

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Study Guide

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Plot Summary

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows is the seventh and last in the Harry Potter series. This novel follows Harry Potter and his two closest friends, Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger on their quest to destroy the evil Lord Voldemort.

During the first six books, Harry and his friends have gathered knowledge of magic in their years at Hogwarts, the school for wizards. Now they are in their last year at Hogwarts and are not planning on returning. They are opting, instead, to go in search of the Horcruxes of Lord Voldemort. Horcruxes each contain some power of Voldemort, and the three believe that by finding and destroying these, they will be able to destroy Voldemort.

During this novel, Voldemort takes over the Ministry of Magic and begins his returned reign over the magical world. Evil prisoners of Azkaban, the prison for wizards, are released and replaced by those who resist Voldemort, and those who aren't pure bloods (not both parents are known wizards). Death Eaters, or followers of Voldemort are given power to do as they wish. Muggles, or those who are not wizards, are tortured and killed for the fun of it, and those who interfere are punished. People are confounded (have their minds magically controlled) into performing the will of the Death Eaters. Dementors, evil creatures typically used only to guard prisoners, are allowed into everyday areas of civilization. Life in general is depressing and scary.

Harry Potter and his friends, Hermione and Ron, end up in hiding during most of their quest. Because Voldemort is aware that Harry has a certain power when facing him that no other has, Voldemort is threatened by Harry and has made Harry the number one undesirable, or the most wanted person. Voldemort also learns of the Elder Wand, which is the most powerful wand in existence. He goes in search of this powerful wand in order to ensure victory against Harry in their next encounter.

Harry faces many obstacles in his quest. He loses his broom during his first encounter with Death Eaters and Voldemort. During his second encounter with Voldemort, Hermione breaks Harry's wand. He and his friends face the challenge of finding all the Horcruxes and finding a way of destroying those Horcruxes.

Harry has a tie with Voldemort that is unique only to him. He is the "boy who lived," the only one to ever survive the killing curse, sent from Voldemort, which happened when he was an infant. It is later revealed to Harry by Dumbledore that when Voldemort cast the spell to kill Harry, it backfired, and they have a part of each other within themselves. This is why Harry can hear Voldemort's thoughts. Dumbledore reveals that the only way for Voldemort to die is for all the horcruxes to be destroyed, and then for Harry to be destroyed by Voldemort. Although Harry follows this advice, he does not die. He and his friends destroy all the horcruxes, and then he and Voldemort duel.

Voldemort has obtained the Elder Wand, but does not fully understand the art of wands. A wand chooses its master, and when its master is overpowered, it changes its alliance.



Although Voldemort possesses the Elder Wand, due to a previous chain of events, Harry is master of the Elder Wand. In the end, when Voldemort casts the spell to kill Harry, the spell rebounds and kills Voldemort instead.



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The next chapter begins with Harry going through his belongings. He will be leaving Privet Drive soon, where he has stayed during summers with his unloving aunt, uncle, and cousin. The protective charm that keeps Harry safe will break either when he turns seventeen, or when he leaves his uncle's house for good, whichever comes first. Harry packs his owl, his broom, his wand, part of an enchanted mirror, the Marauder's Map (a map of Hogwarts showing the location of every person physically present at Hogwarts), and a few other possessions to take with him.

Harry spends the next day reading articles written about his previous headmaster and hero, Albus Dumbledore. He is disturbed by what he reads. He has always felt he knew his headmaster well, but what he reads leads him to believe that he did not know him as well as he imagined. This leaves Harry feeling confused and angry. One thing that Harry did not know about Albus Dumbledore is that he had a little sister who died. Albus and his Mother always claimed that she was ill, but now people think that she may have been a squib, and that is why they hid her away. A squib is a derogatory word for a person of wizard lineage who has no magical powers. After the death of Dumbledore's mother, his sister died at a point in time when Albus was friends with Grindelwald, the evil wizard that Dumbledore was famous for defeating in a duel. The stories and speculations trouble Harry.



Chapter One, The Dark Lord Ascending - Two, In Memoriam Analysis

At this point in the book, the reader is lead to believe that Professor Snape is a Death Eater. A Death Eater is a follower of Lord Voldemort. In the previous book, Harry Potter sees Snape push Professor Dumbledore, the head master of Hogwarts, and the man that Harry most looks up to, off a roof. What Harry and the reader do not know at this point, is that Dumbledore told him to do it.

The Order is the "Order of the Phoenix." It is a society of wizards who choose to fight Lord Voldemort and the Dark Arts. The Ministry of Magic is the place where the use of magic is monitored and controlled. According to Snape, the Order has learned that the Ministry of Magic has been infiltrated by Death Eaters, although some of the Order works there as well. Since the Floo Network and Apparation are magical forms of transportation monitored by the Ministry of Magic, Harry Potter won't be using either modes of transportation. Apparation is used by thinking of a place where one wants to be and then magically appearing there. The Floo Network works by using floo powder to travel from one fireplace to another.



Chapter Three, The Dursleys Departing - Chapter Four, The Seven Potters

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Harry has had a protective charm around him throughout his life. The charm will be broken soon, and Harry will be killed by Lord Voldemort if he remains at Privet Drive. Since Voldemort knows that the charm will break on Harry's seventeenth birthday, it is decided that Harry should break the charm early fool Voldemort and the Death Eaters and keep them from knowing exactly when to attack. Harry has convinced his uncle that he and his family will also be in danger if they stay at Privet Dive. Reluctantly, they let two wizards come to escort them to safety.

Many of Harry's loyal friends arrive on brooms, skeletal winged horses called thestral, and one flying motorcycle with sidecar. Harry's friends announce that in order to throw the Death Eaters off Harry's trail, some of Harry's friends are going to drink Polyjuice Potion. Polyjuice Potion is activated when someone's hair is dropped into the liquid. When another person drinks it, he or she becomes the double, for a limited time, of the person whose hair is in the potion. Harry protests this plan, but his friends won't listen.

Harry's friends determine that since it is widely known how well Harry rides a broom, the Death Eaters will most likely think that one of the Harrys on a broom is the real one, so Harry is to ride in the sidecar of Hagrid's motorcycle. It is also noted that the guardians are in the most danger, as the Death Eaters are under strict instructions that Voldemort wants to kill Harry himself. The guardians, therefore, are the older, more experienced wizards - Kingsley, Mad-Eye Moody, Hagrid (who is not a great wizard, but is older), Bill, Mr. Weasley, Tonks, Lupin, and the Harry impersonators are the younger wizards - Ron, Hermione, Fred, George, Fleur, and Mundungus, who is the only one present against his will.

Each of the seven impersonators, with their respective guardian, will be flying to a different safe-house. From there, they go to the Burrow, where the Weasley's live. Once everyone is set to go, Harry grabs his owl, his broom, his wand, and his rucksack with his few possessions and crams them into the sidecar with him. Hagrid tells Harry that Mr. Weasley has added a few special features to the motorcycle, just in case. As soon as the group has risen into the air, they are met by at least thirty hooded figures. The Death Eaters immediately attack, and all speed away, fighting back. Almost immediately, the motorcycle is tipped over and Harry loses his broom. Then, a curse just misses Harry, but hits Hedwig, his pet owl.

Soon, Harry and Hagrid lose sight of the other Order members, and Hagrid gets the chance to try out the gadgets that Mr. Weasley has installed. They lose one Death Eater by the punch of a button that shoots a brick wall out of the tail pipe. There is also a



button that shoots a net out of the tail pipe. The third button is a type of turbo that accelerates the bike rapidly while shooting dragon flames out of the exhaust. This proves to be more than the bike and sidecar can take, and the metal begins to break. Hagrid's attempt to magically repair the bike makes the situation worse, and the sidecar comes completely apart from the bike. Harry uses his wand to keep the sidecar in the air, but can not keep it going. Curses are streaking by him. Harry fights the attacking Death Eaters as the sidecar begins to fall. Hagrid makes it back to the plummeting sidecar and plucks Harry onto the back of the bike. As Harry is fighting, he sends stunning spells, even though the Death Eaters are sending killing curses. Then Harry sends the "Expelliarmus" spell. This is what a wizard uses if they don't wish to hurt the other wizard, but wish to disarm him to take his wand.

A Death Eater begins to shout that this is the real Harry, and the Death Eaters leave. Harry's scar starts burning as it always does when Voldemort is near, or when he can see inside Voldemort's mind. The Death Eaters are soon back with Voldemort, who can fly without a broom or other object to hold him. Hagrid sends the motorcycle into a nosedive. Then Hagrid spots a Death Eater about to send another curse at Harry. Hagrid leaps off the bike and onto the Death Eater. They both fall through the sky.

Voldemort yells out to let the Death Eaters know that he wants to be the one to kill Harry. Before Voldemort's curse can be executed, Harry's wand begins to act of its own accord. It sends a curse to Voldemort that makes him scream and take a moment's pause. Harry, calling out to Hagrid, pushes the acceleration button again, and then Voldemort is even with him again. Voldemort vanishes; Harry and the reader will later find out, it is due to the protective barriers placed around the safe house that Harry is heading toward. He crashes into a pond and sees Hagrid on the ground nearby.

Chapter Three, The Dursleys Departing - Chapter Four, The Seven Potters Analysis

Underage wizards, those under seventeen years old, are not allowed to perform magic outside Hogwarts.

Voldemort had decided that the reason that he had not beaten Harry in a previous encounter was because their wands have twin cores. This is why he took Lucius Malfoy's wand. This wand does not work for him any better. Previous books have explained that the wand picks the wizard, not the other way around. The reader will later learn that although a wand will give its allegiance to any who overpowers its owner, merely possessing, or borrowing is not enough to gain that allegiance. The wand probably held more power for Malfoy than for Voldemort for this reason.

The Death Eater recognizes Harry because he uses a disarming curse when anyone else would have been aiming to kill. Harry is well known for using this curse in dangerous situations. He does not want to kill. He knows that some of the Death Eaters have been confounded and don't know what they are doing.



The fact that Voldemort can fly unassisted is noteworthy because no one else can. It would suggest that he knows magic that no other wizard knows. Because Voldemort's killing curse aimed at Harry when Harry was an infant rebounded, he is known as "the boy who lived." Harry has now lived through multiple attacks from Voldemort. He is not unscathed - he has lost a tooth and gotten broken bones, but the fact remains that he has lived.



Chapter Five, Fallen Warrior

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After the crash, Harry tries to wake the unresponsive Hagrid. He does not manage to do so before he loses consciousness himself. Tonk's parents find the pair and bring them inside. They begin magically repairing their wounds and regrow Harry's tooth.

Harry wakes and finds that Hagrid is going to be fine. Harry tells Ted, Tonk's father, that the Death Eaters knew he was being transported that night. Time is limited, and Harry and Hagrid take their leave via a Portkey in the form of a hairbrush. It takes them to the Burrow, where Mrs. Weasley, Ron's mother, and Ginny, Ron's little sister and Harry's girlfriend, inform them that they are the only ones to have made it back so far. The others should have been back long ago. Ron, Tonks, Mr. Weasley (Ron's father), and Fred (Ron's brother) missed their passages home. Lupin and George arrive after that, but George is unconscious and Snape has cursed off one of his ears. Lupin drags Harry away and asks him a question that only Harry would know. He does this to make sure that no one else is impersonating Harry. Harry discusses with the others how he was discovered. Lupin tells him not to let "expelliarmus" become his signature move, even though it saved him from Voldemort in the past. The time for disarming people has passed. Harry does not agree. He does not wish to kill.

