Harry Potter 1 Summary

- 1. The Survivor Vernon and Petunia Dursley lead a very normal life with their son Dudley until strange events begin happening around them. One evening, Albus Dumbledore, Minerva McGonagall, and Rubeus Hagrid arrive at Privet Drive and leave baby Harry Potter at the Dursley's doorstep: Harry's parents have just been murdered by the dark wizard Voldemort. But when Voldemort tried to kill Harry, it was Voldemort who was struck down. Harry now bears a scar on his forehead and must live with the Dursleys, his uncle and aunt.
- 2. The Vanishing Glass It's Dudley's eleventh birthday and he is spoiled rotten by his parents, unlike his cousin Harry who has to sleep in the cupboard under the stairs. The entire family visits the zoo. Without knowing how, Harry speaks to a boa constrictor and frees it from its cage. It's neither the first nor the last time strange things happen around Harry...
- 3. The Letters from No One For the first time in his life, Harry receives a letter, but Uncle Vernon confiscates it. More and more letters arrive, driving Uncle Vernon mad, leading him to take everyone on a trip, but the letters keep coming until he decides to seek refuge on a remote island.
- 4. The Keeper of the Keys The giant Hagrid arrives on the island and delivers his letter to Harry. He explains that Harry is a wizard and that the letter is an acceptance letter to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, where Hagrid works. Harry also learns that he is famous because he ended Voldemort's reign (whom everyone still calls You-Know-Who).
- 5. Diagon Alley Harry and Hagrid go shopping in London. Arriving at the Leaky Cauldron, a wizarding pub, Harry realizes that everyone knows him. He meets Professor Quirrell, one of his future teachers. Harry discovers that his parents left him a lot of money in the Gringotts bank, where Hagrid also retrieves a package for Hogwarts. He buys all his supplies, as well as a magic wand. The shopkeeper, Mr. Ollivander, is surprised: the wand that chose Harry contains a feather from the same phoenix as Voldemort's wand.
- 6. The Journey from Platform Nine and Three-Quarters The train to Hogwarts leaves from platform nine and three-quarters at King's Cross station. Harry is lost at first but manages to access the platform with the help of the Weasley family. Harry quickly befriends the youngest Weasley son, Ron, a redhead with little money and many brothers. However, he doesn't get along with Draco Malfoy, a pretentious bully, nor with Hermione Granger, a know-it-all. After getting off the train, Hagrid takes the new students to Hogwarts by boat.
- 7. The Sorting Hat The new students at Hogwarts are sorted into four houses: Gryffindor for the brave, Hufflepuff for the hardworking, Ravenclaw for the intelligent, and Slytherin for the ambitious. The Sorting Hat, which handles the sorting, hesitates over the best house for Harry. Since Harry has heard that all dark wizards came from Slytherin, he asks to go elsewhere, and the Sorting Hat sends him to Gryffindor, along with Ron and Hermione.

- Albus Dumbledore, the headmaster, warns the students not to go into the Forbidden Forest or the second-floor corridor.
- 8. The Potions Master Harry discovers his new subjects: Defense Against the Dark Arts with Professor Quirrell, Transfiguration with Professor McGonagall, History of Magic with the ghost Binns, and Charms with Professor Flitwick... Professor Snape, who teaches potions, seems to have it in for Harry. Over tea with Hagrid, Harry learns that Gringotts was robbed the day they were in London, but Hagrid refuses to discuss it.
- 9. Midnight Duel During the first flying lesson, Harry is surprised to discover that he's good at it. When Malfoy throws Neville Longbottom's Remembrall, Harry catches it just in time, under the eyes of Professor McGonagall. She immediately selects him for the Quidditch team, a sport played on flying brooms. That evening, Draco Malfoy challenges Harry to a duel. On their way to the duel, Harry, Ron, Hermione, and Neville nearly get caught by the caretaker Argus Filch; while escaping, they discover a monstrous three-headed dog on the second-floor corridor. They almost get killed. Hermione notes that it's guarding a trapdoor.
- 10.Halloween Harry learns the rules of Quidditch and is definitely talented. As a Seeker, his role will be to catch the Golden Snitch, a tiny, hard-to-spot ball. At the Halloween dinner, Professor Quirrell, terrified, announces that a troll has entered the castle. Rather than following the other students to the dormitory, Harry and Ron make a detour to warn Hermione, who was crying in the toilets. They encounter the troll; together, they manage to knock it out, and become friends.
- 11.The Quidditch Match Harry discovers that while the professors were dealing with the troll, Snape tried to sneak into the second-floor corridor, likely to retrieve what it guards. During the first Quidditch match of the season, Harry's broom behaves strangely, and Hermione realizes that Snape is enchanting it. She interrupts him and Harry manages to catch the Golden Snitch by swallowing it halfway, winning the match. Hagrid announces that he provided the three-headed dog, and that what it guards is not the students' concern, but only Albus Dumbledore's and a certain Nicolas Flamel's.
- 12.The Mirror of Erised Harry and Ron spend the Christmas holidays at Hogwarts. Harry receives an invisibility cloak that belonged to his father. He uses it to roam Hogwarts at night and discovers a mirror that shows him his family. The next day, he takes Ron, who does not see his family, but sees himself alone, Head Boy and captain of the Quidditch team. Dumbledore explains to Harry that this mirror does not show the truth, but the desires of those who look into it.
- 13.Nicolas Flamel Hermione discovers who the mysterious Nicolas Flamel is: an alchemist who created the Philosopher's Stone. The stone allows its owner to become rich and immortal. Harry wins his second Quidditch match, but overhears Snape trying to get Quirrell to tell him how to get past the three-headed dog. Harry is convinced that Snape wants to steal the Philosopher's Stone.

