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J.K. Rowling, one of the world's most inspiring writers, shares her wisdom and advice. In 2008, J.K. Rowling delivered a deeply affecting commencement speech at Harvard University. Now published for the first time in book form, VERY GOOD LIVES presents J.K. Rowling's words of wisdom for anyone at a turning point in life. How can we embrace failure? And how can we use our imagination to better both ourselves and others? Drawing from stories of her own post-graduate years, the world famous author addresses some of life's most important questions with acuity and emotional force.

Celebrates the life and work of J.K. Rowling,

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and provides answers to such questions as where did the name "Harry Potter" come from, what was J.K. Rowling like as a child, and who were some of her favorite authors. A mysterious library book opens the door to a world of magic and danger in the first book in the beloved Young Wizards series. Bullied by her classmates, Nita Callahan is miserable at school. So when she finds a mysterious book in the library that promises her the chance to become a wizard, she jumps at the opportunity to escape her unhappy reality. But taking the Wizard's Oath is no easy thing, and Nita soon finds herself paired with fellow wizard-in-training Kit Rodriguez on a dangerous mission. The only way to become a full wizard is to face the Lone Power, the being that created death and is the mortal enemy of all wizards. As Nita and Kit battle their way through a deadly alternate version of New York controlled by the Lone Power, they must

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rely on each other and their newfound wizarding skills to survive--and save the world from the Lone One's grasp.

“ Wizard rock ” —music based on the Harry Potter series by J. K. Rowling—is an idiosyncratic subgenre, with band names like Harry and the Potters, Draco and the Malfoys and The Whomping Willows. Drawing on input from insiders and fans, and interviews with more than a dozen wizard rockers, this book explores the history and aesthetics of the movement. An appendix lists dozens of popular bands, members and discographies: a must-have for fandom scholars and wizard rock devotees alike.

The True Story of a Boy Wizard, His Fans,
and Life Inside the Harry Potter
Phenomenon

J. K. Rowling: The Wizard Behind Harry
Potter

"Harry — yer a wizard"

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The Tales of Beedle the Bard

I Wanna Wrock!

In Praise of Difficult Women

Synopsis coming soon.....

From Frida Kahlo and Elizabeth Taylor to Nora Ephron, Carrie Fisher, and Lena Dunham, this witty narrative explores what we can learn from the imperfect and extraordinary legacies of 29 iconic women who forged their own unique paths in the world. Smart, sassy, and unapologetically feminine, this elegantly illustrated book is an ode to the bold and charismatic women of modern history. Best-selling author Karen Karbo (The Gospel According to Coco Chanel) spotlights the spirited rule breakers who charted their way with little regard for

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expectations: Amelia Earhart, Helen Gurley Brown, Edie Sedgwick, Hillary Clinton, Amy Poehler, and Shonda Rhimes, among others. Their lives--imperfect, elegant, messy, glorious--provide inspiration and instruction for the new age of feminism we have entered. Karbo distills these lessons with wit and humor, examining the universal themes that connect us to each of these mesmerizing personalities today: success and style, love and authenticity, daring and courage. Being "difficult," Karbo reveals, might not make life easier. But it can make it more fulfilling--whatever that means for you. In the Reader's Guide included in the back of the book, Karbo asks thought-provoking

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questions about how we relate to each woman that will make for fascinating book club conversation.

The heartwarming story behind J.K. Rowling's rise to fame—and the answers to Harry Potter fans' most burning questions! Harry Potter is loved throughout the world, and so is his creator.