Kingsley and Hermione arrive next. Kingsley, too, begins checking to see if any are impersonators. He, also, is sure that someone in the group betrayed them. Fred and Mr. Weasley arrive next, then Ron and Tonks, who had been attacked by Bellatrix. Fleur and Bill, the oldest of the Weasleys' sons, arrive next. Bill announces that Mad-Eye Moody is dead. He was killed by Voldemort just after Mundungous disappeared. No one believes that Harry's wand performed magic on its own. Harry's scar starts to hurt, and he sees that Voldemort is angry. He is yelling at Ollivander. Ollivander is a wand maker who had told Voldemort to use another wizard's wand to overcome the connection between Harry and Voldemort's wand. Harry sees Voldemort magically torturing Ollivander, and then the connection is over. Harry tells Ron and Hermione about the vision. Hermione chides Harry. Dumbledore had told him to close the connection between their minds.

Chapter Five, Fallen Warrior Analysis

Many households are split in their allegiances. Tonks' family is one of them. Tonks' aunt is Beatrix. She worships Voldemort and is probably his most faithful follower. The fact that her sister's family is in the order embarrasses her. Worst of all is that Tonks has married Lupin, a half-werewolf. When Harry first encounters Tonks' mother, he mistakes her for Beatrix, offending her.

Even though the group cares about each other, they know that the Death Eaters knew about the move, and only those inside the Order should have known. This makes them suspicious.



Chapter Six, The Ghoul in Pajamas

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Harry, Ron, and Hermione begin planning their quest, which will begin after the wedding of Bill, Ron's older brother, and Fleur. Harry, Ron, and Hermione are dropping out of Hogwarts to look for Horcruxes. Dumbledore has left Harry strict instructions that no one except Ron and Hermione can know what Harry is doing. Ron's mother cannot accept this. She does not want them dropping out of school. She is unable to get the secret out of them, so she constantly tries to find ways to keep the three separated so they are unable to plan anything.

Harry, Ron, and Hermione do find a little time to plan. Harry tries to talk them out of coming with him, but they assure him they know what they are doing. Ron has dressed their house ghoul in his pajamas made him red hair, and put pustules all over him. When they leave, his parents are going to tell everyone that he has spattergroit, a highly contagious illness. This will hopefully keep people from thinking that Ron is with Harry, and keep his family out of danger. Hermione's parents are going into hiding, and hopefully people will think she is with them, keeping her parents safe.

The trio try to agree where they should go when they leave the Burrow. Harry wants to go to Godric's Hollow, where his childhood home and parents' graves are. Hermione, however, feels that Voldemort will be ready for this. The three know that one Horcrux is a locket that was stolen by someone with the initials R.A.B. They know that this individual tried to destroy it, but are not sure if he accomplished it. A Horcrux is destroyed either by magical fire, which is not presently taught in school, or by stabbing it with a basilisk fang, or something as destructive, which are rare. There is only one antidote for basilisk fang - phoenix tears, which are very rare. Now the three face as great a challenge in destroying as in finding and identifying the objects.

Chapter Six, The Ghoul in Pajamas Analysis

Throughout the years, Voldemort has been making Horcruxes. These are objects which could come in any form that contain a part of him. If you don't destroy all these objects, you can not destroy him. Dumbledore has already destroyed one, a ring from the Gaunt Shack. Horcruxes are considered dark magic and are not taught. Hermione has researched Horocruxes and found that the only way to put your soul back together after you have made them, is to feel remorse for what you have done.



Chapter Seven, The Will of Albus Dumbledore

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This chapter begins with Harry looking into Voldemort's mind. Voldemort is searching for someone that he desperately wants to find. The person is Gregorovitch, whom Voldemort believes can solve his problems. The name sounds familiar to Harry, but he does not remember why. It's Harry's birthday. He is now of age, so the trace on him has been lifted. Mrs. Weasley holds a dinner for Harry's birthday. During the dinner, the Minister of Magic, Rufus Scrimgeour, makes an appearance. He needs to talk to Harry, Ron, and Hermione, who were of a very few named with personal bequests in Albus Dumbledore's will, and the only students. The Ministry has delayed telling the three about the will to look over the possessions. The ministry is required to turn over all bequests within an allotted time period, unless they can prove them dangerous. The time period is up.

Dumbledore leaves Ron a Deluminator, which is used to put in and take light out of a place. To Hermione, he leaves a children's book, "The Tales of Beedle the Bard." To Harry, he leaves the Snitch that he caught in his first Quidditch game. Scrimgeour suspects that the Snitch holds a small object inside. A Snitch is not touched before a game. When it is first touched, it remembers that touch. Scrimgeour suspects that the Snitch will open for Harry alone. He makes Harry take it, but it does not open. Dumbledore also leaves Harry the Sword of Gryffindor, but Scrimgeour does not give it to him. He says that it is a historical artifact, and thus, not Dumbledore's to give.

Because of the sword, Harry, Hermione, and Ron end up in a heated argument with Scrimgeour, who burns a hole in Harry's shirt with his wand. When interrupted by Ron's parents, Scrimgeour tells Harry they should be on the same side. Harry tells him that he doesn't like his methods, and shows him his scar that says "I must not tell lies," which Scrimgeour has put there. Scrimgeour leaves, and the birthday party breaks up early. Once alone, Harry reminds Ron and Hermione that he did not catch that snitch with his hands. He caught it in his mouth and nearly swallowed it. He puts it in his mouth and a message appears momentarily. It says "I open at the close."

Chapter Seven, The Will of Albus Dumbledore Analysis

None of the bequests that Dumbledore has left make sense at this point, but they do later on. Hermione's book is a popular children's tale about Hallows, or objects to control death. There are three: a powerful wand, the resurrection stone, and the



invisibility cape. Harry already has the cape; the stone is in the Snitch, and the wand is what Voldemort is searching for. Harry and Hermione do not know any children wizard stories as they were raised by Muggles. The book is written at least partially in runes, which the other two do not know how to read. Dumbledore has written a symbol for the Hallows in the book. The sword of Gryffindor that the Ministry has confiscated is a fake, and Dumbledore knew it. He also knew that it would be confiscated. He was trying to tip off the three that the real sword could be used to destroy Horcruxes when found.



Chapter Eight, The Wedding

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Harry is in disguise using Polyjuice for the wedding so no one will recognize him and tip the Death Eaters off as to his whereabouts. The wedding is a large, fancy production. At the wedding, Viktor Krum, a famous Quidditch player, sees Xenophilius Lovegood, a local newspaper owner, and gets very upset. There is a symbol that Lovegood is wearing that Krum tells Harry is Grindelwald's sign. While talking to Krum, Harry remembers that Gregorovitch is the wand maker who made Krum's wand. Krum tells Harry that Gregorovitch is retired.

Rita Skeeter has written a very unflattering book about Dumbledore. This is the source that tells about Dumbledore's little sister, as well as his involvement with Grindelwald. Ron's tactless Auntie Muriel is sure that Skeeter is correct in her speculation. Muriel claims that Alberforth, Albus' brother, broke Albus' nose during the funeral, while shouting that their sister's death was Albus' fault. Doge knows this part is true. Muriel also confides that she thinks that Skeeter's source was Bathilda Bagnot, who wrote "A History of Magic," and was Albus' old friend.

During the reception, a Patronus is sent to the wedding by Kingsley Shacklebolt to tell them that "The Ministry has fallen. Scrimgeour is dead. They are coming."

Chapter Eight, The Wedding Analysis

The symbol that Krum says is Grindelwald's sign, the reader will later find out is the sign for the Deathly Hallows. Krum believes it to be Grindelwald's sign because Grindelwald was obsessed with the Hallows when he was alive.

Harry believes that Voldemort is searching for Gregorovitch to gain knowledge of wandcraft. He will later learn that Voldemort is in search of the Elder Wand, one of the three Deathly Hallows, and the most powerful wand ever made.

The fact that the Ministry has fallen, means that Voldemort is now officially in charge. Those who oppose him will be in danger of losing their lives. Those who aren't "pure blood," will also be in danger. Harry Potter and any who support Harry will be in the most danger.



Chapter Nine, A Place to Hide

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Upon hearing the news that the ministry has fallen, the crowd at the wedding panics. Everyone is looking for loved ones and most are disappereating. The protective barriers that were placed around the Burrow for Harry's protection have broken. Death Eaters are everywhere. Ron, Harry, and Hermione find each and apperate into a busy Muggle street. Ron and Hermione are happily surprised to find that Hermione has packed early just in case. She used a spell to make an "Undetectable Extension Charm" to attach to her purse and has packed an amazing amount of stuff in what looks like a very small handbag. They find a dark alley and change out of their wedding clothes under the protection of Harry's invisibility cloak.

The trio sit down in an empty diner to discuss their plans. Harry continues to wear the Invisibility cloak, since the Death Eaters are looking him specifically. While there, they are confronted with two Death Eaters who attack. They stun one, as well as a waitress, by accident. The other is turned into a statue. They wipe clean the memories of the two Death Eaters and waitress and fix the half-destroyed diner, then reverse the stunning and statue spells. They then leave and apperate to Grimmauld Place. They soon get a Patronus from Mr. Weasley that says "Family safe, do not reply, we are being watched."

Harry's scar soon begins to hurt terribly. He can feel Voldemort's rage. Voldemort is forcing Draco Malfoy, a boy Harry's age, to torture one of the Death Eaters from the diner. He is angry at the Death Eater for letting Harry escape. Voldemort is planning to feed the Death Eater to Nagini.

Chapter Nine, A Place to Hide Analysis

Harry, Ron, and Hermione are trying to understand how the Death Eaters found them. They come to the conclusion that perhaps the trace on Harry hasn't been lifted after all. If that is the case, then the ministry will know where Harry is any time he uses magic. They will later find out that this is not the case. They will later find that it was because they used Voldemort's name.

Grimmauld Place was left to Harry by his Godfather when he died. This house was used as the meeting place for the order until recently. The house is not visible to most. Only secret keepers, or those who have been told about the house can find it. Harry became a secret keeper when Dumbledore told him about it. It is no longer considered safe because Snape is now perceived as a Death Eater, and it is harder to trust anyone.



Chapter Ten, Kreacher's Tale

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Harry finds a picture that has been ripped in half and the first page of a letter. In the half of the picture that is left, he sees himself at one year old, flying around on a toy broomstick, with the legs of his father chasing after him (pictures are more like movies in the wizard world). The page of the letter is from his mother to his Godfather. It tells him that Bathilda has been talking to her, and that she has incredible stories about Dumbledore, but she isn't sure how much to believe. It also says that Dumbledore borrowed the invisibility cloak that Harry's father left him.

Ron, Hermione, and Harry soon find the room of Regulus Arcturus Black. They are excited because the person who was last in possession of one of the Horocruxes, a locket, had these initials. They search the room, but find nothing. Harry suddenly remembers that there was a locket in the cabinet in the drawing room when he was in the house before. No one could open the locket, and they had thrown it away. He grasped on to the hope that maybe Kreacher, the house elf he inherited with the house, took it out of the trash, as he was known to do this. Harry asks Kreacher.

