this person as one of Harry's "fans"

according to the restricted section.com

The first book in the series, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* introduces Harry Potter.



Harry is a young orphan who was raised by an aunt and uncle who clearly dislike him. He has no friends and even has to sleep in the cupboard under the stairs, while his spoiled cousin Dudley has two rooms upstairs.

On his eleventh birthday he learns that he's a wizard, and he gets to go to Hogwarts, a magical school with other wizards and witches. Then he learns that in the magical world, he's famous, because as a baby he was somehow involved in the downfall of Lord Voldemort, the most powerful dark wizard in history. He even has the scar to prove it.

Harry has to adjust to a whole new identity and world. He meets Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger, and the three become best friends. They discover a plot to steal a powerful magical artifact hidden at Hogwarts that will restore Lord Voldemort to power. None of the teachers will believe them! So it's up to Harry and his friends to protect it.

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets is the second book in the series.



This book is a little darker than the first one. An old prophecy about the mysterious Chamber of Secrets seems to be coming true. According to the legend, there is a secret chamber at Hogwarts that can only be opened by the Heir of Slytherin. The Heir wants to use the power of the chamber to rid Hogwarts of students he thinks are unworthy, including children from Muggle families—like Hermione. People are being turned to stone, and when it's discovered that Harry is a Parselmouth (he can speak snake language), just like Slytherin (and Voldemort), some of the students think that the Heir may be Harry! Of course Harry and his friends try to learn what's going on, but to do that they have to understand what happened the last time the Chamber of Secrets was opened.



In this, the 3rd Harry Potter book, Harry returns to Hogwarts for his third year, but the year is darkened by his knowledge of Sirius Black, a close associate of Lord Voldemort and one-time intimate friend of Harry's parents, who has escaped from the prison of Azkaban and is undoubtedly looking to avenge himself upon Harry.

While struggling with this shadow, Harry also deals with the presence of the Dementors, the guards of Azkaban. The Dementors are looking for Sirius Black because they want to suck all joy and happiness out of those they find, and Harry, because of his past, is particularly susceptible to their powers. Supported by close friends Ron and Hermione, our hero Harry faces Black, fights for the House Cup, and in the end, comes to a new knowledge of his parents that he had never dreamed possible.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire is the most recent, and the darkest, in the series. Harry and his friends visit the Quidditch World Cup, but the festivities are interrupted by supporters of the Dark Lord Voldemort. The wizarding world is terrified, because Voldemort's wizards had been inactive since he lost his powers.

When Harry returns to Hogwarts and his fourth year, he and his classmates learn about the Triwizard Cup, a dangerous competition among the wizarding schools that hasn't been held in 100 years. There are only supposed to be three competitors, one from each school, but somehow a fourth name appears. Whose? Harry's!

As competition ensues, readers see Harry deal with his first crush, Hermione attracts an admirer from another school, and Ron gets jealous. However, on a much darker front, readers learn some facts about Severus Snape's relationship with Voldemort, and death comes to Hogwarts.

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