Joanne Kathleen (J.K.) Rowling is a true wizard, a woman who has the ability to recall vividly her days as a child and capture those wild, wonderful, difficult times—an ability that helps make her creation, Harry Potter, seem so real. In this revealing book, fans of the Harry Potter series will get to see their favorite author as they never have before. From a child with a wonderful

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*imagination who didn't quite fit in, to a single mother with almost overwhelming responsibilities, J.K. Rowling and her story provide a wonderful chance for adults and children to enjoy a heartwarming, magical story. . . together. Inside are the answers to some of the most frequently asked questions: * Where did the idea for the Harry Potter series come from? * How the birth of her third child impacted her life * What's the latest on the top secret writing projects that will follow HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS? * What are Joanne's feelings about the Harry Potter saga finally ending? *Which of the characters does J.K. most identify with? *What is J.K. Rowling's simple rule about*

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writing? *And much more!
Harry Potter may not be the biggest brand in the world, or the most venerable, but his story is one of the most dramatic. This book tells the story of the Harry Potter brand and how it has taken the entertainment world by storm. Joanne K Rowling and her fabulous money-spinning creation is a contemporary fairytale, a 21st century version of the classic cornucopian chronicle. An impoverished single parent pens an accidental bestseller, which grows exponentially. The book begets more books, which beget movies and merchandise and huge media coverage. Today, Harry Potter is as much a brand as Tom Cruise, Starbucks or even Heinz. This book provides a

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fascinating insight into how Harry Potter became one of the world's most recognised brands in an extraordinarily short period of time.

"Harry - Yer a Wizard"

Wizard!

A Girl Wizard

Harry, a History

*The World of Harry Potter-
Inspired "Wizard Rock" and Its
Fandom*

JK Rowling Is a Wizard

J. K. Rowling's popular series of books about the boy wizard Harry Potter has captivated readers of all ages around the world. Selling more than 400 million copies, and adapted into highly successful feature films, the stories have attracted both critical acclaim and

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controversy. In this collection of brand new essays, an international team of contributors examines the complete Harry Potter series from a variety of critical angles and approaches. There are discussions on topics ranging from fairytale, race and gender, through to food, medicine, queer theory and the occult. The volume also includes coverage of the films and the afterlife of the series with the opening of Rowling's 'Pottermore' website. Essential reading for anyone with an interest in the Harry Potter phenomenon, this exciting resource provides thoughtful new ways of exploring the issues and concepts found within Rowling's world.

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Complete with an eight page photo insert filled with new photos, this updated edition includes new information on the third exciting film, Rowling's marriage, the process of writing "Harry Potter: The Order of the Phoenix," and much more.

As featured in the first year set texts reading list in Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, 'Fantastic Beasts and where to find them' is an extensive introduction to the magical beasts that exist in the magical, non-Muggle world. Some of the animals featured in the A-Z you will have already met in the existing Harry Potter books: for example Hippogriff, Flobberworm, Kappa - others you certainly won't:

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read on to find out exactly what a Chizpurple is, why there are so few Erumpents, or why one should always beware of the sinister Lethifold...As Albus Dumbledore says in his introduction, this set text book by Newt Scamander has given the perfect grounding to many a Hogwarts student. It will be helpful to all Muggles out there too... On reading the book you will also find that Harry, Ron and (in one instance) Hermione - couldn't resist graffitiing the book, and adding their own personal handwritten opinions. Did you know that : there are 700 ways of committing a foul in Quidditch? The game first began to evolve on Queerditch Marsh? What Bumping is? That

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Puddlemere United is oldest team in the Britain and Ireland league? (founded 1163) All this information and much more could be yours once you have read this book: this is all you could ever need to know about the history, the rules - and the breaking of the rules - of the noble wizarding sport of Quidditch. J.K. Rowling's meteoric rise to worldwide superstardom and bestseller status is now the stuff of tabloid legend -- how she would spend hours in a café in Edinburgh, nursing a single coffee and a glass of water while she wrote the Harry Potter novel that would bring her fame and fortune. Creator of the most famous and best-loved character in contemporary fiction,

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J.K. Rowling is also the author of her own escape from a depressing existence on the verge of destitution. Sean Smith traces the life story of this phenomenal woman who has brought joy and inspiration to millions of readers around the world. And in a book based on exhaustive interviews with many of the people from her past and her present, Smith also traces the origins of the books that are worldwide bestsellers.

