

= Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix =

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix is the fifth novel in the Harry Potter series , written by J. K. Rowling . It follows Harry Potter 's struggles through his fifth year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry , including the surreptitious return of the antagonist Lord Voldemort , O.W.L. exams , and an obstructive Ministry of Magic . The novel was published on 21 June 2003 by Bloomsbury in the United Kingdom , Scholastic in the United States , and Raincoast in Canada . Five million copies were sold in the first 24 hours of publication . It is the longest book of the series .

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix has won several awards , including being named an American Library Association Best Book for Young Adults in 2003 . The book has also been made into a film , which was released in 2007 , and into a video game by Electronic Arts .

= = Plot = =

During another summer with his Aunt Petunia and Uncle Vernon , Harry Potter and Dudley are attacked by dementors . After using magic to save Dudley and himself , Harry is expelled from Hogwarts , but the decision is later rescinded . Harry is whisked off by a group of wizards to Number 12 , Grimmauld Place , the home of his godfather , Sirius Black . The house also serves as the headquarters of the Order of the Phoenix , of which Mr. and Mrs. Weasley , Remus Lupin , Mad @-@ Eye Moody , and Sirius are members . Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger explain that the Order of the Phoenix is a secret organisation led by Hogwarts headmaster Albus Dumbledore , dedicated to fighting Lord Voldemort and his followers , the Death Eaters . From the members of the Order , Harry and the others learn that Voldemort is seeking an object that he did not have prior to his first defeat , and assume this object to be a weapon of some sort . Harry learns that the Ministry of Magic , led by Cornelius Fudge , is refusing to acknowledge Voldemort 's return because of the trouble that doing so would cause , and has been running a smear campaign against him and Dumbledore .

At Hogwarts , Harry learns that Dolores Umbridge , a senior employee under the Minister of Magic , Cornelius Fudge , will be the new Defence Against the Dark Arts teacher . Umbridge and Harry clash , as she , like Fudge , refuses to believe that Voldemort has returned . She punishes Harry for his rebellious outbursts by having him write " I must not tell lies " with a cursed quill that carves the phrase into his skin . She also refuses to teach her students how to perform defensive spells , prompting Harry , Ron and Hermione to form their own Defence Against the Dark Arts group ( with students from Gryffindor , Ravenclaw and Hufflepuff ) , which they call Dumbledore 's Army . Many students sign up , including Neville Longbottom , Fred and George Weasley , Ginny Weasley and Luna Lovegood . The club meets in the Room of Requirement to learn and practise Defence spells under Harry 's instruction .

Meanwhile , Rubeus Hagrid has not yet returned from the secret mission given to him by Dumbledore at the end of the previous book , and is absent for the first part of the school year . Upon his return , Harry , Ron , and Hermione learn that his mission , which was mostly unsuccessful , was to seek out the last giants to stop them from joining Lord Voldemort . Dolores Umbridge has been steadily amassing more and more power and influence at the school , and as she begins regularly inspecting Hagrid 's Care of Magical Creatures lessons , it is clear that she intends to get rid of him .

One night , Harry has a vision through the eyes of Voldemort 's snake Nagini , possessed by Voldemort , attacking Ron 's father Arthur Weasley . Harry informs Professor McGonagall and Dumbledore , and Mr. Weasley is rescued . Dumbledore arranges for Harry to take Occlumency lessons with Professor Snape to protect his mind against further invasions by Voldemort .

Umbridge finally sacks Professor Trelawney , the Divination teacher ; However , she is outraged when Professor Dumbledore undermines her power by allowing Trelawney to continue living at the school , and hires Firenze , a centaur , to take her place , in spite of Umbridge 's prejudice against part @-@ humans . Soon after , Umbridge is given a tip @-@ off about Dumbledore 's Army by Marietta Edgecomb , who in doing so unwittingly activates a curse set by Hermione which disfigures

her face . When Dumbledore takes responsibility for the illegal organisation , he is forced to leave the school and go into hiding . Dolores Umbridge becomes headmistress , and Fred and George cause pandemonium around the school in revenge .

During one Occlumency lesson , Snape is called away and Harry , left alone , looks into Snape 's pensieve , viewing a memory of his time as a student at Hogwarts . Harry sees his father , James Potter , and Sirius bullying Snape . Snape catches Harry and , enraged , refuses to continue the lessons . Distraught , Harry talks to Sirius and Lupin by using Floo powder through the fireplace in Umbridge 's own office , under cover of a distraction by Fred and George . The twins then leave Hogwarts to start a joke @-@ shop in Diagon Alley .

