Reading Between the Lines

ANSWER: LETOFF

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Each answer for the meta clues heavily at a specific book series. The puzzler is supposed to find the two books in the series that match the "book ends" (last 3 letters of first book, first 3 letters of a later book), and realize there is one book in between each of the book pairs given. Indexing into this middle book gives a new book pair, BAN and ORD, which should be recognized as the iconic harry potter series. Finding the last central book, the gobLETOFFire, and stripping the bookends gives the answer, LETOFF

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PSE - LIF = (eliPSE - BREAKING DAWN - LIFe and death) - 1st => B

MES - MOC = (hunger gaMES - CATCHING FIRE - MOCkingjay) - 2nd => A

EAD - CHI = (speaker for the dEAD - XENOCIDE - CHIldren of the mind) - 3rd => N

NES - AST = (game of thrones - Clash of Kings - A storm of swords) - 4th => O

IME - ASW = (a wrinkle in time - A wind in the door - A swiftly tilting planet) - 14th => R

AXY - LIF = (hitchikers guide to the galaxy - THE RESTAURANT AT THE END of THE UNIVERSE - LIFe, the universe and everything) - 21st => D
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