J. K. Rowling's Wizarding World:
Movie Magic

Wizard's Companion

An Indulgent Odyssey Through the
Artisan Cheese World

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

The Magical Worlds of Harry Potter

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(revised edition)

Harry, A History - Enhanced with
Videos and Exclusive J.K. Rowling
Interview

"J.K. Rowling is a world-renowned author and philanthropist and the recipient of many awards. Discover how she's a wizard of words who has connected to millions of readers on a global scale"--

A big novel about a small town... When Barry Fairbrother dies in his early forties, the town of Pagford is left in shock. Pagford is, seemingly, an English idyll, with a

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cobbled market square and an ancient abbey, but what lies behind the pretty façade is a town at war. Rich at war with poor, teenagers at war with their parents, wives at war with their husbands, teachers at war with their pupils...Pagford is not what it first seems. And the empty seat left by Barry on the parish council soon becomes the catalyst for the biggest war the town has yet seen. Who will triumph in an election fraught with passion, duplicity, and unexpected revelations? A

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big novel about a small town, The Casual Vacancy is J.K. Rowling's first novel for adults. It is the work of a storyteller like no other.

Harry Potter took the world by storm 20 years ago and like many avid young readers Sean Morris was drawn into the world of magic and wizards.

Hogwarts became his universe, until years of bullying for being a Potterhead finally ended in a gang violently beating it out of him. Years later working a dead end job in the world of

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mediocrity, he loses everything. In an attempt to revisit the heroes of his childhood he reluctantly goes to a book signing of his idol, J K Rowling. There he witnesses something that changes his life forever. Could this encounter finally lead him into the magical reality he has been waiting his whole life for? Or is the world of his dreams too good to be true? Enter a world where fiction meets reality and start the path of becoming a Wizard. Or Witch. Or Warlock. Or

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whatever you want to call yourself.

A legacy of magical treasures! Since 1997 with the publication of the first book, Harry Potter has cast a spell over millions of Muggles around the world--not the least of all bewitched collectors. Harry Potter: The Unofficial Guide to the Collectibles of Our Favorite Wizard conjures rare, extraordinary and magical treasures sprung from the Potter books and movies, and even the imaginations of fans. In its enchantingly visual

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*pages, you'll discover
delightful riches
including author J.K.
Rowling's writing chair
that sold at auction for
almost \$400,000, first-
edition books, original
art, movie posters, film
props, exclusives, limited-
edition items, fun fandom
pieces, and other wonders
to behold. So with a
whisper of "accio" and a
flick of your wand, summon
forth the fascinating, the
fantastical and the
fabulous found in Harry
Potter: The Unofficial
Guide to the Collectibles
of Our Favorite Wizard.*

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American Cheese

Who is J. K. Rowling?

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Wizard of Words

J.K. Rowling

The Wizarding World journey continues . . . The powerful Dark wizard Gellert Grindelwald was captured in New York with the help of Newt Scamander. But, making good on his threat, Grindelwald escapes custody and sets about gathering followers, most of whom are unsuspecting of his true agenda: to raise pure-blood wizards up to rule over all non-magical beings. In an

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effort to thwart Grindelwald's plans, Albus Dumbledore enlists Newt, his former Hogwarts student, who agrees to help once again, unaware of the dangers that lie ahead. Lines are drawn as love and loyalty are tested, even among the truest friends and family, in an increasingly divided wizarding world. *Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald* is the second screenplay in a five-film series to be written by J.K. Rowling, author of the internationally bestselling Harry Potter books. Set in 1927, a few months after the events of *Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them*, and

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moving from New York to London, Paris and even back to Hogwarts, this story of mystery and magic reveals an extraordinary new chapter in the wizarding world.

Illustrated with stunning line art from MinaLima with some surprising nods to the Harry Potter stories that will delight fans of both the books and films.

