

= Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire =

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire is the fourth novel in the Harry Potter series , written by British author J. K. Rowling . It follows Harry Potter , a wizard in his fourth year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and the mystery surrounding the entry of Harry 's name into the Triwizard Tournament , in which he is forced to compete .

The book was published in the United Kingdom by Bloomsbury and in the United States by Scholastic , in both countries the release date was 8 July 2000 , the first time a book in the series was published in both countries at the same time . The novel won a Hugo Award , the only Harry Potter novel to do so , in 2001 . The book was made into a film , which was released worldwide on 18 November 2005 , and a video game by Electronic Arts .

= = Synopsis = =

= = = Plot introduction = = =

Throughout the three previous novels in the Harry Potter series , the main character , Harry Potter , has struggled with the difficulties of growing up , and the added challenge of being a famed wizard : when Harry was a baby , Lord Voldemort , the most powerful Dark wizard in history , killed Harry 's parents but mysteriously vanished after unsuccessfully trying to kill Harry , which left a lightning @-@ shaped scar on Harry 's forehead . This results in Harry 's immediate fame and his being placed in the care of his muggle , or non @-@ magical aunt and uncle , Aunt Petunia Dursley and Uncle Vernon Dursley , who have a son named Dudley Dursley .

Harry learns that he is a wizard when he is 11 years old , just before he enrolls in Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry . He befriends Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger , and is confronted by Lord Voldemort who is trying to regain power . In Harry 's first year he has to protect the Philosopher 's Stone from Voldemort and one of his faithful followers at Hogwarts . After returning to the school after summer break , students at Hogwarts are attacked by the legendary monster of the " Chamber of Secrets " after the chamber is opened . Harry ends the attacks by killing a Basilisk and defeating another attempt by Lord Voldemort to return to full strength . The following year , Harry hears that he has been targeted by escaped mass murderer Sirius Black . Despite stringent security measures at Hogwarts , Harry is confronted by Black at the end of his third year of schooling , and Harry learns that Black was framed and is actually Harry 's godfather . He also learned that it was his father 's old school friend Peter Pettigrew who actually betrayed his parents .

= = = Plot summary = = =

The book opens with Harry seeing Frank Bryce being killed by Lord Voldemort in a vision , and is awoken by his scar hurting . The Weasleys then take Harry and Hermione Granger to the Quidditch World Cup , using a Portkey , to watch Ireland versus Bulgaria , with Ireland emerging victorious . There , Harry meets Cedric Diggory , who is attending the match with his father . After the match , Voldemort 's followers attack the site , destroying spectators ' tents and wreaking havoc . The Dark Mark gets fired into the sky , which leads to a panic since it is the first time the sign has been seen in 13 years . Winky , Barty Crouch Senior 's house elf , is blamed for casting the Mark after she is found holding Harry 's wand , which is revealed to have been used to cast the Mark , as Harry had lost it during the chaos of the Death Eaters ' attack .

At Hogwarts , Professor Dumbledore announces that Alastor " Mad @-@ Eye " Moody will be the Defence Against the Dark Arts teacher for the year , and also that Hogwarts will host the Triwizard Tournament , with a prize of one thousand gold Galleons . However , only those over 17 ? the age of majority in the wizarding world ? will be allowed to enter . It is the first time in 202 years that the Triwizard Tournament will be held . Students from Beauxbatons Academy and the Durmstrang Institute , other wizarding academies , will travel to Hogwarts , where they will stay for the year , in

hopes of competing . At Halloween , the Goblet of Fire picks Fleur Delacour from Beauxbatons Academy ; Viktor Krum (who is also the Seeker on Bulgaria 's Quidditch team) from Durmstrang Institute ; and Cedric Diggory from Hogwarts to compete in the tournament . However , it additionally gives a fourth name ? Harry Potter ? leading to suspicion and indignation from everyone and magically binding Harry to compete . Ron is jealous that Harry is once again in the limelight and refuses to speak to Harry .