- 14.Norbert the Norwegian Ridgeback Hagrid wins a dragon egg and soon becomes the proud master of Norbert, a Norwegian Ridgeback. But Draco Malfoy discovers the existence of the illegal dragon, and Harry, Ron, and Hermione convince Hagrid to get rid of Norbert. Unfortunately, things don't go as planned: Harry and Hermione get caught by Filch and are punished, along with Neville and Draco.
- 15.The Forbidden Forest The punishment takes place in the Forbidden Forest, with Hagrid. Harry is attacked by a hooded figure but is saved by the centaur Firenze, who explains that it is Voldemort who wants the Philosopher's Stone, in order to regain life.
- 16.Under the Trapdoor End-of-year exams take place, but Dumbledore had to leave and Hagrid lets slip that playing music is enough to put the three-headed dog to sleep. Harry is certain that Snape will try to steal the stone that night. They follow him under the trapdoor and escape obstacles left by other professors: a plant that tries to strangle them, enchanted keys, a giant chessboard, and a logic test with potions. There's just enough potion for one person, so Harry goes to face Snape alone.
- 17.The Man with Two Faces But it's not Snape he finds: it's Quirrell. Snape was only trying to prevent Quirrell from stealing the stone. The Mirror of Erised is in the middle of the room. Since Harry wants to find the stone, but not use it, the stone appears in his pocket. Quirrell removes his turban, and we discover Voldemort's face behind his head. Quirrell tries to kill Harry, but contact with his skin seems to burn him, and it's Quirrell who ends up dying while Voldemort escapes. Harry wakes up in the infirmary. Dumbledore explains that his mother sacrificed herself to save him, and that this love provides him protection that Voldemort cannot understand. Hagrid gives Harry a book of photos of his parents, and Gryffindor wins the house cup.

Harry Potter 2 Summary

- 1. A Very Bad Birthday It's Harry's twelfth birthday, but all his friends seem to have forgotten it. Instead of celebrating his 12th birthday, Harry will have to spend the evening in his room pretending not to exist, while his uncle and aunt host the Masons, potential clients.
- 2. Dobby's Warning The house-elf Dobby has infiltrated Harry's room; he had stolen all his mail. Dobby is impressed by Harry, but makes a lot of noise each time he thinks he must punish himself. He warns Harry that a plot is brewing at Hogwarts and tries to make him promise not to return to school. When Harry refuses, Dobby levitates Aunt Petunia's dessert and drops it on the floor. The Ministry of Magic thinks it was Harry who illegally performed magic, and they send him a warning letter. The Dursleys lock Harry in his room, bars on the windows.

