

JOURNEY TO THE EIGHTH STORY

THE PROPHECY

“The one with the power to vanquish the Dark Lord approaches... born to those who have thrice defied him, born as the seventh month dies... and the Dark Lord will mark him as his equal, but he will have power the Dark Lord knows not... and either must die at the hand of the other for neither can live while the other survives.”

Sybill Trelawney's prophecy of Harry's birth and power to defeat Lord Voldemort (the Dark Lord)

Harry Potter was born on July 31, 1980. When the Potters are attacked by a Dark wizard, Lord Voldemort, Harry's parents are killed, but baby Harry survives after the Killing Curse that Lord Voldemort casts rebounds, and the now-orphaned infant is left with just a lightning-bolt scar on his forehead. The Dursleys—Aunt Petunia, Uncle Vernon and cousin Dudley—reluctantly take him into their family home at the behest of Albus Dumbledore, but don't treat him as one of the family. On his 11th birthday, Harry is visited by Hagrid who tells him he is a wizard and is invited to attend Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

I

YEAR ONE AT HOGWARTS

On September 1st, a month and a day after his 11th birthday, Harry boards the Hogwarts Express via Platform Nine and Three-Quarters at King's Cross station. On the train he meets Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger.

The Hogwarts Sorting Hat places Harry in Gryffindor, one of four Hogwarts houses, along with Ron and Hermione, who soon become his best friends.

Draco Malfoy, who is sorted into Slytherin house, becomes Harry's arch-enemy at school.

Harry is selected for the Gryffindor Quidditch team and excels at the high-flying sport.

The wise headmaster, Albus Dumbledore (widely regarded as the finest wizard of his generation), Professors Snape and McGonagall, and the kindly half-giant gamekeeper, Hagrid, shape Harry's first year.

In his final term, Harry comes face-to-face with a weakened Lord Voldemort, the Dark wizard who killed his parents, and escapes.

At the end of each school year, Harry returns to the Dursleys' home in Privet Drive.

II

YEAR TWO

Dobby, a house-elf, visits Harry to warn him that danger awaits upon his return to Hogwarts.

Harry, Ron and Hermione see “The Chamber of Secrets has been opened” scrawled on the school wall, and something begins attacking Muggle-born students.

When his classmates discover that Harry can speak Parseltongue—a rare trait often thought to be the mark of a Dark wizard—they begin to suspect he is the heir of Slytherin and responsible for the attacks.

Harry discovers former Hogwarts student Tom Riddle's 50-year-old magical diary, and realizes that through it Tom Riddle has been using Ginny Weasley to reopen the Chamber of Secrets and attack Muggle-borns. When Ginny is taken into the Chamber to die, Harry rescues her, and learns that Tom Riddle grew up to become Lord Voldemort.

III

YEAR THREE

Sirius Black, a wizard who has been imprisoned in Azkaban for most of Harry's life, escapes and is apparently pursuing Harry.

After Harry encounters Dementors, the guards of Azkaban, on their search for Sirius, Professor Lupin teaches him the Patronus Charm, a spell that will ward them off.

Harry is given the Marauder's Map, a magical piece of parchment that shows the entire Hogwarts grounds and movements of everyone in the school.

Harry learns that Sirius was wrongly convicted and is, in fact, his godfather.

Harry and Hermione travel back in time with a Time-Turner to save an innocent Sirius (and a Hippogriff named Buckbeak) from Dementors after he has been captured.

ALSO GOOD TO KNOW

AZKABAN FORTRESS Prison where wizarding criminals are sent. Guarded day and night by Dementors.

BANE An intelligent centaur living in the Forbidden Forest, who is well-practiced in divination. He has a deep distrust of humans.

BATTLE OF HOGWARTS On May 2, 1998, over 50 people died including Ron and Ginny

Weasley's brother, Fred. In a climactic showdown in the Great Hall, Harry killed Voldemort.

DEATH EATERS Followers of Voldemort. They recognize each other by the Dark Mark on their left forearm.

DEMENTORS Dark creatures who feed on the happy emotions of humans. A Dementor's kiss will suck out a human's soul, leaving an empty shell.

DIGGORY, CEDRIC Son of Amos, Cedric was a popular, kind and talented boy who was heartlessly and needlessly killed by Peter Pettigrew, on Voldemort's orders, during the Triwizard Tournament.

GREENGRASS, ASTORIA Hogwarts student, two years below Harry and her future husband, Draco Malfoy.

HAGRID, RUBEUS Hogwarts' Care of Magical Creatures professor and gamekeeper, a kindly half-giant who told 11-year-old Harry he is a wizard.

HOGWARTS The four greatest witches and wizards of their age founded Hogwarts more than 1,000 years ago in the Highlands of Scotland. The school's four houses are named after them —

Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw and Slytherin.