Hagrid reveals to Harry that the first task involves dragons , and since Fleur and Krum 's headmasters are also aware of this , and will surely tell them in advance , Harry informs Cedric as well . At the task , Harry has to pass a Hungarian Horntail to retrieve a golden egg that contains a hint to the next task , which he does by summoning his Firebolt broomstick with the Accio spell , and finishes the task tied for first with Krum . Ron and Harry subsequently reconcile , Ron now understanding the full danger of the tournament . When Harry opens the egg , though , it merely shrieks loudly .

Meanwhile , gossip reporter Rita Skeeter is writing scandalous articles of half @-@ truths and outright fabrications in The Daily Prophet about those at Hogwarts , including Hermione , Harry , Hagrid , and Madame Maxime of Beauxbatons .

With the Yule Ball approaching , Harry must find a partner , but when he finally approaches his crush Cho Chang , Cedric has beaten him to her , so Harry and Ron ask Parvati and Padma Patil . Ron is shocked and jealous to see that Hermione is attending with Krum . Cedric gives Harry a tip on the egg , telling him to take it to the prefects ' bathroom , but Harry refuses to listen , jealous over Cho .

Finally acting on the tip , Harry takes the egg to the prefects ' bathroom , where Moaning Myrtle tells him to listen to the egg underwater ; there the words become understandable . Harry learns that the task is to recover something he will " sorely miss " , and starts looking for spells to help him breathe where the objects will be taken : The Black Lake . By the morning of the task , Harry still hasn 't found a solution , but Dobby gives him some Gillyweed to give Harry gills . Harry completes the task by rescuing Ron from under the lake . Harry then takes a risk by also rescuing Fleur 's younger sister , Gabrielle , after Fleur was unable to . After the judges confer , he earns enough points to tie him with Cedric for the lead .

One month before the final task , Harry and Krum are talking when they encounter Crouch , who appears to have gone insane , but manages to tell Harry to get Dumbledore . Leaving Krum with Crouch , Harry fetches Dumbledore but returns to find Krum stunned and Crouch gone . Harry returns to preparing for the final task , a hedge maze . Inside the maze , Harry is forced to incapacitate Krum , who has been bewitched , to save Cedric . Working together , the two reach the cup . They agree to touch it at the same time , and doing so , discover that it is a Portkey that transports them to a graveyard . There , Peter Pettigrew kills Cedric and uses Harry 's blood (along with his own hand and Tom Riddle Sr. ' s bone) to resurrect Lord Voldemort .

Voldemort summons his Death Eaters , berating them for thinking he was dead , before he reveals that he has a single " faithful servant " concealed at Hogwarts , who has been working to ensure that Harry would make it to the graveyard , and then challenges Harry to a duel . However , when he and Harry fire curses at each other , their wands connect due to their identical cores . Voldemort 's wand releases the most recent spells it performed , resulting in imprints of his last victims appearing in the graveyard , including Harry 's parents , who provide a distraction so that Harry can escape back to Hogwarts using the Portkey , taking Cedric 's body with him .

When he returns , Moody takes him to his office , and reveals himself to be Voldemort 's ' faithful servant ' ; he was the one who put Harry 's name into the Goblet of Fire , and has been guiding him through the tournament from behind the scenes to ensure that he would grab the Portkey first . Before Moody can kill Harry , Dumbledore , McGonagall and Snape intervene . They learn that Moody is in fact Barty Crouch Jr . , Mr. Crouch 's son , disguised by Polyjuice Potion . Crouch had sentenced Crouch Jr. to life imprisonment in Azkaban over alleged ties to the Death Eaters but smuggled him out as a last favour to his dying wife . Crouch Jr. was the one who set off the Dark Mark at the Quidditch World Cup , doing it to scare the Death Eaters he felt had abandoned Voldemort . Eventually , Voldemort had gotten in contact with Crouch Jr. and had him impersonate

Moody as part of his plan . Crouch Jr. also admits to killing Crouch Sr. , to prevent him telling Dumbledore about Voldemort . The real Moody is found inside Crouch Jr . ' s enchanted trunk and rescued . Harry is then declared the winner of the Triwizard Tournament and given his winnings .