Documents the rags-to-riches story of Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling, tracing the inspiration for her famous series and her lifelong love of literature. Original.

Everyone loves Harry Potter. Now kids can learn about Harry's creator! In 1995, on a four-hour-delayed train

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from Manchester to London, J. K. Rowling conceived of the idea of a boy wizard named Harry Potter. Upon arriving in London, she began immediately writing the first book in the saga. Rowling's true-life, rags-to-riches story is as compelling as the world of Hogwarts that she created. This biography details not only Rowling's life and her love of literature but the story behind the creation of a modern classic. An inept wizard-in-training is the only one who can save his classmates from the terrible sorcery that threatens to devour their magical school. Acclaimed

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master fantasist Jane Yolen imagines an academic world of wonders where paintings speak, walls move, monsters are made real, and absolutely anything can happen—as she introduces readers to a hero as hapless as the legendary Merlin is powerful. It was Henry's dear ma who decided to send him off to Wizard's Hall to study sorcery, despite the boy's apparent lack of magical talent. He has barely stepped through the gates of the magnificent school when he is dubbed Thornmallow ("prickly on the outside, squishy within"). Still, regardless of his penchant for turning even

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the simplest spell into a disaster, Thornmallow's teachers remain kind and patient, and he soon has a cadre of loyal, loving friends. But there is something that no one is telling the boy: As the 113th student to enroll in the wondrous academy, Thornmallow has an awesome and frightening duty to fulfill—and failure will mean the destruction of Wizard's Hall and everyone within its walls.

Extraordinary People and Fascinating Places
The Casual Vacancy
Harry Potter – The Unofficial Guide to the Collectibles of Our Favorite

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Wizard

**Harry Potter's Brand Magic
Updated Edition
Very Good Lives**

This is the definitive bibliography of the writings of J. K. Rowling. In addition to bibliographical details of each edition of all her books, pamphlets and original contributions to published works, there is detailed information on the publishing history of her work, including fascinating extracts from correspondence, and information on Rowling at auction. This edition has been fully revised and updated to include over 50 new editions published since 2013, including the newly jacketed 2014 children's editions of the Harry Potter books

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as well as the 2015 illustrated edition of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. The works of Robert Galbraith are also included. These five rollicking tales are a deeply satisfying read in the tradition of all great fables and fairytales. Kindnesses are rewarded and selfishness shown to be the ruin of many a wizard

A lowly peddler named Crocken agrees to conduct the shadow-remnant of a murdered wizard to a distant kingdom for a price, and along the way, he becomes a hero. Original.

Presents a biography of celebrated author, J.K. Rowling, and chronicles her life, personal and professional challenges and

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achievements, and how she rose from poverty to eventually set records in the publishing industry with her Harry Potter series.

J. K. Rowling: New and Revised Harry, A History - Now Updated with J.K. Rowling Interview, New Chapter & Photos

Fantastic Beasts: the Crimes of Grindelwald - the Original Screenplay

Harry Potter's School Books

Livid Land

An Unofficial Guide to the Books of J.K. Rowling

The official playscript of the original West End production of Harry Potter and the Cursed Child. It was always difficult being Harry Potter and it isn't much easier now that he

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is an overworked employee of the Ministry of Magic, a husband, and father of three school-age children. While Harry grapples with a past that refuses to stay where it belongs, his youngest son Albus must struggle with the weight of a family legacy he never wanted. As past and present fuse ominously, both father and son learn the uncomfortable truth: sometimes, darkness comes from unexpected places. The playscript for Harry Potter and the Cursed Child was originally released as a 'special rehearsal edition' alongside the opening of Jack Thorne's play in London's West End in summer 2016. Based on an original story by J.K. Rowling, John Tiffany and Jack

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Thorne, the play opened to rapturous reviews from theatregoers and critics alike, while the official playscript became an immediate global bestseller. This revised paperback edition updates the 'special rehearsal edition' with the conclusive and final dialogue from the play, which has subtly changed since its rehearsals, as well as a conversation piece between director John Tiffany and writer Jack Thorne, who share stories and insights about reading playscripts. This edition also includes useful background information including the Potter family tree and a timeline of events from the wizarding world prior to the beginning of Harry Potter and the

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Cursed Child.

