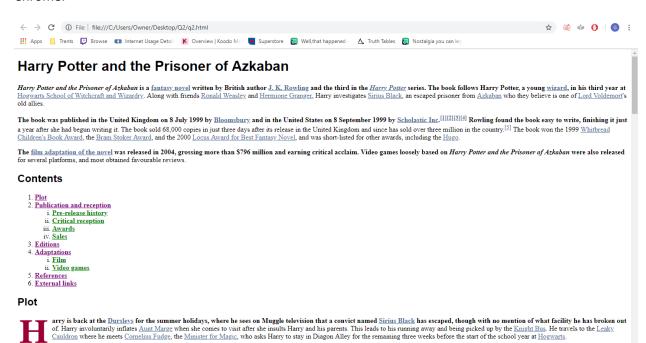
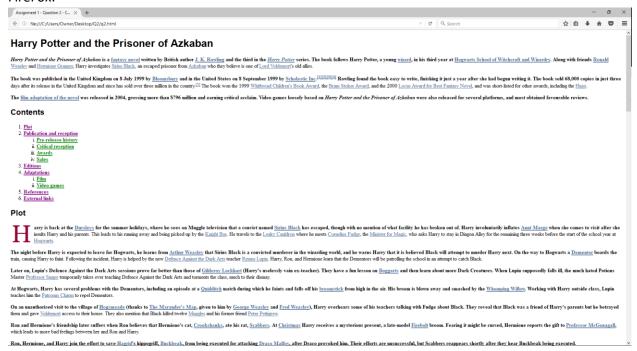
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## Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Atkaban is a fantasy novel written by British author J. K. Rowling and the third in the Harry Potter series. The book follows Harry Potter, a young wizard, in his third year at Hogwards School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Along with friends Ronald Weasley and Hermione Granger, Harry investigates Sirius Black, an escaped prisoner from Atkaban who they believe is one of Lord Voldemont's old allies.

The book was published in the United Kingdom on 8 July 1999 by Bloomsbury and in the United States on 8 September 1999 by Scholastic Inc. United Rowling found the book easy to write, finishing it just a year after she had begun writing it. The book sold 68,000 copies in just three days after its release in the United Kingdom and since has sold over three million in the country. The book won the 1999 Whithread Children's Book Award, the Bram Stoker Award, and the 2000 Locus Award for Best Fantasy Novel, and was short-listed for other awards, including the Hugo.

The film adaptation of the novel was released in 2004, grossing more than \$796 million and earning critical acclaim. Video games loosely based on Harry Power and the Prisoner of Atkaban were also released for several platforms, and most obtained favourable reviews.

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#### Plot

after the insults Harry and his parents. This leads to his running away and being picked up by the Knight Bus. He travels to the Leaky Cauldron where he meets Cornelius Fudge, the Munister for Magie, who asks Harry to stay in Diagon Alley for the remaining three weeks before the start of the school year at Hogyments.

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Later on, Lupin's Defence Against the Dark Arts sessions prove far better than those of Gilderoy Lockhart (Harry's uselessly vain ex-teacher). They have a fun lesson on Boggarts and then learn about more Dark Creatures. When Lupin supposedly falls ill, the much hated Potions Master Professor Snape temporanity takes over teaching Defence Against the Dark Arts and toments the class, much to their dismay.

At Hogwarts, Harry has several problems with the Demeators, including an episode at a <u>Quidditch</u> match during which he faints and falls off his <u>broomstick</u> from high in the air. His broom is blown away and smashed by the <u>Whomping Willow</u>. Working with Harry outside class, Lupin teaches him the <u>Patronus Charm</u> to repel Demeators.

On an unauthorised visit to the village of Hogsmeade (thanks to The Maraudee's Man, given to him by George Weasley and Fred Weasley), Harry overhears some of his teachers talking with Fudge about Black. They reveal that Black was a friend of Harry's p betrayed them and gave Voldemort access to their house. They also mention that Black killed twelve Muggles and his former friend Peter Petitigrew.

Ron and Hermione's friendship later suffers when Ron believes that Hermione's cat, Crookshanks, ate his rat, Scabbers. At Christmas Harry receives a mysterious present, a late-model Firebolt broom. Fearing it might be cursed, Hermione reports the gift to Profes McGonagall, which leads to more bud feelings between her and Ron and

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