Many people , including Fudge , do not believe Harry and Dumbledore about Voldemort 's return , and as Fudge has the Dementor 's Kiss performed , Crouch Jr. is unable to give testimony . Hermione discovers Rita Skeeter is an unregistered Animagus , who can take the form of a beetle , and blackmails her to force her to stop writing her libellous stories . Not wanting his tournament winnings , Harry gives them to Fred and George to start their joke shop and returns home with the Dursleys .

= = Development = =

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire is the fourth book in the Harry Potter series . The first , Harry Potter and the Philosopher 's Stone , was published by Bloomsbury on 26 June 1997 ; the second , Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets , was published on 2 July 1998 ; and the third , Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban , followed on 8 July 1999 . Goblet of Fire is considerably longer than the first three ; almost twice the size (the paperback edition was 636 pages) . Rowling stated that she " knew from the beginning it would be the biggest of the first four " . She said there needed to be a " proper run @-@ up " for the conclusion and rushing the " complex plot " could confuse readers . She also stated that " everything is on a bigger scale " which was symbolic , as Harry 's horizons widened both literally and metaphorically as he grew up . She also wanted to explore more of the magical world .

Until the official title 's announcement on 27 June 2000 , the book was called by its working title , ' Harry Potter IV . ' Previously , in April , the publisher had listed it as Harry Potter and the Doomspell Tournament . However , J. K. Rowling expressed her indecision about the title in an Entertainment Weekly interview . " I changed my mind twice on what [the title] was . The working title had got out ? Harry Potter and the Doomspell Tournament . Then I changed Doomspell to Triwizard Tournament . Then I was teetering between Goblet of Fire and Triwizard Tournament . In the end , I preferred Goblet of Fire because it 's got that kind of cup of destiny feel about it , which is the theme of the book . "

Rowling mentioned that she originally had a Weasley relative named Malfalda , who , according to Rowling , " was the daughter of the ' second cousin who 's a stockbroker ' mentioned in Philosopher 's Stone . This stockbroker had been very rude to Mr. and Mrs. Weasley in the past , but now he and his (Muggle) wife had inconveniently produced a witch , they came back to the Weasleys asking for their help in introducing her to wizarding society before she starts at Hogwarts " . Malfalda was supposed to be a Slytherin and who was to fill in the Rita Skeeter subplot , but eventually was removed as " there were obvious limitations to what an eleven year old closeted at school could discover " . Rowling considered Rita Skeeter to be " much more flexible " . Rowling also admitted that the fourth book was the most difficult to write at the time , because she noticed a giant plot hole halfway through writing . In particular , Rowling had trouble with the ninth chapter , " The Dark Mark " , which she rewrote 13 times .

= = Themes = =

Jeff Jensen , who interviewed Rowling for Entertainment Weekly in 2000 , pointed out that bigotry is a big theme in the Harry Potter novels and Goblet of Fire in particular . He mentioned how Voldemort and his followers are prejudiced against Muggles and how in Goblet of Fire Hermione forms a group to liberate Hogwarts ' house @-@ elves who have " been indentured servants so long they lack desire for anything else " . When asked why she explored this theme , Rowling replied ,

Because bigotry is probably the thing I detest most . All forms of intolerance , the whole idea of that which is different from me is necessarily evil . I really like to explore the idea that difference is equal and good . But there 's another idea that I like to explore , too . Oppressed groups are not , generally speaking , people who stand firmly together ? no , sadly , they kind of subdivide among themselves

and fight like hell . That 's human nature , so that 's what you see here . This world of wizards and witches , they 're already ostracized , and then within themselves , they 've formed a loathsome pecking order .

She also commented that she did not feel this was too " heavy " for children , as it was one of those things that " huge number of children at that age start to think about " .

= = Publication and reception = =

= = = UK / US release = = =

Goblet of Fire was the first book in the Harry Potter series to be released in the United States on the same date as the United Kingdom , on 8 July 2000 , strategically on a Saturday so children did not have to worry about school conflicting with buying the book . It had a combined first @-@ printing of over five million copies . It was given a record @-@ breaking print run of 3 @.@ 9 million . Three million copies of the book were sold over the first weekend in the US alone . FedEx dispatched more than 9 @,@ 000 trucks and 100 planes to fulfill book deliveries . The pressure in editing caused a mistake which shows Harry 's father emerging first from Voldemort 's wand ; however , as confirmed in Prisoner of Azkaban , James died first , so then Harry 's mother ought to have come out first . This was corrected in later editions .