- 3. The Burrow Ron, Fred, and George Weasley come to free Harry in a flying car and take him back to their home, the Burrow. They meet their parents and their sister Ginny, who is madly in love with Harry.
- 4. At Flourish and Blotts The Weasleys and Harry head for Diagon Alley via the Floo Network, but Harry does it wrong and ends up in Knockturn Alley. He overhears Draco Malfoy and his father doing business in a dark arts shop. At the bookstore Flourish and Blotts, author Gilderoy Lockhart is signing his books and announces that he will be teaching Defense Against the Dark Arts at Hogwarts. Lucius Malfoy mocks the Weasleys' poverty and comes to blows with Arthur Weasley.
- 5. The Whomping Willow The Weasleys and Harry are very late for the Hogwarts Express. When Ron and Harry try to pass through platform nine and three-quarters, the entrance blocks them. Panicking when they miss the train, they decide to take the flying car to Hogwarts. The car struggles with the long journey and crashes into a whomping willow that tries to knock them out and breaks Ron's wand. Harry and Ron are punished for their actions.
- 6. Gilderoy Lockhart In Herbology, the second years work on Mandrakes, plants capable of restoring health to victims of spells. Gilderoy Lockhart pretends to be an expert on everything and gives advice to everyone, but it's clear he's a narcissist incapable of teaching defense against the dark arts.
- 7. Mudblood and Strange Voices During a Quidditch practice, a fight breaks out between the Gryffindors and the Slytherins, and Draco Malfoy calls Hermione a "Mudblood," because her parents are not wizards. In the evening, Harry does his punishment: answering fan mail for Lockhart. He hears a strange voice in the corridors threatening to kill someone, but no one else hears it.
- 8. Deathday Party The trio is invited to the party for the 500th death anniversary of the ghost Nearly Headless Nick. Harry hears the voice again; following it, they find Mrs. Norris, Argus Filch's cat, petrified. A message written in blood on the wall declares "the Chamber of Secrets has been opened; enemies of the heir, beware."
- 9. The Warning Ginny is very disturbed by what happened. Harry notices that spiders seem to be fleeing Hogwarts. During a History of Magic class, Professor Binns explains that according to legend, the Chamber of Secrets was created by Salazar Slytherin, one of the founders of Hogwarts, and that it contains a monster that only the heir of Slytherin could control. Students seem to suspect Harry of being the heir, but the trio thinks it's Draco Malfoy and decides to brew Polyjuice Potion to disguise themselves as Slytherin students and discover the truth.
- 10.The Rogue Bludger In the Gryffindor vs. Slytherin Quidditch match, a Bludger behaves strangely and attacks only Harry, eventually breaking his arm. Lockhart tries to fix it but makes his bones disappear instead. In the infirmary, Harry receives a visit from Dobby, who explains that it was he who blocked platform nine and three-quarters and bewitched the

- Bludger, in order to force Harry to go home. The same night, another attack occurs: Colin Creevey, a first-year student, is found petrified.
- 11. The Dueling Club Gilderoy Lockhart proposes creating a dueling club. Harry battles Malfoy, who sends a snake at him. Harry manages to talk to the snake, which everyone finds very frightening: Salazar Slytherin also knew how to talk to snakes. The next day, a third attack occurs: Justin Finch-Fletchley and Nearly Headless Nick are petrified, and it's Harry who discovers them. The whole school is convinced he is guilty.
- 12.The Polyjuice Potion In Dumbledore's office, Harry discovers Fawkes the phoenix, who has the ability to be reborn from its ashes and heal wounds with its tears. During the Christmas holidays, Harry, Ron, and Hermione finish brewing the Polyjuice Potion in the haunted toilets by Moaning Myrtle. Harry transforms into Goyle, Ron into Crabbe, but Hermione messes up and becomes half-cat. Harry and Ron interrogate Malfoy and discover he is not the heir of Slytherin.
- 13. The Very Secret Diary Harry finds a diary that someone was trying to dispose of in the toilets. It belonged to a certain Tom Riddle 50 years ago, who responds to Harry when he writes in the diary. Tom shows Harry a memory in which he catches a young Rubeus Hagrid with a huge spider, accused of being the monster of the Chamber of Secrets and causing the death of a student. Rubeus Hagrid was expelled from Hogwarts after this incident.
- 14.Cornelius Fudge Someone burgles Harry's dormitory and steals the diary of Riddle. The next day, Hermione and another student are petrified; they are found with a mirror in hand. Determined to learn more, Ron and Harry go see Hagrid, but are forced to hide when Albus Dumbledore, the Minister of Magic Cornelius Fudge, and Lucius Malfoy arrive. Hagrid is sent to Azkaban prison, and Dumbledore is suspended from his duties. As he leaves, Hagrid advises following the spiders, and Dumbledore promises that help will always be given to those who ask for it.
- 15.Aragog Following Hagrid's advice, Harry and Ron follow spiders, which lead them into the Forbidden Forest. They discover a colony of giant spiders, led by Aragog, the spider Hagrid had when he was young. Aragog explains that he is not the monster of the Chamber of Secrets, and that Hagrid is innocent. He threatens to let his children devour Harry and Ron, but they are saved by the flying car. Harry understands that the student who had been killed 50 years ago is Moaning Myrtle.
- 16.The Chamber of Secrets Harry and Ron visit Hermione, who is petrified in the infirmary, and find a piece of paper in her hand: she figured out that the monster of Slytherin is a Basilisk, a gigantic snake that kills anyone who makes eye contact with it, and that it was moving through Hogwarts' plumbing. Just after, the heir of Slytherin leaves a new message: he has kidnapped Ginny Weasley and writes that "her skeleton will lie in the Chamber forever." Harry, Ron, and Lockhart find the entrance to the Chamber in Moaning Myrtle's toilets. Lockhart tries to bewitch Harry and Ron to take all the glory, but he uses Ron's broken wand and his amnesia spell backfires on him. A cave-in separates Ron and Lockhart from Harry, who continues into the Chamber alone.