Suspecting that he will be next teacher to be sacked by Umbridge , Hagrid confesses to Harry , Ron and Hermione that he has brought his giant half @-@ brother , Grawp , to Hogwarts , and hidden him in the Forbidden Forest , with the intention of eventually introducing him to human society . Hagrid asks the three of them to look after Grawp if he himself must leave the school . Sure enough , Umbridge leads a party of Aurors to attack Hagrid in his house one night . Hagrid overpowers them and flees the school . McGonagall , trying to disrupt the violence , is badly injured and is put in St. Mungo 's Hospital .

On the last day of OWL tests , Harry has a vision of Sirius being tortured by Voldemort in the Department of Mysteries . He tries again to illegally use Umbridge 's office fire to communicate with the Order of the Phoenix 's headquarters to make sure the vision was genuine , and is told by Kreacher the house @-@ elf that Sirius is indeed at the Ministry , before Umbridge catches Harry and his friends in the act . Snape is summoned to provide Veritaserum in order to question Harry , but he claims to have no further stocks of the potion left . Remembering that Snape is also a member of the Order of the Phoenix , Harry gives him a cryptic warning about Sirius 's fate , but Snape claims to have not understood it .

Umbridge decides to use the illegal Cruciatus Curse on Harry to interrogate him on Sirius 's whereabouts . She also reveals she herself ordered the dementor attack on him , intending to have him either silenced or discredited . Hermione intervenes and in order to create a distraction , convinces Umbridge that they are hiding a weapon of Dumbledore 's in the Forbidden Forest . Harry and Hermione lead her into an area of the forest inhabited by centaurs , where Umbridge provokes them into taking her captive . The centaurs are furious upon learning that Hermione used them to do her bidding and turn on the pair , but Grawp arrives and clashes with the centaurs , allowing Harry and Hermione to escape .

Luna , Ron , Ginny , and Neville join them in the forest and all six fly to the Ministry on thestrals , expecting to find and rescue Sirius . Once in the Department of Mysteries , Harry realises that his vision was falsely planted by Voldemort ; however , he finds a glass sphere that bears his and the Dark Lord 's names . Death Eaters led by Lucius Malfoy attack in order to capture the sphere , which is a recording of a prophecy concerning Harry and Lord Voldemort , which is revealed to be the object Voldemort has been trying to obtain for the whole year , the Dark Lord believing that there was something he missed when he first heard the prophecy . Lucius explains that only the subjects of the prophecies , in this case Harry or Voldemort , can safely remove them from the shelves . Harry and his friends , soon joined by members of the Order , enter a battle with the Death Eaters . Amidst the chaos , Bellatrix Lestrange kills Sirius and Harry faces Voldemort . Voldemort attempts to kill Harry , but Dumbledore prevents him and climactically fights the Dark Lord to a stalemate . In the midst of the duel , Voldemort unsuccessfully tries to possess Harry in an attempt to get Dumbledore to kill the boy . Dumbledore does not do so and Voldemort escapes just as Cornelius Fudge appears , finally faced with first @-@ hand evidence that Voldemort has truly returned .

In his office , Dumbledore explains that Snape had understood Harry 's cryptic warning , and had subsequently contacted Sirius , learning that he was still at Grimmauld Place . After Harry failed to return from the Forbidden Forest , Snape deduced that he had gone to the Department of Mysteries and alerted the Order of the Phoenix , allowing them to travel there and save Harry and his friends . It is revealed that during the Christmas holidays , Kreacher had interpreted a command of Sirius 's as an order to leave the house , and went to Narcissa Malfoy , the wife of Lucius , and told them about Harry and Sirius 's close relationship ; Voldemort subsequently realised that he could lure

Harry to the Department of Mysteries by tricking him into thinking that Sirius was in danger there .

Dumbledore then explains the prophecy : Before Harry was born , Professor Trelawney predicted that a boy with the power to defeat Voldemort would be born , would be marked as an equal by Voldemort and have power unknown to him , and that one of the pair must kill the other , for " neither can live while the other survives " . Voldemort learnt of the first part of the prophecy , and subsequently tried to murder Harry in the belief that he could prevent it from coming true , unaware that he would grant Harry power by doing so . Dumbledore tells Harry that he must stay with the Dursleys for one last summer because by taking Harry into her home , his Aunt Petunia , Lily 's sister , seals the protection that Harry 's mother afforded him when she died ; as long as he is there , he is safe from Voldemort and his followers .

Harry comes to terms with the responsibility of the prophecy , but mourns for the loss of his godfather . Luna comforts him , telling him about her and her father 's belief in heaven . Harry then finds an old hand @-@ held mirror in his dormitory that was a gift from Sirius . He realises that Sirius would not want him to be depressed on the matter , and resolves to continue fighting Voldemort still .