= = = = Launch publicity = = = =

To publicise the book , a special train named Hogwarts Express was organised by Bloomsbury , and run from King 's Cross to Perth , carrying J.K. Rowling , a consignment of books for her to sign and sell , also representatives of Bloomsbury and the press . The book was launched on 8 July 2000 , on platform 1 at King 's Cross ? which had been given " Platform 9 3 ? 4 " signs for the occasion ? following which the train departed . En route it called at Didcot Railway Centre , Kidderminster , the Severn Valley Railway , Crewe (overnight stop) , Manchester , Bradford , York , the National Railway Museum (overnight stop) , Newcastle , Edinburgh , arriving at Perth on 11 July . The locomotive was West Country class steam locomotive no . 34027 Taw Valley , which was specially repainted red for the tour ; it later returned to its normal green livery (the repaints were requested and paid for by Bloomsbury) . The coaches of the train included a sleeping car . A Diesel locomotive was coupled at the other end , for use when reversals were necessary , such as the first stage of the journey as far as Ferme Park , just south of Hornsey . The tour generated considerably more press interest than the launch of the film Thomas and the Magic Railroad which was premièred in London the same weekend .

= = = Critical reception = = =

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire has received mostly positive reviews . In The New York Times Book Review , author Stephen King stated the Goblet of Fire was " every bit as good as Potters 1 through 3 " and praised the humour and subplots , although he commented that " there 's also a moderately tiresome amount of adolescent squabbling ... it 's a teenage thing " . Kirkus Reviews called it " another grand tale of magic and mystery ... and clicking along so smoothly that it seems shorter than it is " . However , they commented that it did tend to lag , especially at the end where two " bad guys " stopped the action to give extended explanations , and that the issues to be resolved in sequels would leave " many readers , particularly American ones , uncomfortable " . For The Horn Book Magazine , Martha V. Parravano gave a mixed review , saying " some will find [it] wide @-@ ranging , compellingly written , and absorbing ; others , long , rambling , and tortuously fraught with adverbs " . A Publishers Weekly review praised the book 's " red herrings , the artful clues and tricky surprises that disarm the most attentive audience " and saying it " might be her most thrilling yet . " Writing for The New Yorker , Joan Acocella noted that " where the prior volumes

moved like lightning , here the pace is slower , the energy more dispersed . At the same time , the tone becomes more grim . "

Kristin Lemmerman of CNN said that it is not great literature : ' Her prose has more in common with your typical beach @-@ blanket fare and the beginning contained too much recap to introduce characters to new readers , although Rowling quickly gets back on track , introducing readers to a host of well @-@ drawn new characters . ' Writing for Salon.com , Charles Taylor was generally positive about the change of mood and development of characters . Entertainment Weekly 's reviewer Kristen Baldwin gave Goblet of Fire the grade of A- , praising the development of the characters as well as the many themes presented . However , she did worry that a shocking climax may be a nightmare factory for young readers .

= = = Awards and honours = = =

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire won several awards , including the 2001 Hugo Award for Best Novel . It won the 2002 Indian Paintbrush Book Award , the third after Philosopher 's Stone and Prisoner of Azkaban . The novel also won an Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Platinum Award for one of the best books , who claimed it was " more intense than the first three books " . In addition , Entertainment Weekly listed Goblet of Fire in second place on their list of The New Classics : Books ? The 100 best reads from 1983 to 2008 .

= = Adaptations = =

= = = Film = = =

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire was adapted into a film , released worldwide on 18 November 2005 , which was directed by Mike Newell and written by Steve Kloves . The film grossed \$ 102 @.@ 7 million for the opening weekend , and eventually grossed \$ 896 million worldwide . The film was also nominated for Best Art Direction at the 78th Academy Awards .

= = = Video game = = =

It was also made into a video game for PC , PlayStation 2 , Nintendo DS , Nintendo GameCube , Xbox , Game Boy Advance , and PlayStation Portable by Electronic Arts . It was released just before the film .