Kreacher says that his master at the time, Regulus, who had long been a Death Eater in Voldemort's first reign, tells Kreacher that Voldemort requires an elf. Voldemort uses Kreacher to test the locket's hiding place, assuming Kreacher will die. Voldemort fails to think about whether a lowly house elf could possibly have magic that he does not, and this is how Kreacher lives. He says simply that a "house-elf's highest law is his Master's bidding." Since his master told him to come home, he came home, as simple as that. Then Kreacher tells Regulus what had happened; Regulus tells Kreacher to stay hidden and not leave the house, and then has Kreacher take him to the lake. Once there, Regulus drinks the potion, switches the lockets for a fake, and sends the real one back with Kreacher. He tells Kreacher to destroy it. Kreacher tries, but is unable to do so. After Harry throws it away, he did take the locket from the trash, but it was then stolen from him by Mundungus Fletcher. Harry asks Kreacher to go find Mundungus, find out where the locket is, and bring Mundungus back. He gives the fake locket to Kreacher and wins him over as an ally.

Chapter Ten, Kreacher's Tale Analysis

Harry doesn't understand why Dumbledore would borrow an invisibility cloak. He knows that Dumbledore doesn't need a cloak to become invisible. He will later find out that it is simply to examine the cloak to find whether it is one of the Hallows. Harry will also find out that Snape is in possession of the other half of the picture and the second page of the letter.



House elves are treated poorly by most wizards. They are considered inferior, and therefore not worth treating well. Mud-bloods, werewolves, giants, and Muggles are also commonly seen this way. Harry's continued acceptance of these groups wins him a lot of allies, which will be helpful when the time comes to stand against Voldemort's army.



Chapter Eleven, The Bribe

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Kreacher does not return immediately. After two days, Death Eaters arrive outside the house, hoping to get a glimpse of the house or someone stepping out of it. Remus arrives on the third day, although he is able to come inside since he is a member of the order. He tells the three that Scrimgeour died protecting Harry's whereabouts. He brings news of current events and rumors. He also brings a copy of the "Daily Prophet." Harry is listed as wanted for questioning about the death of Dumbledore. The "Daily Prophet" also contains an article stating that Muggles with magic must have gotten it by theft or force. All Muggle-borns are to present themselves to the Ministry for an interview.

Remus announces that he is expecting a child. He is worried about how the child will be treated because the Ministry is now against werewolves, and he is half werewolf. He tells Harry that he would like to come with them because the child would be better off without a half-werewolf father. Harry becomes very angry at this. He tells Remus that the baby is already part werewolf, and that losing his father isn't going to help matters. He lets Remus know what a despicable and cowardly thing he thinks it is, to purposely leave your wife and child. Remus leaves angry.

After he leaves, Harry reads an extract of the book by Rita Skeeter in the paper that Remus left. It tells that Dumbledore's family moved to Godric's Hollow after his father went to Azkaban. It says that his mother used the move as a chance to hide his little sister.

Kreacher returns with the captured Mundungus. Mundungus tells them that a woman at the Ministry took the locket in return for not fining him for selling merchandise on the street. He doesn't know the name, but it is apparent that Harry knows who she is by the description that she looks like a toad.

Chapter Eleven, The Bribe Analysis

The general state of affairs is bad for anyone who isn't considered pure-blood. The interviews that they are conducting with Muggle-borns are not fair in the least. They are simply rounding them all up to ship them to Azkaban. Voldemort wants the world to be full of pure-bloods, and nothing else.

Harry knows what it is like to grow up without parents. He knows that his parents died protecting him. The fact that Remus would intentionally leave his pregnant wife hits a sore spot with Harry.



Chapter Twelve, Magic is Might

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As time moves on, more Death Eaters watch outside Grimmauld Place to try and catch a glimpse of Harry, but they see little of interest. One day, Harry comes into Grimmauld Place with a copy of the paper. It announces that Snape has been named Headmaster at Hogwarts. The mention of Hogwarts reminds Hermione of Phineas Nigellus. His portrait hangs in the headmaster's room as well as in Grimmauld Place. Phineas can go from portrait to portrait, so Hermione puts the portrait from Grimmauld Place into her handbag so that he can not see them and report this to Snape.

Everyday, Harry, Ron, and Hermione take turns looking for the lady who looks like a toad, but they have yet to see her. Most Ministry people use the Floo Network to get inside the Ministry, so it is doubtful that they will. They have been planning a way to get inside, hoping to get the HorocruX from the toad-like wizard. Harry decides to go ahead. The next morning, Harry, Ron and Hermione use Polyjuice to become duplicates of three different wizards who work in the ministry. In order to ensure that the real wizards do not show up to work, they make one sick, gave one a bad nosebleed, and stun one.

The ministry has changed the way that the Ministry workers enters the building. They now have to flush themselves down a magical toilet to enter. They do. Once there, Ron, who is impersonating a maintenance man, is put to work. Unfortunately, he finds out that the wife of the man he is impersonating, Mary Cattermole, is being tried today as an accused Muggle-born, and he should be with her, too. Yaxley tells Ron that if he doesn't make his office stop magically raining, his wife's blood status will be even more questionable. He does not know how to stop it, but runs to try.

Chapter Twelve, Magic is Might Analysis

"Magic is Might" is a Death Eater slogan. It basically suggests that witches and wizards should rule over muggles because they have the power to do so.

Hermione, Harry, and Ron know who Kreacher gave the locket that is a HorocruX to, by his description that she works at the Ministry and looks like a toad. The reader will later learn that the wizard is Delores Umbridge.

Being a wizard who was born into a Muggle family wasn't a crime in the past. Now, however, it is, because Voldemort and the Death Eaters are trying to create a pure race of wizards.



Chapter Thirteen, The Muggle-Born Registration Commission

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Harry and Hermione get on an elevator in which Delores Umbridge is riding. Delores takes Hermione to court to keep records for the interrogations for the Muggles. This means that Harry is left to look through the Ministry on his own. He finds Umbridge's office and searches it for the locket. While he is in there, he looks at Arthur Weasley's file. It confirms that all Arnold's movements are being tracked, because Harry has stayed with him in the past. Harry is now being referred to as "Undesirable No. 1." He also finds the book that Rita Skeeter wrote, "The Life and Lies of Albus Dumbledore." He does not find the locket, but he does take the magical eye of Mad-Eye Moody, which had been set in her door. He does not want Mad-Eye's eye being used in that way, and so he takes it. Once out of Umbridge's office, Harry gets on the elevator and meets Ron and Arthur Weasley. Ron is afraid that his father will recognize him, but he does not. He does give Ron some advice on how to make Yaxley's office stop raining before Ron gets off the elevator.

Arthur Weasley confronts Harry, who he thinks is a wizard named Runcorn, about turning in Muggle-borns. Harry, knowing this kind of talk will likely get him into trouble, warns him that his every move is being tracked. Once off the elevator, Harry puts on his invisibility cloak and goes to get Hermione. Outside the courtroom, Harry passes people in the hall who are being guarded by dementors, who are eyeless, but sense his presence. He gets to the court room to hear Mary Cattermole being called for interrogation. The Ministry has the room set up so that the person being interrogated is strapped to a chair. The dementors cast a sense of hopelessness and despair over those being interrogated. On the prosecution side sits Hermione, Umbridge, and Yaxley.

Harry quickly realizes that the trials are anything but fair. Harry hears Umbridge lying about where she got the locket. The lie outrages Harry who stuns Umbridge and Yaxley. Harry and Hermione take the locket, save Mary, and take all of the people waiting for interrogation with them. Harry tells them all to take their families and go into hiding. He knows that they will all be imprisoned or killed otherwise. Ron meets them and lets them know that the Ministry has found the eye missing and are going to close off the exits. Harry, Hermione, Ron, and those waiting to stand trial run to the exits. As they begin exiting, Yaxley appears and tries to stop them. They make it outside, but as they are disappearing, Yaxley manages to catch hold of Hermione and see Grimmauld Place, which makes him a secret keeper. This means that the house is no longer safe for them to return to. Hermione manages to shake Yaxley off, and takes Ron and Harry into the woods.



Chapter Thirteen, The Muggle-Born Registration Commission Analysis

The members of the order had searched for Moody's body after he was killed, but had not found it. They suspected that the Ministry may have mutilated his body, and the eye confirms that suspicion. Harry knows that taking the eye is going to alarm the Ministry that there are intruders, but he feels that it is the right thing to do.

Not being able to return to Grimmauld Place takes away the comfort and protection that Harry, Ron, and Hermione have enjoyed thus far. For the rest of the journey, they must continually strive to find food and make shelter.



Chapter Fourteen, The Thief - Chapter Fifteen, The Goblin's Revenge

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Ron has been hit in the attempt to leave the Ministry. Hermione repairs him as well as she can, and tells Ron and Harry what happened. They set up the tent that Hermione has packed, and Hermione casts as many protection spells as she knows around them. Harry begins wearing the HorocruX until they can find a way to destroy it. They agree to take turns being lookout while the others sleep. Harry takes the first turn and has a vision. Voldemort has found Gregorovitch. Gregorovitch tells Voldemort that he does not have what Voldemort is looking for anymore - that it was stolen long ago. Voldemort looks into his mind and sees that it was stolen by a young man with golden hair. Voldemort kills him. The connection ends.

Harry ventures into town the next morning to find food, since all they have had to eat is wild mushrooms. When he gets there, he encounters dementors. He is usually great at making a Patronus, but is unable to this time. They realize that wearing the HorocruX has negatively affected Harry. They decide to take turns wearing it. They discuss finding HorocruXes. They know that Dumbledore destroyed one HorocruX; one is Nagini the snake, and they have the locket. Harry thinks that Voldemort might have hidden one at Hogwarts, but Hermione and Ron don't believe so.

While they are in the forest, they hear people and goblins who are hiding in the forest near them. Hermione's charms keep the people and goblins from hearing or seeing Hermione, Ron, and Harry's camp. One of the goblins on the run, Griphook, says that the sword of Gryffindor was brought in by Snape to Gringotts, the wizarding bank that is manned by goblins. Griphook does not bother to tell him that the sword is a fake. Snape took the sword in after Ginny and some others attempted to steal it. They were punished cruelly, but are okay.

The hideouts discuss Harry Potter. Some feel that he is the real thing, but some of the others feel that he is a coward who is doing nothing but hiding. They also discuss Xeno Lovegood's paper. His is the only paper telling whole truths.

After the people and goblins leave, Hermione takes the portrait of Phineas Nigellus out of her bag. She calls him into the portrait and blindfolds him. He tells them that Ginny, Neville Longbottom, and Luna Lovegood were punished for attempting to steal the sword by sending them into the forbidden forest to work for Hagrid. Phineas also tells them that the last time he saw the sword taken out of its case was when Dumbledore used it to break open a ring.



Harry and Hermione are elated that they now know how to destroy the Horocruxes. The Sword of Gryffindor contains basilisk venom. Now they need to find out where Dumbledore hid the real one. It also explains why Dumbledore left Harry the sword. Harry is relieved about Ginny, Neville, and Luna's punishment. He feels that they would have had no problem with the forest, but Ron sees it differently.

Ron feels that Harry is not concerned about Ron's family. He also lets Harry know that he and Hermione are disappointed that Harry does not have more to go on. They argue, and Ron goes home. He is angry at Hermione for staying. He feels that she is choosing Harry over Ron.