- 17.The Heir of Slytherin In the Chamber, Harry finds Ginny's nearly lifeless body, and beside her, Tom Riddle, who explains that he is the heir of Slytherin and that he is coming back to life thanks to the diary, into which Ginny has been pouring her heart out for the past few months. Tom Riddle is none other than the young Lord Voldemort, and he releases the Basilisk to pursue Harry. With the help of Fawkes the phoenix and the Sorting Hat which provides him with the Sword of Gryffindor, Harry defeats the Basilisk and stabs one of its fangs into the diary, eliminating Riddle. Ginny comes back to life.
- 18.Dobby's Reward Dumbledore regains his position as headmaster and explains to Harry that if he knows how to talk to snakes, it's because Voldemort transferred some of his powers to him the night he tried to kill him. But Harry chose to be in Gryffindor and not Slytherin, which shows that he is very different from Voldemort. Harry realizes that it was Lucius Malfoy who had given the diary to Ginny, and that Malfoy is Dobby's master. He manages to make Lucius Malfoy inadvertently give a sock to Dobby, which makes him a free elf.

Harry Potter 3 Summary

- 1. Owl Post Harry spends the summer at the Dursleys but is comforted by birthday gifts from his friends. He learns that if his uncle signs a permission form, he will be allowed to spend some weekends at Hogsmeade, a wizarding village near Hogwarts.
- 2. Aunt Marge's Big Mistake Muggle TV reports the escape of a dangerous criminal, Sirius Black. Marge, Uncle Vernon's sister, visits the Dursleys for a week and is even more unpleasant than her brother. When she insults Harry and his parents, Harry tries to restrain himself, but ends up making her swell up like a balloon. Harry flees from the Dursleys.
- 3. The Knight Bus Unintentionally, Harry hails the Knight Bus, which takes him to London. Harry learns that Sirius Black was a supporter of Voldemort and that twelve years ago, he killed thirteen people with a single spell. He is the first wizard in history to escape from Azkaban prison.
- 4. The Leaky Cauldron Harry ends his vacation on Diagon Alley. Ron's rat, Scabbers, is unwell, and the arrival of Crookshanks, Hermione's new cat, doesn't help matters. Harry overhears Ron's parents discussing and understands that Sirius Black is after him.
- 5. The Dementor Harry, Ron, and Hermione take the train and end up in the same compartment as a new teacher, Remus Lupin. The train is searched by Dementors, the guardians of Azkaban prison. They create an atmosphere of despair such that Harry faints. Dumbledore announces that the Dementors will guard Hogwarts; he also says that Hagrid has been appointed Professor of Care of Magical Creatures.
- 6. Boggarts and Tealeaves Third years have new subjects. Hermione, especially, has an overloaded schedule: she sometimes has three classes at the same time but refuses to explain

how she will manage it. In the first Divination class, Professor Trelawney predicts Harry will die, and Professor McGonagall talks to them about Animagi, wizards who can transform into animals. For his first class, Hagrid introduces the students to a Hippogriff, Buckbeak. Harry manages to ride it, but Draco Malfoy does not follow Hagrid's instructions and gets injured by Buckbeak; Draco exaggerates to try to get Hagrid fired.