LESTRANGE, BELLATRIX Dangerous and sadistic member of Voldemort's inner circle of Death Eaters.

MARAUDER'S MAP Shows all the secret passageways and whereabouts of everyone in Hogwarts.

MINISTRY OF MAGIC The body that regulates the wizarding community and keeps the wizarding world secret from non-magical people.

MUDBLOOD Insulting term for a Muggle-born wizard, a magical person of non-magical parentage.

IV

YEAR FOUR

Over the summer holidays, Harry goes to the Quidditch World Cup with Hermione, Ron and the whole Weasley family. After a rousing match, a group of masked wizards cause havoc, tormenting Muggles. Harry and his friends flee to the forest where they see the Dark Mark looming ominously overhead—the sign of the Death Eaters, a skull with a serpent in its open mouth.

The Triwizard Tournament takes place, and Harry and Cedric Diggory are chosen to represent Hogwarts. During the competition, Harry and Ron ask Parvati and Padma Patil to the Yule Ball. Hermione attends with Bulgarian wizard Viktor Krum, the champion for Durmstrang school — much to Ron's irritation.

At the end of the final challenge, which they win together, Harry and Cedric are tricked as they grasp the Cup—it's a Portkey, which transports them to a graveyard where Lord Voldemort is waiting.

At Voldemort's command, Cedric is killed instantly by Peter Pettigrew. Harry barely escapes with his life after witnessing Voldemort return to his former strength.

Back at Hogwarts, Dumbledore rallies supporters in preparation for a war with Voldemort.

MUGGLE A person without magical powers. Most Muggles live in ignorance of the world of wizards and witches.

PATIL, PADMA & PARVATI Twin sisters in Harry's year at Hogwarts.

PURE-BLOOD A term for a witch or wizard with purely magical heritage.

POLYJUICE POTION Magical potion that allows the drinker to

transform into another person for a limited amount of time. The concoction must include a piece (usually a hair) of the person one is turning into.

PORTKEY Object that transports wizards to a prearranged destination. Any object can be turned into a Portkey.

QUIDDITCH A hugely popular sport played on broomsticks by two teams of seven players.

SNAPE, SEVERUS Hogwarts' Potions Master. His cold, controlled exterior conceals deep emotions and an enduring love for Harry's mother, Lily. Thought to be responsible for Dumbledore's death, it's later revealed that he carried out the murder as part of a larger plan.

VI

YEAR SIX

Harry suspects that Draco Malfoy, like his father, has become a Death Eater, and is plotting something at the school.

Harry finds an old Potions book with notes by someone called the "Half-Blood Prince," who he later discovers was Professor Snape while he was a student at Hogwarts.

Harry and Ginny Weasley fall in love, and begin a relationship.

Dumbledore tells Harry that Lord Voldemort remains alive by using Horcruxes. These objects contain part of his soul and must be destroyed before Voldemort can be killed.

As Harry suspected, Draco has been initiated into the Death Eaters and is planning an attack on Hogwarts. During the attack, Draco intends to kill Dumbledore, but he backs down and Severus Snape commits the murder instead.

Two Horcruxes have been destroyed and, after Dumbledore's death, Harry vows to leave Hogwarts to find and destroy the others.

TIME-TURNER A device that allows users to travel back in time.

TRIWIZARD TOURNAMENT A grueling contest between three wizarding schools—Beauxbatons, Durmstrang and Hogwarts. Champions from each school compete in three magical tasks for the Triwizard Cup.

VII

YEAR SEVEN

Members of the Order of the Phoenix are ambushed by Death Eaters on their mission to remove Harry from Privet Drive. Harry escapes, but others aren't so lucky.

Lord Voldemort seizes control of the Ministry of Magic, and the Order of the Phoenix go into hiding along with countless Muggle-borns who face persecution under his tyranny.

Harry, Ron and Hermione set out to destroy Voldemort's remaining Horcruxes so that he may finally be killed and the wizarding world saved.

During the last stand at the Battle of Hogwarts, Harry witnesses Voldemort murder Professor Snape. In his final moments, Snape shares his memories with Harry. Harry learns that Snape has always been working against Voldemort because of his enduring love for Harry's mother, Lily, whom he has secretly loved since he was a young man. Snape shows Harry that he killed Dumbledore at the headmaster's own request, and that Harry must sacrifice himself in order to defeat Lord Voldemort.

Harry sacrifices himself to save his friends and defeat Voldemort, but is also saved from death himself.

Neville Longbottom heroically destroys the snake Nagini, Voldemort's final Horcrux, and with all Horcruxes destroyed, Harry triumphs over Voldemort in their final battle.

NINETEEN YEARS LATER
Harry (now aged 37) and Ginny, and Ron and Hermione watch as their children board the Hogwarts Express.

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