Chapter Fourteen, The Thief - Chapter Fifteen, The Goblin's Revenge Analysis

Dumbledore has taught the three that they should call Voldemort by his name. When they first get to the woods, Ron asks them to please call him "You-Know-Who." Hermione and Harry don't like it, but they refrain from saying his name because Ron is weak from his injuries. Saying his name is how the Death Eaters find Harry Potter supporters, so Ron saved them from fighting capture or struggle here.

Harry is confused about the vision. He hasn't heard of the Elder Wand, yet. He is worried about the thief, but doesn't know who he is, but he looked familiar.

Harry has known that Ron and Hermione are disappointed, but he also feels hurt about this. He let them know everything up front, but he still didn't meet their expectations. Hermione feels like Ron, but doesn't want to give up.

The goblin, Griphook, is proud of the fact that he had his revenge before he left Gringott's. This revenge was enacted by failing to tell anyone that the Sword of Gryffindor was fake. It is very good for Harry that he did not do so. Snape needs for people to continue believing that the real Sword is in Gringotts, or people might get suspicious. Griphook has unwittingly helped Harry, although neither know that at this point.



Chapter Sixteen, Godric's Hollow, and Chapter Seventeen, Bathilda's Secret

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Harry and Hermione know that once they leave camp the next morning, it will be impossible for Ron to find them again because of the necessary enchantments. They later begin bringing out Nigellus' portrait regularly for conversation and glean knowledge of Hogwarts. Hermione agrees with Harry that they should go to Godric's Hollow. They decide to go there and visit Bathilda Bagshot. They use Polyjuice for disguises. They use some hair from muggles and apparate into Godric's Hollow. They visit the graveyard where they find a grave with the symbol of the Deathly Hallows on it. Hermione has found this symbol in the book that Dumbledore left her and wonders what it is. They leave the cemetery with someone following them. They put the invisibility cloak on and an old woman appears. She knows they are there even though they are invisible. The lady never speaks, but Hermione and Harry, thinking her to be Bathilda Bagshot, follow her to her house.

At the house, Harry sees a picture of the thief from his visions. Bathilda wants Harry to come upstairs with her, but won't let Hermione go. It is not until Harry is alone with the woman that Nagini sheds the body of Bathilda that he is wearing. He bites Harry. A struggle ensues. Hermione appears upstairs and joins in the fight against Nagini, who has summoned Voldemort. Harry and Hermione jump out of the window and apparate. Voldemort looks down and finds the picture of the thief for whom he is looking.

Hermione takes care of Harry while he is out. It is night before he awakes. She has made them camp, put Harry on his bed, attended to his snake-bite, and cut the HorocruX away from him when she realized that it was stuck. It has left a scar on his chest. Hermione decides that they should not wear it for a while and puts it in her bag. Harry realizes that the reason Nagini would not talk in front of Hermione is that he was talking in Parseltongue. Parseltongue is the language of snakes, which few understand. Voldemort and Harry do, but Hermione would have known that it wasn't Bathilda had she heard the language. Harry's wand has been broken in the struggle by Hermione. Harry knows that they can not generally be repaired and still work right. He borrows Hermione's wand while he keeps watch.

Chapter Sixteen, Godric's Hollow, and Chapter Seventeen, Bathilda's Secret Analysis

Signs that Bathilda was not herself were present from the start. The house was dirty and stank. She would not speak. She acted in an odd manner, but Harry remembered



that at the wedding, Aunt Muriel said that Bathilda was "gaga," so he dismisses these signs.

Harry knows that where he saw the thief before was in a picture in Rita Skeeter's book; the thief had his arm around Dumbledore. Harry does not know who he is, but will find out later that it is Grindlewald.

Wands pick their masters, not the other way around, so it is unlikely that Harry could ever get someone else's wand to work for him unless he takes it from them. With one wand maker dead and another imprisoned, it is also unlikely that he will be able to attain a new one anytime soon. This situation makes Harry feel helpless and defeated. It will be impossible to fight without a wand.



Chapter Eighteen, The Life and Lies of Albus Dumbledore - Chapter Nineteen, The Silver Doe

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Harry and Hermione decide to find a new camping area due to noises they hear. They make camp in a snowy forest. As Harry is on lookout and Hermione sleeps, Harry sees a bright silver light appear in the form of a doe. It walks away from him and Harry follows. The doe leads him to a frozen pool of water, where Harry sees the Sword of Gryffindor at the bottom. Harry, who is once again wearing the HorocruX, strips off his clothes, breaks the ice, and jumps in to get it. The locket twists around his neck, suffocating him. He begins to drown when he is pulled out of the water by Ron, who is responsible for the noises heard earlier. Ron cuts the locket off Harry's neck. Ron has also pulled out the sword. Harry tells Ron that he should be the one to destroy the locket.

Harry asks the locket to open in Parseltongue, and tells Ron to stab it. Ron has a hard time doing this. Once open, a voice inside the locket starts talking to Ron, using his greatest fears against him. His fears are that he is the least loved by his mother, and least loved by Hermione, who chose Harry over Ron, and that he is "Second best, always, eternally overshadowed," by Harry. Ron is mesmerized by what is Voldemort's voice. It tells Ron that Harry and Hermione were happier before his return, and he could never measure up to Harry. The locket begins using Harry's voice, and then Hermione's, to put him down. Finally, Ron stabs it.

Harry tells Ron that there is nothing romantic between him and Hermione, that she cried for him, and that they didn't even talk much of the time. Ron apologizes for leaving, and Harry tells him that he has made up for it. Hermione is not so quick to forgive him. Ron tells them that he immediately wanted to come back, but he ran into a gang of snatchers, i.e., people gathering up Muggle-borns and blood traitors for money. He managed to disarm one and escape, but didn't make it back to camp before Harry and Hermione left.

Ron tells them that he found them by the Deluminator. He heard her voice come out of it on Christmas morning. He clicked it on and a ball of light came out of it and went into Ron. Ron disappeared and it took him to the hill where they were camped. Ron couldn't see or hear them because of their protective enchantments. He kept doing this every time they moved, hoping one of them would show themselves. Hermione is still angry with Ron, but stops yelling at him.



Chapter Eighteen, The Life and Lies of Albus Dumbledore - Chapter Nineteen, The Silver Doe Analysis

Harry is upset about all he has read in Dumbledore's book. He feels that Dumbledore never cared for Harry as Harry thought Dumbledore did. If Dumbledore had cared for Harry, Harry feels that Dumbledore would have told him some of this stuff himself. Harry feels that Dumbledore has left Harry in a mess that could have been avoided.

Harry will later learn that Snape is the one who sent the Patronus, so he already knows that the sword in Gringotts is fake; he just doesn't want anyone else to know.

The Deluminator that Dumbledore left to Ron finally makes sense. Now the snitch and Hermione's book are the only bequests whose purposes have yet to be figured out.

Harry takes the wand that Ron has won from one of the snatchers to use since he is now without one and has to keep on borrowing Hermiones. This wand is even less effective than Hermione's wand. Harry is unable to perform even simple spells much of the time. This is partly because the wand's allegiance is with Ron, because he won it, not Harry. Hermione doesn't want to face the truth that it is not working for Harry properly. She continues to tell him that he needs to practice with it.



Chapter Twenty, Xenophilius Lovegood - Chapter Twenty-one, The Tale of the Three Brothers

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Ron notices that Hermione and Harry have stopped saying Voldemort's name. Harry says he doesn't have a problem saying it, but Ron stops him. He tells him that there is a jinx on the name. Anyone who uses the name is tracked, and protective enchantments are broken. This is logical because only those people ready and willing to stand up to Voldemort used the name. Ron has found that there is a radio station that is telling things as they are, but it is hard to find the channel. It changes constantly, and they give out a code word to tune in next time. If you miss an airing, you will have to guess a codeword right to tune it back in again. He tries to tune it in, but is unable.

Hermione tells them that she wants to go visit Xenophilius Lovegood. In the letter that Dumbledore wrote to Grindelwald in Skeeter's book, Albus has used the sign of the Deathly Hallows to replace the A in his signature. She wants to ask Lovegood what the symbol means. Harry does not want to go, afraid they will be walking into another trap, but he is outvoted. They find the Lovegood house and find that Xenophilius doesn't want to help, which is contradictory to the articles that have been running in his paper, urging people to help Harry. He tells them that Luna is fishing in the stream, and he is going to go call her. When he returns, he tells Harry that the symbol is the symbol of the Deathly Hallows, from the Tale of The Three Brothers. It is about three brothers who meet Death, who gives them all one prize. One brother wants a wand more powerful than any in existence. He brags about it, and is killed for it. One brother wants the power to recall others from the dead. He receives this in the form of a stone. He brings his fiancé back from the dead, but she is "sad and cold, separated from him as by a veil." He goes crazy and kills himself. The third brother wants an invisibility cloak. He is the only one who lives a long life.

The symbol represents these three objects that make up the Deathly Hallows. Xenophilius is sure that the objects exist. They discuss invisibility cloaks and Xenophilius tells them that there is not an invisibility cloak in existence that doesn't wear and isn't damaged by magic, unless this cloak exists. Harry, Ron, and Hermione know that Harry's cloak is exactly like this.

They have been waiting for Luna to return when Harry looks in her room. Harry immediately realizes that no one has been in her room for weeks. He asks Xenophilius once again where Luna is. He tells the same story, but has only laid the lunch tray out for four people, not five. About this time, they see the newspaper, which has a reward for Harry in it. Xenophilius tells them that Luna has been taken because of his paper. He



is hoping that they will give her back for handing over Harry, and has sent an owl to the Ministry with the message that Harry is here. Death Eaters arrive as an object in Xenophilius' house explodes. The Death Eaters begin torturing Xenophilius downstairs because they think he is lying. Hermione makes Ron get underneath the invisibility cloak. They hold on to each other and Hermione makes a hole through the floor. They crash down just long enough for the Death Eaters to get a glimpse of Harry before they disappear.

Chapter Twenty, Xenophilius Lovegood - Chapter Twenty-one, The Tale of the Three Brothers Analysis

Hermione wants the Death Eaters to get a glimpse of Harry so they know that Lovegood wasn't lying. Even though he was willing to turn them over, she still wanted things to turn out okay for him. She made Ron hide underneath the cloak to avoid getting Ron's family in trouble since they are still telling everyone that he is sick in bed. It may be regrettable later. Because Hermione has shown herself with Harry Potter, she is now known to be traveling with him. She is not worried about her parents because they are abroad and know nothing. Shortly after, Hermione's wanted picture is in the newspaper along with the information that she is known to be traveling with Harry Potter. This is how the Snatchers later know that they have captured Harry Potter.

The symbol on the grave in Godric's Hollow was on one of the Peverell brother's graves. Xenophilius tells them that many think these brothers were the three brothers in the story.



Chapter Twenty-two, The Deathly Hallows - Chapter Twenty-three, Malfoy Manor

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Harry soon realizes that the resurrection stone is what is inside the Snitch. He also realizes that the Elder Wand is what Voldemort is searching for. They continue searching for Horocruxes without any luck. One night in March, Ron succeeds in tuning in the radio station he was looking for - Potterwatch. They find out that Xenophilius has been put in Azkaban. Hagrid is in hiding because he threw a "support Harry Potter" party. They hear many voices they recognize on the program before it ends. Harry is excited after the program ends and forgets about the jinx on Voldemort's name. He says it, and they are immediately surrounded by Snatchers. Hermione sends a spell that makes Harry's face swell and become contorted, hoping that the snatchers won't recognize him.