- 7. A Boggart in the Wardrobe Hermione appears and disappears often at the beginning and end of classes. Professor Lupin teaches about Boggarts, which take the form of whatever scares the person in front of them the most. He lets many students face one, but not Harry, whose greatest fear is a Dementor.
- 8. The Fat Lady's Flight Having no permission from his uncle, Harry is not allowed to go to Hogsmeade with his friends and instead has tea with Lupin; the latter drinks a strange potion brought by Snape. That evening, terror in the castle: the Fat Lady, whose portrait guarded the entrance to the Gryffindor tower, was attacked by Sirius Black, who managed to infiltrate Hogwarts despite the protections.
- 9. Grim Defeat Lupin is sick. Snape substitutes him and teaches about werewolves. During the Quidditch match against Hufflepuff, Dementors invade the pitch. Harry hears his mother the night she was killed. He loses consciousness and falls from his broom: the match is lost, and his broom is destroyed by the Whomping Willow.
- 10.The Marauder's Map The following weekend in Hogsmeade, Fred and George give Harry the Marauder's Map, which shows the location of everyone in Hogwarts and reveals all secret passages. Harry uses one that takes him to Hogsmeade. At the Three Broomsticks pub, Harry overhears a conversation between professors, the pub's landlady, and the Minister of Magic. He learns that Sirius Black was his parents' best friend and that he betrayed them, causing their death; Sirius Black is also Harry's godfather.
- 11.The Firebolt Harry receives an anonymous gift for Christmas: a Firebolt, the best broomstick there is. McGonagall confiscates it: she and Hermione think it's a trap sent by Sirius Black.
- 12. The Patronus Lupin teaches Harry how to combat Dementors: one must produce a Patronus by thinking of a happy memory. Harry also discovers that Lupin knew James Potter and Sirius Black when they were at Hogwarts. Harry gets his Firebolt back, which apparently isn't enchanted, but his joy is short-lived: Scabbers, Ron's rat, has disappeared, apparently killed by Hermione's cat.
- 13.Gryffindor vs. Ravenclaw Ravenclaw's Seeker, Cho Chang, is particularly pretty, but that doesn't stop Harry from performing wonderfully with his Firebolt and Gryffindor easily wins the second Quidditch match. That evening, Sirius Black again enters the castle and tears Ron's bed curtains, but flees when Ron wakes up screaming.
- 14.Snape's Grudge Once again, Harry goes to Hogsmeade in secret, under his invisibility cloak. He takes the opportunity to attack Malfoy, but gets caught and Lupin confiscates the

- Marauder's Map. Snape and Lupin reprimand Harry, who does not seem to care about his own safety. That evening, Hermione informs Ron and Harry that Buckbeak has been sentenced to death.
- 15.The Quidditch Final Hermione rebels: she slaps Malfoy and leaves the Divination class. Gryffindor defeats Slytherin in the final Quidditch match, winning the Cup in the process.
- 16.Professor Trelawney's Prediction During the Divination exam, Professor Trelawney goes into a trance and predicts that tonight, "the servant will rejoin his master" and soon, "the Dark Lord will rise again." The same evening, Buckbeak is to be executed. Ron finds Scabbers, who was not dead, but the rat escapes.
- 17.Cat, Rat, and Dog Ron chases Scabbers and is grabbed by a huge dog, which drags him through a secret passage to the Shrieking Shack in Hogsmeade. Hermione and Harry follow them. The dog was actually the Animagus Sirius Black, who is soon joined by Remus Lupin, whom Hermione reveals is a werewolf. Black and Lupin announce that Scabbers is also an Animagus: his real name is Peter Pettigrew, who was thought to have been dead for 12 years.
- 18.Moony, Wormtail, Padfoot, and Prongs Lupin explains that Pettigrew, Black, and James Potter became Animagi to accompany their friend Lupin during his transformations into a werewolf. Snape interrupts Lupin before he can finish his story.
- 19.The Servant of Voldemort Snape refuses to let Black and Lupin explain themselves, so Harry, Ron, and Hermione disarm him and knock him out. Black and Lupin force Scabbers to transform back into Peter Pettigrew and prove that he was the traitor, not Sirius Black. Black and Lupin are about to kill Pettigrew, but Harry asks them to hand him over to the Dementors instead.
- 20.The Dementor's Kiss The full moon rises, and Lupin transforms into a werewolf. Sirius Black transforms into a dog to prevent him from harming others, but Pettigrew takes advantage of this to escape, destroying all hope of revealing the truth.
- 21.Hermione's Secret Harry and Hermione convince Dumbledore that Sirius Black is innocent. Hermione shows Harry a Time-Turner she used all year to attend all her classes. They use it to travel back in time and allow Buckbeak and Sirius Black to escape.
- 22.More Mail Lupin resigns after Snape reveals to the whole school that he is a werewolf. Sirius sends his first godfather letter to Harry, explaining that the Firebolt was indeed a gift from him and includes a signed permission for him to go to Hogsmeade next year.