

"HARRY POTTER AND THE METHODS OF RATIONALITY POSES AN ALTERNATE WORLD IN WHICH HARRY IS A GENIUS. ... IT'S A TERRIFIC SERIES, SUBTLE AND DRAMATIC AND STIMULATING. YUDKOWSKY GETS IT, AND LOTS ELSE. SMART GUY, GOOD WRITER. POSES HUGELY TERRIFIC QUESTIONS THAT I, TOO, HAD THOUGHT OF... AND A NUMBER THAT I HADN'T. ENJOYED ALL REFERENCES TO THE ENLIGHTENMENT. I WISH ALL POTTER FANS WOULD GO HERE, AND TRY ON A BIGGER, BOLDER AND MORE CHALLENGING TALE."

— DAVID BRIN

"THIS IS A BOOK WHOSE TITLE STILL MAKES ME LAUGH AND YET IT MAY JUST TURN OUT TO BE ONE OF THE GREATEST BOOKS EVER WRITTEN. THE WRITING IS SHOCKINGLY GOOD, THE PLOTTING IS SOME OF THE BEST IN ALL OF LITERATURE, AND THE STORIES ARE SIMPLY PURE GENIUS. I FEAR THIS BOOK MAY NEVER GET THE ACCOLADES IT DESERVES, BECAUSE IT'S TOO HARD TO LOOK PAST THE SILLY NAME AND PUBLISHING MODEL, BUT I HOPE YOU, DEAR READER, ARE WISER THAN THAT! A MUST-READ."

— AARON SWARTZ



"HARRY POTTER AND THE METHODS OF RATIONALITY IS THE SORT OF THING THAT WOULD TECHNICALLY BE CALLED A FANFIC, BUT IS MORE APPROPRIATELY NAMED A WORK OF SHEER GENIUS. IT TAKES THE BASIC HARRY POTTER STORY AND ASKS, 'WHAT IF, INSTEAD OF A BOY LOCKED IN A CLOSET, HE WAS A CHILD GENIUS RAISED BY A LOVING PAIR OF ADOPTIVE PARENTS WHO BROUGHT SCIENCE, REASON, AND MODERN THINKING TO THE WIZARDING WORLD?' ... LOVE IT. READ IT, SERIOUSLY. IT WILL CHANGE YOUR WAY OF LOOKING AT THE WORLD."

— RACHEL AARON

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