J. K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" series (1997-2007) has turned into a global phenomenon and her Potterverse is still expanding. The contributions in this volume provide a range of inter- and transdisciplinary approaches to various dimensions of this multifaceted universe. The introductory article focuses on different forms of world building in the novels, the translations, the film series and the fandom. Part I examines various potential sources for Rowling's series in folklore, the Arthurian legend and Gothic literature. Further articles focus on parallels between the "Harry Potter" series and Celtic Druidism, the

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impact Victorian notions of gender roles have had on the representation of the Gaunt family, the reception of (medieval and Early Modern) history in the series and the influence of Christian concepts on the world view expressed in the novels. Part II focuses on a range of prominent political and social themes in the series, including conspiracy, persecution and terror, racism as well as the role of economic, social and cultural capital. Other articles explore the concept of a Magical Criminal Law and its consequences as well as the significance of secrets and forbidden places. The articles in Part III go beyond the novels by taking the stage play

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"Harry Potter and the Cursed Child", the movie "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them", Pottermore and fan fiction into account. Main topics in this part include trauma theory/PTSD, queerbaiting, a 'post'-colonial analysis of the representation of Native Americans in Rowling's "History of Magic in North America" and the depiction of violence, incest and rape in fan fictions. The concluding article highlights the diversification of the Potterverse and analyses strategies informing its ongoing expansion.

A new enhanced e-book edition, featuring an extended transcript from Melissa Anelli's exclusive interview with J. K. Rowling; a new,

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updated chapter; and special videos made just for this edition! Melissa Anelli wears a ring that was a gift to her from J.K. Rowling, given as a measure of appreciation for the work she does on The Leaky Cauldron, where her job entails being a fan, reporter, guardian, and spokesperson for the Harry Potter series. For ten years, millions of fans have lived inside literary history, the only fans to know what it was like when Harry Potter was unfinished. When anticipation for a book was just as likely to cause a charity drive as a pistol shootout. When millions of rabid fans looked to friends, families, neighbors, forums, discussion groups, fan fiction and podcasts to get their fix

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between novels. When the death of a character was a hotter bet than who'd win the World Series. When one series of books had the power to change the way books are read. This has been a time when a book was more popular than movies, television, and video games. The series has spawned a generation of critical thinkers and new readers. The New York Times changed the way it reported book sales just to avoid a continual overpowering of its bestseller list. These events must be given their proper context, and this moment must be preserved. The series will remain important to literature and pop culture, but the experience will change. Harry's fate will be as

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commonly known as the identity of Luke Skywalker's father, and readers who never had to wait for a Harry Potter book will have no idea what transpired when the series had hundreds of millions of people waiting desperately for the next volume. We are the first wave of Harry Potter fans, the ones that are living in the time that shapes how Harry Potter will be remembered for all time. But when this era is over, fans will need some way to remember this strange, wonderful, dizzying experience. Future fans, too, will want to know what they missed. Harry Potter will exist as a seven-book series, but without the indivisible story of the cultural, literary and emotional impact the

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The indispensable source guide to J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter novels—the perfect gift for Harry Potter fans! What was the model for The Order of the Phoenix? Where do those names come from? What is the real-life legend behind Voldemort's Dark Mark? Could Snape's potions actually work? J.K. Rowling's young heroic wizard, Harry Potter, lives in a world populated by dragons, centaurs, trolls, giants—and a three-headed dog named Fluffy—among other creatures from ancient myths and legends. Discover the astonishing origins of supernatural beasts, clues to hidden meanings in names, and amazing facts about real-life wizards and magic spells.

