

Closest Friends of Harry Potter (The Golden Trio) are Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger

Author Information

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Who wrote the Harry Potter book series: The Harry Potter series was written by British author J.K. Rowling (Joanne Rowling).

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Year of publication for each book:

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Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (published in the US as *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*): 1997

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Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets: 1998

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Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban: 1999

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Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire: 2000

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Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix: 2003

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Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince: 2005

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Total number of books in the series: There are seven books in the original Harry Potter series.

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Genre and target audience: The series is primarily a fantasy series that also incorporates elements of mystery, thriller, adventure, and romance. While initially targeted at children aged nine to eleven, the books gained a massive crossover audience of all ages, and the themes and tone of the series mature as the characters grow older.

Cast & Crew

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Main Cast: Daniel Radcliffe (Harry Potter), Rupert Grint (Ron Weasley), Emma Watson (Hermione Granger), Robbie Coltrane (Hagrid), Alan Rickman (Snape), Maggie Smith (McGonagall), Michael Gambon (Dumbledore), Tom Felton (Draco Malfoy).

Awards & Reception

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Global Sales: The best-selling book series in history, with over 600 million copies sold.

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Awards: The books and films have won numerous prestigious awards, including the Hugo Award and multiple BAFTAs.

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Reception: The series has received widespread critical acclaim and has cultivated a massive and dedicated global fanbase.

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Film Adaptations

- **Directors:** Chris Columbus, Alfonso Cuarón, Mike Newell, and David Yates.
- **Producers:** David Heyman was the primary producer for all films.
- **Year of release:** The eight films were released between 2001 and 2011.
- **Production houses:** Warner Bros. Pictures and Heyday Films.
- **Screenwriters:** Steve Kloves wrote all but one film, which was written by Michael Goldenberg.

Harry Potter's Family and Adversaries

- **Father:** Harry's father was **James Potter**, who was a wizard, an animagus, and a member of the Order of the Phoenix. He was killed by Lord Voldemort while trying to protect his wife and son.
- **Mother:** His mother was **Lily Potter** (née Evans), a Muggle-born witch. She sacrificed her life to protect Harry from Voldemort's curse, and this act created a magical protection that saved him.
- **Main Villain:** The main antagonist of the series is **Lord Voldemort**, a dark wizard whose birth name was Tom Marvolo Riddle. He is the archenemy of Harry Potter.

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First Teacher: Harry's first Defence Against the Dark Arts teacher at Hogwarts was **Professor Quirinus Quirrell**.