= = Publication and release = =

Potter fans waited three years between the releases of the fourth and fifth books . Before the release of the fifth book , 200 million copies of the first four books had already been sold and translated into 55 languages in 200 countries . As the series was already a global phenomenon , the book forged new pre @-@ order records , with thousands of people queuing outside book stores on 20 June 2003 to secure their copy at midnight . Despite the security , thousands of copies were stolen from an Earlestown , Merseyside warehouse on 15 June 2003 .

= = = Critical response = = =

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix was met with mostly positive reviews , and received several awards . The book was cited as an American Library Association Best Book for Young Adults and as an American Library Association Notable Book , both in 2004 . It also received the Oppenheim Toy Portfolio 2004 Gold Medal along with several other awards .

The novel was also well received by critics . Rowling was praised for her imagination by USA Today writer Deirdre Donahue . Most of the negative reviewers were concerned with the violence contained in the novel and with morality issues occurring throughout the book .

The New York Times writer John Leonard praised the novel , saying " The Order of the Phoenix starts slow , gathers speed and then skateboards , with somersaults , to its furious conclusion .... As Harry gets older , Rowling gets better . " However , he also criticises " the one @-@ note Draco Malfoy " and the predictable Lord Voldemort . Another review by Julie Smithouser , of the Christian @-@ right group Focus on the Family , said the book was , " Likely to be considered the weakest book in the series , Phoenix does feel less oppressive than the two most previous novels . " Smithouser 's main criticism was that the book was not moral . Harry lies to authority to escape punishment , and that , at times , the violence is too " gruesome and graphic . "

= = = Predecessors and sequels = = =

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix is the fifth book in the Harry Potter series . The first book in the series , Harry Potter and the Philosopher 's Stone was first published by Bloomsbury in 1997 with an initial print @-@ run of 500 copies in hardback , three hundred of which were distributed to libraries . By the end of 1997 , the UK edition won a National Book Award and a gold medal in the 9 to 11 year @-@ olds category of the Nestlé Smarties Book Prize . The second novel , Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets , was published in the UK on 2 July 1998 . Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban was published a year later in the UK on 8 July 1999 and in the US on 8 September 1999 . Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire was published on 8 July 2000 simultaneously

by Bloomsbury and Scholastic . Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix is the longest book from the series , yet the second shortest film at 2 hours and 18 minutes .

After the publishing of Order of the Phoenix , the sixth book of the series , Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince , was published on 16 July 2005 , and sold 9 million copies in the first 24 hours of its worldwide release . The seventh and final novel , Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows , was published 21 July 2007 . The book sold 11 million copies within 24 hours of its release : 2 @. @ 7 million copies in the UK and 8 @. @ 3 million in the US .

= = Adaptations = =

= = = Film = = =

In 2007 , Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix was released in a film version directed by David Yates and written by Michael Goldenberg . The film was produced by David Heyman 's company , Heyday Films , alongside David Barron . The budget was reportedly between £ 75 and 100 million ( US \$ 150 ? 200 million ) , and it became the unadjusted eleventh @-@ highest grossing film of all time , and a critical and commercial success . The film opened to a worldwide 5 @-@ day opening of \$ 333 million , third all @-@ time , and grossed \$ 938 @. @ 4 million in total , second to Pirates of the Caribbean : At World 's End for the greatest total of 2007 .

= = = Video games = = =

A video game adaptation of the book and film versions of Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix was made for Microsoft Windows , PlayStation 2 , PlayStation 3 , Xbox 360 , PSP , Nintendo DS , Wii , Game Boy Advance and Mac OS X. It was released on 25 June 2007 in the U.S. , 28 June 2007 in Australia and 29 June 2007 in the UK and Europe for PlayStation 3 , PSP , PlayStation 2 , Windows and 3 July 2007 for most other platforms . The games were published by Electronic Arts . The book is also depicted in the 2011 video game Lego Harry Potter : Years 5 ? 7 .

= = Translations = =

The first official foreign translation of the book appeared in Vietnamese on 21 July 2003 , when the first of twenty @-@ two instalments was released . The first official European translation appeared in Serbia and Montenegro in Serbian , by the official publisher Narodna Knjiga , in early September 2003 . Other translations appeared later ( e.g. in November 2003 in Dutch and German ) . The English @-@ language version has topped the best @-@ seller list in France , while in Germany and the Netherlands an unofficial distributed translation process has been started on the Internet .