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From Alchemists to Unicorns, Basilisks to Veela, this fascinating compendium brings another dimension to Harry 's adventures—from The Sorcerer 's Stone to The Deathly Hallows. This book was not authorized, prepared, approved, licensed or endorsed by J.K. Rowling, Warner Bros., or any other individual or entity associated with the HARRY POTTER books or movie.

A Wizard Lit Master to J.K.

Rowling's Harry Potter

Who Is J.K. Rowling?

Completely Updated: The Wizard
Behind Harry Potter

The Fringe Benefits of Failure and
the Importance of Imagination

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Wizard's Hall

A biography of the creator of Harry Potter with information on Rowling's childhood, days as a student, struggles as a single mother, and astronomical rise to success, with insights into the Harry Potter books.

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Melissa Anelli can truly say that Harry Potter changed her life. An unemployed graduate when she first fell under the boy wizard's spell, her growing passion for the books opened the door to a career which must surely be the envy of every Potter fan, giving her privileged access not only to J.K. Rowling but to all the VIPs of the

Potterverse. Now, looking back in the aftermath of the seventh and final instalment of the saga, Harry: A History is both a thoroughly entertaining study of the global impact Potter has had on popular culture, and an engaging personal account of Melissa's own journey as a fan. As well as knowing everyone who is anyone in the world of Harry Potter -- from the agent who first took a leap of faith in an unknown children's author to the stars, big and small, of the Harry Potter films -- Melissa is ideally placed to write about how it feels to be enraptured by an invented world. Anyone with the least interest in how

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Harry Potter became the cultural phenomenon of its time will welcome her insights into its rise and rise; while Potter fans will love her book -- because she is one of them.

A Biography

The Wizard Behind Harry Potter

The True Story of a Boy Wizard, His Fans, and Life

Exploring J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter Universe

The Wizard's Shadow

J. K. Rowling

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From the author of *Away with Words*, a deeply hilarious and unexpectedly insightful deep-dive into a cultural and culinary phenomenon: cheese. “Who

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knew it was possible to enjoy reading about cheese as much as eating it? Remarkably entertaining, deeply insightful, and downright hilarious, *American Cheese* goes far beyond the plastic yellow slices we all know, and with some love, revealing a community as quirky, passionate, and creative as the cheese they put into the world.” — Jim Gaffigan, comedian/actor and New York Times bestselling author of *Food: A Love Story* Joe Berkowitz loves cheese. Or at least he thought he did. After stumbling upon an artisanal tasting at an upscale cheese shop one Valentine’s Day, he realized he’d hardly even scratched the surface. These cheeses were like nothing he had ever tasted—a visceral drug-punch that reverberated deliciousness—and they

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were from America. He felt like he was being let in a great cosmic secret, and instantly he was in love. This discovery inspired Joe to embark on the cheese adventure of a lifetime, spending a year exploring the subculture around cheese, from its trenches to its command centers. He dove headfirst into the world of artisan cheese; of premiere makers and mongers, cave-dwelling affineurs, dairy scientists, and restauranteurs. The journey would take him around the world, from the underground cheese caves in Paris to the mountains of Gruyere, leaving no curd unturned, all the while cultivating an appreciation for cheese and its place in society. Joe's journey from amateur to aficionado eventually comes to mirror the rise of American cheese on

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the world stage. As he embeds with Team USA at an international mongering competition and makes cheese in the experimental vats at the Dairy Research Center in Wisconsin, one of the makers he meets along the way gears up to make America's biggest splash ever at the World Cheese Awards. Through this odyssey of cheese, an unexpected culture of passionate cheesemakers is revealed, along with the extraordinary impact of one delicious dairy product.

So You Want To Be A Wizard

J. K. Rowling: Harry Potter

The Wizard's Companion

Life Lessons From 29 Heroines Who

Dared to Break the Rules