Among the snatchers is Fenrir Greyback, a savage werewolf. They are bound and asked about their identities. They all lie about it. Inside their tent, the snatchers find the Sword of Gryffindor and a newspaper that shows a wanted picture of Hermione, who is known to be traveling with Harry. Harry still looks mangled, but they realize that it's him. They take him to the Malfoy Manor that Voldemort is using as base. Once there, Narcissa, Lucius, Draco, and Bellatrix examine Harry. When Bellatrix sees the Sword, she realizes that the real Sword is supposed to be in a Gringotts vault. She stuns all the snatchers except for Greyback, and plans to kill them. She sends all the prisoners except Hermione to the cellar while she thinks about what to do. Luna gets them out of the ropes, but there is no way out of the cellar, nor can it be disapparated out of. The other prisoners with them are Dean Thomas, Griphook (the goblin who knows the Sword of Gryffindor in Gringotts is fake), Ollivander, and Luna. The prisoners can hear Hermione being tortured. They want to know about the Sword. Hermione swears that it is a fake.

Harry starts riffling through his bag. He pulls things out and sees a blue eye in the fragment of a magical mirror, that he thought he had seen once before. He yells at it to help, and tells it where they are. The Death Eaters bring Griphook up to verify the sword is fake. Since he is a goblin, and the Sword is goblin made, he should know. Harry tells him he has to lie before he is lead upstairs. Dobby, a former house-elf, apperates into the Cellar. They already know that house-elves can apperate and disapparate where Humans can not. They have Dobby grab Luna, Dean, and Ollivander and take them to Bill and Fluer's house and come back. When Wormtail is sent to check out the noise from the disapparation, Harry and Ron tackle him. Wormtail is about to kill Harry, when



Harry reminds him that he saved Wormtail's life in the past. Wormtail shows a brief moment of mercy and is punished for this. Harry and Ron are unable to stop him from strangling himself to death.

Upstairs, Griphook tells Bellatrix that the Sword is a fake. She calls Voldemort and tells Greyback that he can have the unconscious Hermione. Ron enters the room and disarms Bellatrix. Harry stuns Lucius. Bellatrix holds a knife to Hermione's throat and tells them to stop or she kills her. They drop their wands and surrender. Draco picks up the wands. Dobby reappears and knocks the chandelier down. Bellatrix jumps out of the way, leaving it to fall on Hermione and Griphook, who is still holding the Sword. When Draco's face is hit by the shattering glass, Harry takes this chance to grab the wands. He stuns Greyback. Dobby, Harry, Ron, Hermione, and Griphook grab each other and disapparate to Bill and Fleur's house. Dobby has been hit with a curse and dies.

Chapter Twenty-two, The Deathly Hallows - Chapter Twenty-three, Malfoy Manor Analysis

Many Death Eaters can summon Voldemort by touching their dark mark with which they have been branded. Because Greyback is a werewolf, he is not allowed this honor. Hermione and Griphook are picked to be the first tortured because they are considered less than human and therefore disposable.

Harry thinks that the eye in the mirror looks like Albus Dumbledore's, but will later find that it is Albus Dumbledore, and that he is using the mirror to look after Harry.

Wormtail is the wizard who was once friends with Harry's parents, but his betrayal led to their deaths. The fact that Harry has already saved his life once and attempts to do so again says a lot about Harry's character.



Chapter Twenty-four, The Wandmaker

Chapter Twenty-four, The Wandmaker Summary

Hermione, Ollivander, and Griphook are injured, but will be okay. Harry takes the time to bury Dobby when they return. Harry begins digging the grave and is soon joined by the others. They give Dobby clothes, say their thanks, and bury him.

Bill has already gotten the rest of the Weasley's out of the Burrow and into hiding. Since the Death Eaters now know that Ron is with Harry, not at home sick, they are all in danger. Griphook isn't in great shape to talk, but Harry insists. He wants Griphook to help him break into Gringotts. This would generally be considered suicide, but Harry is sure it can be done. He is also sure that there will be another HorocruX there. Griphook says that he will think about it.

Harry, Ron and Hermione next question Ollivander about wandlore, and about the Elder Wand in particular. He confirms that the wand is real, but does not know the tale of the Deathly Hallows. Ollivander tell them everything he knows about the wand, and they leave him alone.

Harry follows the trail, and realizes that the wand Dumbledore took from Grindelwald was the Elder Wand, so Dumbledore is the last owner. He then sees that Voldemort is at Hogwarts. Harry does not try to beat him to it. He feels that Dumbledore never wanted him to have it, only to search for HorocruXes. Harry sees that Voldemort is splitting open Dumbledore's marble tomb. The wand is inside and Voldemort takes it.

Chapter Twenty-four, The Wandmaker Analysis

Harry could easily dig a grave using magic, but he wants to do this with a shovel. He does it to show how much he cared for Dobby. Griphook finds Harry and Hermione's treatment of house-elves and Goblins odd. It is not normal for wizards and witches to concern themselves with these creatures. Even Ron is uncomfortable talking about the rights of these creatures.

Before speaking with Ollivander, Harry, Hermione, and Ron do not know that wands will trade alliances for those who have won them.



Chapter Twenty-five, Shell Cottage - Chapter Twenty-six, Gringotts

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Griphook decides to help Harry break into Gringotts in exchange for the Sword of Gryffindor. He feels that the Sword should belong to a goblin because it is goblin made. They need this Sword to destroy the Horocruxes, but it is the only thing that Griphook will take for doing it, and they know that it will be a hopeless task without his help. Harry tells him that he can have the Sword if he helps him. He does plan to keep his promise, but not until he has destroyed all Horocruxes with it. This could take years, but he does not tell this to Griphook.

Lupin comes in one night and announces that he is a father, and Harry is the godfather.

Bill takes Harry aside and warns him about making deals with goblins. They consider the owner of an object to be the maker, not the buyer. Once the buyer dies, they believe it should be given back to the goblins. Bill also tells him that "It would be less dangerous to break into Gringotts than to renege on a promise to a goblin."

The morning of the Gringotts robbery arrives, and Harry, Hermione, Ron, and Griphook put their plans into action. Hermione uses their last vial of Polyjuice to impersonate Bellatrix, who left a hair on Hermione's sweater. Hermione transforms various aspects of Ron's features to assume a fake identity. Harry remains under the invisibility cloak with Griphook on his back. During the walk to the bank, they meet another Death Eater named Travers, who says that he is surprised to see Bellatrix. The occupants of the Malfoy Manor have been confined to the house because of their escape. Travers also knows that Bellatrix lost her wand, which Hermione has. Hermione tells him that he has been misinformed. He tells her that he is going to Gringotts, and she is forced to go with him.

At the door to Gringotts, Harry sends a spell to confuse the wizards at the door into thinking that they have already checked Hermione for spells, which, if done, would quickly reveal that she is not Bellatrix. At the counter, Harry uses magic to take control of a goblin and Travers' minds. This is an "unforgivable curse," and something that he has never tried. He uses the same imperious curse to make Travers go and hide. The rest of them get into a cart. The cart runs through a magical waterfall that washes away enchantments and crashed. Hermione and Ron are no longer disguised, and the goblin is no longer under the imperious curse. Harry casts the spell again, and they all run for the vault. They can hear people behind them, chasing them.

An abused dragon is chained outside the vault. Griphook uses clankers to make loud metallic noises that the dragon associates with pain and retreats. Once inside, the



search for Hufflepuff's cup, the object that Harry believes has been turned into a HorocruX and stored here. They quickly discover there has been a spell cast on the objects in the room. Anything that is touched will burn you and duplicate themselves with worthless copies. They try not to touch anything, but it is difficult. They are quickly being buried by burning treasure. Harry finds the cup, but accidentally drops the Sword. He realizes that Griphook never expected them to keep their word. He grabs the Sword and runs into the midst of the goblins who work there, pointing at them and yelling "theives."

Harry grabs the cup, but they are now faced with the task of escaping. As goblin and wizard guards are advancing, the dragon lets out a roar, and sends fire out over the goblins. The wizards retreat and Harry acts. He breaks the cuffs off the dragon's legs, and he, Hermione, and Ron climb onto his back. The exits are too small for the dragon, but he forces his way through, with the three on his back using their wands to help dig. The dragon makes its way through and flies away.

Chapter Twenty-five, Shell Cottage - Chapter Twenty-six, Gringotts Analysis

Harry soon learns that Griphook is a very blood-thirsty goblin. The idea of having to hurt another being during the break-in is relished by Griphook.

Harry is touched at being named godfather, especially because of the harsh words to Lupin the last time they spoke. He is afraid, however, that he will be a bad godfather. He may soon be a dead one if things don't go as planned.

Harry has never used a curse to control someone before. Those curses are not to be taken lightly, but Harry knows that he has no choice now if they want to get out of Gringotts alive.

The fact that they have now lost the Sword presents a problem. They must find another way to destroy the cup and the other HorocruXes.



Chapter Twenty-seven, The Final Hiding Place - Chapter Twenty-eight, The Missing Mirror

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When the dragon gets low enough, Harry, Hermione, and Ron jump into a lake. They swim to the opposite side from where the dragon lands on, and begin tending to their many burns and casting enchantment spells. The connection into Voldemort's mind is open. Harry sees that Voldemort has been told that the cup was taken. He kills all who are present in the room when he hears this news. Voldemort wonders if it is possible that Harry knows about the Horocruces. He will visit his hiding places, Hogwarts last. He is keeping Nagini close from now on. Harry tells Ron and Hermione that they do not all fit under the invisibility cloak without their feet being seen, but since it is dark, Harry insists that no one will notice their feet. They disappear into Hogsmead, the wizarding town, in hopes of finding a way into Hogwarts from there.

When they appear into Hogsmead, an alarm goes off. A curfew has been set in Hogsmead and the alarm sounds when it is broken. They are instantly surrounded by Death Eaters. One of them summons the cloak, but the summons does not work on the cloak. They try to disappear, but it doesn't work. The Dementors are coming for them. Harry decides that he will not suffer the Dementor's Kiss, which takes one's soul. He casts his Patronis and the Death Eaters know where he is.

A door is opened and Harry is told to get inside. Harry obeys and listens as the man tells the Death Eaters that he set off the alarm by letting a cat outside, and that the Patronis was his goat, not a stag. Once the man is back inside, Harry realizes that he is Alberforth, and that he was the one who sent Dobby. Alberforth feeds them. He tells them to forget the quest Albus sent them on. Alberforth tells them about his sister, Ariana. When she was six, she was tortured by Muggle boys for doing magic. She was never right after that. She couldn't get rid of her magic nor could she control it. Their father attacked the Muggle boys who did it and was sent to Azkaban. They kept Ariana at home and told people she was ill to keep her from being sent to a mental institution. When she was fourteen, there was an accident, and she killed her mother. The day Ariana died, Alberforth had told Albus that he had to give up his plan that he was working on with Grindelwald. Grindelwald tortured Alberforth with the Cruciatus Curse. Albus tried to stop him, and it became a three-way duel. Ariana was killed in the cross-fire.

