

## **The boy Who Lived**

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J. K. Rowling is a British author, best known as the creator of Harry Potter fantasy series. The Potter Books have gained worldwide attention, won multiple awards, sold more than 400 million copies and been the basis for a popular series of films.

The Boy who lived is an episode from Harry Potter series.

Characters:

Mr. Dursley; director of a firm called Grunings.

Mrs. Dursley: (Petunia)

Dudley: son of Mr. and Mrs. Dursley

Lily Potter: Mrs. Dursley's sister

James Potter: Her husband

Harry Potter: their son

Albus Dumbledore: appeared in Privet Drive at midnight

Professor McGonagail: appeared in the guise of a tabby cat.

Hagrid: brought/ rescued young Harry Potter to Privet Drive and left him secretly at the Dursleys' house.

Voldemort: killed Harry's parents

## Scene /setting

Mr. Dursley's house, Privet Drive, his way to office and his office

## Story

The Dursleys had a secret about the Potters and they had a fear that somebody would discover it. Mr. Dursley noticed a lot of unusual things on his way to office:

- ☐ A tabby cat sitting still in the corner of Privet Drive
- ☐ A lot of strangely dressed people
- ☐ People whispering excitedly together
- ☐ Owls flying in the daylight
- ☐ People in the street talking about the Potters, Harry, you know who, Muggle.

He noticed the unusual behaviours of people on the way back home too. The cat was sitting still. His wife is unaware of all these things. The evening news reported the unusual behaviours of the birds and the downpour of shooting stars.

At midnight Albus Dumbledore put out all the street lights with his magical light (putouter) and talked to professor McGonnagal about the murder of the Potters by Voldemort. Hagrid brings Harry Potter there in a flying motorcycle and after a brief discussion with Dumbledore and McGonnagal leaves the boy at

the Dursley's house and all the supernatural characters disappear from there.

This story falls under the genre of fantasy. It contains mystery, adventure and thriller. The major theme of the story is Harry's struggle for survival. Abuse of power, love, prejudice, envy and free choice are other ideas presented in the story. Voldemort's desire to conquer death and quest for mortality is also considered as theme of the story.