

Harry Potter

All right, I think we all know this one, it is literally the most famous book series to ever exist. The only book that has sold more is the Bible, that says something about the magnitude and popularity of the series.

I do not remember the very first experience that I had with this story, since I was so little, but it was either watching the first movie, which is more likely, or when my mother would read to my older brother and I, that is the first memory I have of experiencing the story, but I cannot say if that was the actual first experience.

One thing I do know is that I experienced the story simultaneously from the book and movie series, knowing the story of the last few movies, having already had the books read to me. It is not unusual for someone to have read the books before the movie or TV show adaptation, but when the final movie came out, I was only ten years old, so having read a seven-book series, with very large books as well, is something that is odd to me. I remember reading the fifth book, which is by far the largest one, in my third-grade class.

I still love this story so much, and I know there are flaws with the story and that there is recent controversy with the author, but the love and connection I have for the story is still so strong to this day.

At some point in my life, around halfway through my time in high school, I just picked up the books, reading it from beginning to end myself for the first time, and I remember so clearly how quickly I read the first book, just a few hours. I will re-read the books every few years, almost like a tradition, I will watch scenes on YouTube, just because I get the feeling.

I can confidently say that this series is not perfect, in fact there are very identifiable flaws, from characters, to plot, to the world-building, and I have experienced stories that are much better in terms of writing quality, but this series just has that something that just keeps making me come back. If I were to speak on the book, film, television series that I love the most, and were the most influential, this one is close to the top, up there with series like Lord of the Rings, Game of Thrones, Vagabond, and I feel this is the case for so many other people around the world.