Alberforth doesn't think they should go into the school, but he helps them. He speaks to the portrait of Ariana, who disappears into the depths of the portrait to return with Neville Longbottom.



Chapter Twenty-seven, The Final Hiding Place - Chapter Twenty-eight, The Missing Mirror Analysis

Harry probably only has a few hours until Voldemort returns to Hogwarts. He will have to find the HorocruX in that amount of time, or he may lose his chance.

Alberforth thinks Harry should take care of himself rather than trying to be the savior of them all. Harry tells him that sometimes you have to think about more than just yourself. Alberforth wants Harry to take the easy way out, even though Alberforth has been helping him, even standing up to Death Eaters for him. If he is caught in this, he will be killed.



Chapter Twenty-nine, The Lost Diadem - Chapter Thirty, The Sacking of Severus Snape

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Neville leads Harry, Hermione, and Ron through the passages. He is now staying in the Room of Relinquishment, the room that will give you whatever you ask for, except food, which Alberforth provides. More students have gone into hiding him. As long as one person stays in the room, the Carrows (Two Death Eater Professors) can't get in, because they have told the room not to let them in. Many people continue to show up in the room, and Harry decides that the Lost diadem of Ravenclaw may be what they are looking for. Luna takes Harry to the Ravenclaw house to see what it looks like. In the room, he sees a statue. As Harry is examining it, a Carrow walks up behind him and alerts Voldemort that he has Harry just before Luna, who is under the invisibility cloak, stuns Carrow. Harry gets back under the cloak with Luna as the Ravenclaws are awoken and gather around the Carrow's body.

Once inside, Mr. Carrow is upset to see his sister on the floor and no sign of Harry. He says he will blame it on the students and let them take the punishment, but McGonagall tells him he won't. When he spits in her face, Harry jerks off the cloak and sends him the Crucio Curse. McGonagall then has the male Carrow give her his and his sister's wands and lie down. She ties them up, and tells Harry that she and the other teachers will secure the school against Voldemort while Harry searches for the diadem. She is also going to evacuate as many students as possible through the tunnel that Harry came in through. In the hallway, Snape confronts McGonagall, but is ganged up on by other teachers. He runs away. Any students and faculty who are of age and want to are permitted to fight. The rest are evacuated. Many people arrive from the outside to join in the battle. This includes Percy Weasley, who is just now making a stand against Voldemort.

Harry is racing for time as Voldemort is very near. The hallways are crowded and things are in general chaos. No one in living memory has seen the Diadem. Harry can not find Ron and Hermione, and then the connection opens and Voldemort is here.

Chapter Twenty-nine, The Lost Diadem - Chapter Thirty, The Sacking of Severus Snape Analysis

The reason Harry has not wanted to tell anyone about his mission is Dumbledore's orders. Dumbledore is always reluctant to trust and hopes that Harry will be the same



way so Harry is not betrayed, but it would be unlikely that Harry could do this part on his own.

Percy has not spoken with his family in a long time because of his connections with the Ministry. When he apologizes, they quickly forgive him.



Chapter Thirty-one, The battle of Hogwarts

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Once all the houses have been gathered, the voice of Voldemort is heard. He says that they have until midnight to give up Harry before he begins killing them. This gives them about a half hour. Someone from Voldemort's old house, Slytherin, is ready to give him up. They make her leave first. All the Slytherins join her. Some of the Ravenclaws and Hufflepuffs stay, and about half of the Gryffindors, who are from Harry's house, and who are noted for bravery.

The battle begins, although Voldemort does not enter the battle himself. He sends his supporters to fight. Since no human still alive has seen the diadem, Harry goes and talks to the ghost of Ravenclaw tower. She tells him that she stole the diadem from her mother a long time ago. She hid it in a forest in Albania. She long ago told Tom Riddle, or Voldemort about it, and he took the diadem. She does not know where he hid it. On his way to find Hermione and Ron, a memory surfaces for Harry. He remembers putting a wig and an old tiara on a statue.

Harry encounters Ron and Hermione, who have remembered where a dead basilisk is, and ripped the fangs out in order to destroy the Horocruces. Ron manages to get into the Chamber of Secrets by mimicking Harry when Harry had asked the locket to open in Parseltongue. They have destroyed the cup.

They run back to the Room of Relinquishment, where Harry asks for the place where everything is hidden. A struggle begins against Crabbe, Goyle, and Draco. Crabbe starts a magical fire, but cannot control it. They are all forced to run, Draco dragging Goyle. The fire begins to form giant beasts made of fire. Harry finds two broomsticks. He jumps on one, and Ron and Hermione on the other. Harry takes Draco onto his broom and Ron pulls Goyle onto his. Harry dives and grabs the diadem from the fire. They escape back into the Room of Relinquishment, but Crabbe does not make it. Once there, Harry looks at the Diadem, which is bleeding. It breaks into pieces. Crabbe's cursed fire has destroyed it. This leaves the snake as the only remaining Horocruces. Harry, Ron, and Hermione leave the room to help in the fighting. The castle is not faring well, and many are dead, including Fred Weasley.

Chapter Thirty-one, The battle of Hogwarts Analysis

The Slytherin House has produced the most dark wizards over the centuries. The fact that no Slytherin stayed behind to fight is unsurprising as many of them have Death Eaters for parents. Crabbe, Goyle, and Draco are Slytherin.



Crabbe thought that he was helping Voldemort by trying to capture Harry. Draco warns him against leaving without the diadem, since it is what Harry is after, but Crabbe is unconcerned. He doesn't realize that he is destroying a piece of Voldemort that is in the diadem.



Chapter Thirty-two, The Elder Wand - Chapter Thirty-three, The Prince's Tale

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Hermione, for the first time, tells Harry to use his connection to find Voldemort. Voldemort is in the Shrieking Shack, and he has sent Lucius Malfoy to bring Snape to him. Harry, Ron, and Hermione fight their way out of the castle. They do so under the invisibility cloak. On the way, they save Draco from one of the other Death Eaters. Later, they see Hagrid being carried off by giant spiders. They are unable to save Hagrid, and he is captured by Death Eaters.

Harry, Ron, and Hermione find Voldemort talking to Snape. The snake is being kept in a floating, enchanted sphere. Voldemort tells Snape that he knows that Harry will give himself up. He asks Snape why the Elder Wand doesn't work for him as legend says that it should. He has decided that it is because he is not the wand's true master. He thinks that Snape is because Snape killed Dumbledore. He believes that the problem will be solved if he kills Snape, and he does so and leaves the room. Harry goes into the room and shows himself to the fading Snape. Snape tells him to take his last thoughts, which are given in the form of a silvery substance coming out of his mouth, ears, and eyes. Hermione hands him a flask and Harry takes it.

Voldemort commands his troops to retreat from battle for one hour in order to dispose of the dead and treat their injured. If Harry does not return within that hour, Voldemort will personally punish everyone there. Back at Hogwarts, Harry alone goes to Snape's office to use the Pensieve to see Snape's last thoughts. He finds out that Snape was in love with Harry's mother, Lily Evans, when they were just children. Harry's mother is a muggle with magical powers. Her sister, with whom Harry lived, was very jealous and their relationship became strained. Harry's mother is friends with Snape, but does not like that he hangs out with dark wizards. Snape is very jealous of Harry's father. Harry's father and Sirius Black, Harry's guardian (in the future) are making fun of Snape. In his anger, Snape calls Harry's mother a Mudblood. She never forgives him and tells him that she is done making excuses for him.

Snape finds out that Voldemort is going to kill the Potters. He asks Voldemort to spare her and just kill Harry, but Voldemort refuses. Snape goes to Dumbledore for help. He tells Dumbledore that He will give him anything in return. After their deaths, Dumbledore tells Snape that the Potters put their trust in the wrong person. He tells Snape not to let Lily die for no reason. He wants him to help protect Harry. Snape agrees as long as Dumbledore swears not to tell.

Harry learns from the Pensieve that Dumbledore is going to die from a curse from putting on the HorocruX ring. He plans with a reluctant Snape his death. Snape is to kill him.



Dumbledore knows that Voldemort is sending Draco to kill Dumbledore. Voldemort is expecting Draco to fail, and then Draco will be punished to torture his parents. Dumbledore doesn't want this. Dumbledore reveals to Snape that Harry will have to die to destroy Voldemort. It has to be by Voldemort's hands. He tells Snape not to tell Harry until Voldemort begins keeping the snake by his side. Harry also sees that Snape took the second page of Lily's letter from Grimmauld Place, the page that bears her signature. He also took the portion of the picture that had her in it. Harry sees that it was Snape who sent the doe and the Sword.

Chapter Thirty-two, The Elder Wand - Chapter Thirty-three, The Prince's Tale Analysis

Snape has been on Harry's side ever since his parents were killed. Help that Harry could not explain was from Snape. Snape was the one to give his departure date away, but he did so on Dumbledore's orders. He also gave Mundungus the idea of making more than one Harry, and put a spell on Mundungus so that he thought the idea was his. This comes as a big surprise since Harry saw Snape kill Dumbledore.

The fact that Dumbledore has said that Harry has to die for Voldemort to die is a horrible revelation. Snape, once a Death Eater, and once indifferent as to whether or not Harry lives, is shocked and horrified that Dumbledore would keep Harry alive just to let him die at the right time. Snape cares about Harry and still loves Lilly, which is why his Patronis is a doe, the same as hers was.



Chapter Thirty-four, The Forest Again - Chapter Thirty-five, King's Cross

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Harry walks back to the Shrieking Shack. On the way out of Hogwarts' grounds, he finds Neville and tells him that the snake has to be killed. On the walk through the woods, Harry remembers that the Snitch opens at the end. He now realizes that this means at the end of his life. As he had expected, it contains the Resurrection Stone. They are not exactly living, but they are there - his parents, Sirius (his godfather), and Lupin, who died in the battle. They encourage Harry that he can do this.

Harry walks into the camp of Death Eaters and gives himself up to Voldemort, wandless. Voldemort sends a killing curse at Harry and Harry blacks out. He wakes up in a realm other than that which he just left and sees a small, ugly, naked child that is struggling to live. He is repulsed by it and at the same time wants to help it. Dumbledore tells him that it cannot be helped. He tells Harry that he himself is dead, but Harry is not. Harry and Voldemort have a piece of the other's soul in them. Harry let Voldemort destroy the piece that was Voldemort. Dumbledore explains to Harry that he is the seventh HorocruX, the one he didn't mean to make, but he did when he took Harry's blood. The wand Harry carried before recognized Voldemort the night Harry left Privet Drive, and used some of Voldemort's own magic against Harry.

Dumbledore tells Harry that he had not entrusted him with the secret of the Deathly Hallows because he was afraid that the power would be too much for him because it was too much for Dumbledore. He does not think that the part in the story about the brothers attaining the objects from Death is true. He thinks that they were merely talented wizards who created powerful objects. Dumbledore also reveals that he meant for Snape to end up with the Elder Wand.

Chapter Thirty-four, The Forest Again - Chapter Thirty-five, King's Cross Analysis

Harry, Ron, and Hermione alone know that the snake is the last HorocruX. Harry is afraid that if something happens to all of them, the entire search for HorocruXes would be in vain. He wants the reassurance of someone else knowing about the need to kill the snake.

Harry learns that Dumbledore didn't trust him with the secret of the Deathly Hallows not because he found Harry untrustworthy, but because Dumbledore once found himself untrustworthy.

Harry has the choice not to return to the woods to face Voldemort again. He knows, however, that the reign of terror will not end without his intervention.



Chapter Thirty-six, The Flaw in the Plan - Epilogue, Nineteen Years Later

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Voldemort sends Narcissa to see if Harry is still living. She leans down to him and asks if her son, Draco, is alive. Harry tells her he is. Narcissa shows an act of mercy and tells Voldemort that he is dead. The Death Eaters cheer. Voldemort commands Hagrid to carry Harry's body back to the castle to show his supporters that their hope has died. Harry lays as still and lifeless as he possibly can. The procession marches back to the castle. Hagrid is sobbing, and no one questions Narcissa.

Voldemort tells those at the castle that Harry was killed trying to run away. As those in the castle line the walls outside, Harry hears his supporters screaming and crying. Voldemort has Hagrid to set Harry down at Voldemort's feet. Voldemort knocks down and disarms Neville as he races forward to attack. Voldemort then forces the sorting hat onto Neville's head. He then makes the hat burst into flames. Suddenly, many people come bounding onto the school grounds, ready to fight. Harry jumps up and threw on the invisibility cloak. Grawp, the giant, came into the yard to fight off Voldemort's two larger giants. Neville got free of the curse making him be still. He jerked off the hat and produced the Sword of Gryffindor. Neville sliced off the snake's head. Everyone begins fighting once again. House-elves jumped in on Harry's side, led by Kreacher. Harry finds Voldemort, then removes the cloak and tells all of his (Harry's) supporters not to help him.

Harry reveals to Voldemort that Snape was only pretending to be on Voldemort's side. He then tells Voldemort that Snape never possessed the wand because Dumbledore's death was planned. He tells him that Draco Malfoy had removed the wand from Dumbledore previously, not realizing what it was, so Draco was the new master. Since Harry overpowered Draco later, Harry is the true master of the wand with which Voldemort is dueling. Voldemort sends a killing curse at Harry at the same time that Harry sends a disarming spell at Voldemort. The wand flies out of Voldemort's hand and into Harry's. Voldemort's own curse rebounds and kills him. The Death Eaters either flee or are captured and taken to Azkaban.

Harry, Ron, and Hermione go to the Headmaster's room to talk to the portrait of Dumbledore, along with the rest of the Headmasters. Harry reveals that he has dropped the Resurrection Stone in the forest and intends on leaving it there. He also reveals that he does not want the Elder Wand, but uses it to fix his old one.

Nineteen years later, Hermione and Ron are married with two children named Rose and Hugo. Harry and Ginny are married with three children who are named James, for



Harry's father, Lily, for Harry's mother, and Albus, for Albus Dumbledore. Neville Longbottom is now a professor at Hogwarts.

Chapter Thirty-six, The Flaw in the Plan - Epilogue, Nineteen Years Later Analysis

Harry and Dumbledore have both noted that if Voldemort feels that something is beneath him, he doesn't bother to learn anything about it. This proves to be an advantage to Harry, in that the powers of love, self-sacrifice, and other noble acts are not comprehended by Voldemort.

Harry proves that he is not out for personal gain by giving up two of the Deathly Hallows. This is something that few wizards would be willing to do.



Characters

Harry Potter

Harry Potter is very famous in the wizarding world. He is known as "the boy who lived." Harry got this name because he and his parents were attacked by Lord Voldemort when he was just an infant. Harry's mother died protecting Harry, and when Voldemort tried to kill Harry, the curse rebounded on Voldemort instead. Harry still has a lightning-shaped scar on his forehead from the incident. Harry is just turning seventeen years old at the beginning of this book. He has black hair and glasses.

After his parents' deaths, Harry went to stay with his mother's sister and her husband and son. They do not like Harry, despise wizards and witches, and make no effort to hide their distaste. They treat Harry poorly, but become a little more tolerable when forced to do so by certain wizards. Harry's first real home is at Hogwarts, his school.

Because of Harry's first encounter with Lord Voldemort, there is a connection that Harry has with Voldemort. Harry can see into Voldemort's mind. When this happens, it is not like he is looking into Voldemort's thoughts in third person; it is as if he is actually Voldemort himself. Sometimes this connection is so strong that Harry can not stop it at all. Harry also can not help himself from saying what Voldemort is saying while these connections are happening.

Whenever the connection to Voldemort's mind opens, or if Voldemort is near, Harry's scar burns. Sometimes this pain is almost unbearable.

Harry is from the house of Gryffindor. When Harry was a first-year student, and the sorting hat was placed upon his head, the hat thought that he would be well suited for the Slytherin House, Voldemort's old house. This was something that Harry really did not want to happen. The hat took this into consideration and placed him into Gryffindor. Gryffindors are known for their bravery and chivalry. Harry proves himself to be very brave over and over by facing Voldemort and his followers over and over again, and even being willing to die to stop Voldemort.

Voldemort

Lord Voldemort goes by many names. He was born Tom Riddle and is also referred to as "you-know-who," The Dark Lord, and Voldemort, among other names. Like Harry, the first place where Voldemort has ever felt at home was Hogwarts. Voldemort grew up in an orphanage. Unlike Harry, he quickly became immersed in the Dark Arts. Voldemort is out for personal gain.

Voldemort once rose to power and fell from power the night that he killed Harry's parents. Voldemort is scared of meeting with Harry. Harry is prepared to die, but Voldemort does not want to face death. Voldemort doesn't understand the powers that



protect Harry. The power of love from his parents when Harry was an infant is never understood by Voldemort.

Voldemort is cruel and indifferent to the sufferings of others. Voldemort wants to feel like he is the most respected of all wizards. The feelings of others are something of which he doesn't care to think. One of his mistakes in hiding one of the Horocruxes was the fact that he didn't understand house-elves. They are creatures beneath him, and thus, unimportant.

Hermione Granger

Hermione Granger is one of Harry's best friends, and Ron Weasley's girlfriend. Hermione is very studious. She was raised the only child of a Muggle family. Hermione is very smart and quick on her feet. Harry's job of finding Horocruxes would be a lot harder without Hermione. Hermione knows many more spells than Harry and Ron do because she is always reading. She is the one who knows how to repair wounds, contort figures, and a number of other spells.

This is probably the reason Dumbledore left Hermione the book. He was probably aware that she would be the only one to read it to learn some crucial information. Hermione is also the one of the three who is likely to know about any knowledge that you would gain from a book.

Hermione is also from the House of Gryffindor. She shows a lot of bravery and a lot of kindness. For example, when she found out that Xenophilius had betrayed them, she showed him mercy by showing herself and Harry before disappearing in order to show the Death Eaters that Xenophilius wasn't lying.

Ron Weasley

Ron Weasley is Harry's best friend. Ron is also from the House of Gryffindor. Ron first met Harry on the train to Hogwarts on their first year. Ron is the youngest of five boys, although he does have a younger sister. Ron is very protective of his sister Ginny, who is dating Harry. He feels that she was heartbroken once before by Harry, and he doesn't want it to happen again, so he warns Harry to stay away from her.

The reader will find out when Ron destroys the locket, that he has a lot of insecurity when it comes to Harry. Ron is afraid he can't measure up to Harry in any way. He is afraid his mother and Hermione both love Harry more and don't notice him.

Ron can be temperamental and moody at times, especially when he is hungry. Harry learns, though, that Ron is the glue that holds his and Hermione's relationship together so well. Without Ron, the search for Horocruxes is a depressing task void of all except the necessary conversations.



Albus Dumbledore

Dumbledore was the Hogwarts' headmaster until his recent death. He is the main man to whom Harry looks up. He is considered by some to be one of the greatest wizarding minds of the time. Harry has a closer relationship with Dumbledore than most other students.

Dumbledore has laid careful plans to help Harry in the search for Horocruxes. He is a very secretive and untrusting man, but wants Voldemort defeated.

After Dumbledore's death, his ethics and stands are called into question. Dumbledore was briefly misguided as a teenager, and his sister paid the price for it. He has been tormented by her death ever since.

Professor Severus Snape

Snape is the current Hogwarts' headmaster. Snape became a Death Eater before Voldemort's first fall from power. Because of his great love for Harry's mother, he traded his allegiance and spent the rest of his life trying to protect Harry. Snape remains in Voldemort's good graces because of Dumbledore's insistence that Snape continue to pretend to be a Death Eater, but Snape secretly fights against Voldemort. In the end, all his actions can be understood, but up until the end, he is regarded by Harry Potter supporters as the enemy. It must be this way if he is to have inside knowledge of Voldemort's actions.

Snape has sacrificed everything to keep Harry protected because of his deep love for Lilly, Harry's mother. Snape pretends to be part of the Death Eaters even though he really isn't. He is even willing to be chased out of Hogwarts by his colleagues because he knows that this is a secret that he can not share. His role has left him an outsider to everyone except Dumbledore, who he can only talk to through his portrait.

Fred and George Weasley

Fred and George Weasley are Ron's identical twin brothers. They are openly Harry Potter supporters and pranksters. They are always ready to help. They are two of the wizards who stand in as Harry Potter doubles the night that Harry is being moved from Privet Drive to a safe house. They are also contributors to "Potterwatch," a pro-Harry Potter radio broadcast. Fred is killed during the final fighting at Hogwarts.

Percy Weasley

Percy Weasley is one of Ron's older brothers. Percy is in allegiance with the Ministry, which is unwittingly in league with Voldemort's forces at the beginning of the book, but sees the error of his ways. He fights on Harry's side at the end.



Ginny Weasley

Ginny Weasley is Ron's little sister. She and Harry have been seeing each other romantically. She is still considered an underage wizard, but is set on joining in the fight against Voldemort.

Ginny joins in the stand against Voldemort at her school. She is part of Dumbledore's Army. She is caught trying to steal the Sword of Gryffindor from Snape's office.

Lucious Malfoy

Lucious Malfoy is a Death Eater and has been since Voldemort's first rise. From the beginning of this book, however, it seems that Voldemort is not pleased with Lucious and his wife, Narcissa, although the reasons as to why are not fully explained in this book. Voldemort is using their home as a base, however.

Draco Malfoy

Draco Malfoy is the son of Lucious Malfoy. Draco belongs to Slytherin House, and he and Harry have always been rivals in school, but Harry proves to be merciful to him many times. Draco tries to kill Harry more than once, and more than once, Harry saves Draco's life. At one point, he even saves Draco from another Death Eater who has mistaken him for a Harry Potter supporter.

Narcissa Malfoy

Narcissa Malfoy is Lucious Malfoy's wife. Narcissa and her husband have been faithful followers of Voldemorts for a long time. Narcissa is not pleased with Voldemort, nor he with her. At one point, Voldemort sends Narcissa to see if Voldemort has killed Harry. When Harry lets her know that Draco is alive, she lies for Harry. She knows that Harry is alive, but tells Voldemort that he is dead.

Kreacher

Kreacher is the house elf that Harry inherited from his Godfather. Harry and Kreacher do not like each other in the beginning, but when Harry begins treating Kreacher as an equal, he gains Kreacher's loyalty. Kreacher, like all house elves, is always obedient, and has a different kind of magic than wizards. Kreacher helps Harry in his search for the locket. He also leads the other house-elves into the battle against Voldemort.



Remus Lupin

Remus Lupin is a former teacher at Hogwarts. Harry and his friends long ago discovered that Remus is half werewolf. Remus was an old friend of Harry's father, and makes Harry the Godfather of his newborn child. At one point, Remus asks to go on the venture with Harry and his friends. Remus would have been a great help, but Harry is very harsh with him, because this would mean leaving his wife and child.

Hagrid

Hagrid is a half-giant who is a good friend of Harry, Ron, and Hermione. He is groundskeeper at Hogwarts. Hagrid is always willing to do anything needed to protect Harry, but he isn't a great wizard. This is why Harry is placed with Hagrid in leaving his Aunt's house on Privet Drive. The Death Eaters will suspect that Harry will be with the most skilled protectors, putting Hagrid last on the list. Hagrid is eventually wanted by the Death Eaters for throwing a "support Harry Potter party" on school grounds.

Bellatrix

Bellatrix is an evil witch. She is the most devout Voldemort follower, and even went looking for him when he fell from power the first time. Bellatrix is humiliated by anything connected to her that isn't pro-Voldemort. She is obsessed with him and will do anything for him.

Griphook

Griphook is a bloodthirsty goblin who once worked at Gringotts. Griphook left Gringotts because he was asked to do something that he considered beneath him. Griphook has his revenge by neglecting to tell anyone that the Sword of Gryffindor is fake. He then helps Harry, Hermione, and Ron break into Gringotts right before running off with the Sword.

Xenophilius Lovegood

Xenophilius Lovegood is the eccentric owner of a small newspaper he runs out of his home. Xenophilius runs his paper telling nothing but the truth at first. He is an outspoken Harry Potter supporter and tells others in his paper that they should do the same. When his daughter, Luna, is taken by the Death Eaters because of his stance, he caves. He even betrays Harry and calls the Death Eaters to take Harry, Ron, and Hermione.



Luna Lovegood

Luna Lovegood is a friend of Harry, Ron, Hermione, and Neville. Luna is willing to support Harry no matter what the cost. She is taken away to the Malfoy Manor as a prisoner, but still remains true to her convictions. Luna is a little eccentric like her father, but is very open to the unlikely.

Alberforth Dumbledore

Alberforth Dumbledore is Professor Albus Dumbledore's brother. Alberforth does not like or respect Albus. He dislikes his brother's way of keeping secrets and telling half-truths. He blames his brother for his sister's death. Alberforth uses a fragment of broken mirror to keep an eye out for Harry and his friend. When they are locked up in the Malfoy Manor and can see no way out of their executions, Alberforth is watching and sends Dobby in to save them. Alberforth also lets those who take a stand against Voldemort at Hogwarts use his bar, Hogshead, as a safe passage, knowing that this will get him killed if caught.



Objects/Places

Muggle

A Muggle is an ordinary person. They usually have no magical powers, and generally no knowledge of the wizarding world.

Hogwarts

Hogwarts is the school for wizards to which Harry Potter attended.

Gringotts

Gringotts is the bank in Hogsmead. Security is very high, and it is generally considered insane to try to steal anything here.

Hogsmead

Hogsmead is a wizarding town. It is where wizards and witches go to buy cauldrons, owls, wands, and other supplies.

Azkaban

Azkaban is the prison for wizards and witches.

Dementors

Dementors are creatures who bring a sense of hopelessness and despair to all around them. If left unchecked, Dementors may perform the "Dementor's Kiss," which involves sucking out a person's soul, leaving them an empty shell. They affect Muggles and magical beings alike. To keep them at bay, wizards and witches use a Patronus.

Patronus

A Patronus is unique to every wizard and witch and comes in the form of some animal. It is summoned from the end of the wand, and chases away dementors. It can only be summoned if the wizard or witch can think of something good and happy. Once the dementors have been too close too long, this may not be possible.



Death Eater

A Death Eater is a follower of Lord Voldemort.

Horocrux

A Horocrux is made through Dark Magic. A Horocrux can be made through ordinary objects. The objects are used to seal a piece of a soul into it. Without destroying all Horocruxes of someone, the person can not be destroyed. Everytime one makes a Horocrux, the soul becomes more unstable.

The Deathly Hallows

There are three objects that make up the Hallows: The Elder Wand, the Resurrection Stone, and the Invisibility Cloak. The legend is that whoever possesses these three objects masters death.

The Elder Wand is a wand that has had a bloody past and many stories follow it. It is the most powerful wand in existence and unbreakable.

The Resurrection Stone can bring the dead back. They do not come back fully, though. They are described as being more than a ghost, yet less than a person.

The Invisibility Cloak is Harry's cloak. It is flawless and does not wear or tear.

Thestral

A thestral is a skeletal, winged horse. Only those who have seen a dead person can see a thestral.

House-elf

A house-elf is a creature that is general used only for household chores. There are few that do not have masters. A house-elf has to be obedient and truthful to its master. If it does otherwise, it will begin punishing itself severely. If a master gives a house elf clothes, the elf is no longer bound to the house and master, the clothes represent emancipation.

Goblin

Goblins are the creatures who once controlled Gringotts. They are not typically kind or sympathetic creatures.



Polyjuice

Polyjuice is a potion which, when containing a human hair, and drank by another, will turn the drinker into a duplicate of the person whose hair is in the potion.

The Burrow

The Burrow is where Ron's parents live.

Grimmauld Place

Grimmauld Place is the house that was once the meeting place for the Order of the Phoenix. It is also the house that Harry's Godfather, Sirius Black, left him.

Hogshead

Hogshead is the name of Alberforth Dumbledore's bar, located in Hogsmead, that holds the passage into Hogwarts that Harry and his supporters use in the final resistance.

Shell Cottage

Shell Cottage is where Bill and Fleur Weasley live. This is where Harry and the other prisoners from the Malfoy Manor stay when they first escape.

Privet Drive

Privet Drive is where Harry has lived with his aunt, uncle, and cousin while he is not at Hogwarts.



Themes

Trust

Trust is an issue that is repeated over and over in this book. Harry is a very trusting person, but many of his closest friends insist that he should not be so trusting. His parents' deaths were brought on by the betrayal of one of their best friends. Some cite this as a reason not to trust so easily.

The first issue of trust arises when the Order members are ambushed by Death Eaters, who obviously knew that Harry was being moved that night. Most think that someone said something, but Harry doesn't believe that anyone did it on purpose. He will later find that Snape did it on Dumbledore's orders.

Harry has always completely trusted Dumbledore. After he begins his search for the Horocruxes, however, Harry must face the facts that Dumbledore left him in the dark on many issues that Harry feels Dumbledore should have told him. One issue, the Deathly Hallows, Dumbledore reveals that he didn't tell Harry about because he himself wasn't trustworthy with them.

Many people have redirected their allegiances. It is hard to know which wizards and witches are trustworthy. Because Xenophilius Lovegood, a local newspaper owner, has been printing pro-Harry Potter articles all along, the three trust him enough to go to his house and ask for his help. Once there, Xenophilius betrays their trust by calling Death Eaters to capture them.

Power

Dumbledore has found that he did not do well with power. The period of time in which he was the worst version of himself was the period in which he was pursuing power. He tells Harry that maybe the people who are most trustworthy with power are those who don't seek it, but rather have it thrust upon them.

Voldemort spends his time trying to procure more power. When Voldemort learns about the Elder Wand, he first wants it to be able to beat Harry during a confrontation. Later, he wants it simply for the power that it holds.

There are many stories about the Elder Wand, also called the Death Stick. It has a very bloody past. Because it is such a powerful and coveted item, it is not safe to tell anyone that you are the possessor of it, because you will constantly have to watch for those trying to overthrow you for the wand. This is why Harry does not wish to keep the wand. He does not want any more trouble.

Wizards are not the only ones who wish for more power. Griphook states that he resents that wizards won't teach goblins what they know about wandlore. They keep all



the secrets to themselves. Ron tells Griphook that goblins do the same in that they won't teach wizards the secrets of metal working.

Voldemort is arrogant. He does not believe it possible that creatures other than wizards could have power about which he should concern himself. It is this arrogance that enables Kreacher to obtain the locket, and Dobby to save Harry and his friends.

Status

One's status, or place in life, is very important in this book. Voldemort wishes to create a super race, not so unlike Adolf Hitler in real life. Voldemort wants there to be only pure-blood wizards and witches left. Therefore, everyone else is in danger of being killed or locked up.

Voldemort has his Death Eaters begin rounding up all who can't prove their blood status. Werewolves, Muggle-borns, and Half-bloods are in jeopardy. So are Blood-traitors, or those who are working on the side of Harry Potter rather than Voldemort.

There is also a matter of status other than blood-status. House-elves, for example, are considered disposable creatures. They are used for whatever purpose their master decides, whether it harms the elves or not. Freed elves, such as Dobby, are not treated well by general society, either. Most wizards think it inappropriate to free a house-elf. Goblins are considered almost the same as house-elves. They do not have masters, but they are not worthy of conscious thought, either.

Harry's kind treatment of house-elves, goblins, Muggle-borns, and Blood-traitors is to the Death Eaters one of Harry's intolerable traits. The support that Harry has from these groups, however, is immeasurable. Multiple times it is their help that save Harry, Hermione, and Ron's lives.



Style

Point of View

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows is told from a first person perspective. It is told from the perspective of Harry Potter. The scope is limited to that knowledge which Harry has and obtains. The scope is broadened some by the connection that Harry has into Voldemort's mind. When Harry uses this connection, it allows the reader to see pieces of the story from Voldemort's point of view rather than Harry's. These glimpses into Voldemort's mind solidify the fact that Voldemort is completely evil.

The story is told through a mixture of dialog and exposition. The dialog helps the reader to understand the standpoints of the other characters better than only seeing Harry's feelings alone about the person.

Setting

This novel is set mostly in the fictional wizard world in the present. The story begins in Privet Drive, which is a street in a suburban neighborhood in England. Harry is shortly transported from there to the Burrow, where the Weasley family lives. Life in the Weasley house is crowded and chaotic with a wedding being planned, but also secure and comfortable.

Once the ministry has fallen, Harry, Hermione, and Ron move into Grimmauld Place. This is Harry's house. It is a house that can only be seen by those who have been told where it is, or taken there. This house provides the three a safe haven.

Once the Death Eaters have been made secret-keepers of Grimmauld Place, the time of living in secure comfortable homes ends. Ron, Hermione, and Harry must now camp every night. In order to avoid capture, they are constantly moving their camp, never staying in one place too long.

Language and Meaning

The language and meaning of this book will be hard to understand for anyone who hasn't read any of the previous Harry Potter books. The reason is that there are an amazing number of words in this book that are made up strictly for the Harry Potter series. The author of the book does not try to explain most of them.

There are also many spells that are contained in the book that are not explained. The reader may catch on to some of them by observing the results of the spells, but anyone who has read the previous books in the series will come in with a knowledge of what they mean.



Another reason that this book may be hard to understand for a first time reader of the Harry Potter series is that there are many different customs, traditions, and general workings of everyday life that are unique to the wizards and witches in the Harry Potter series, which are gradually revealed over the entire seven books.

Structure

This book is made up of thirty-six chapters and an epilogue. It is 759 pages long. Most chapters are somewhere around twenty pages long. Each chapter is named for the topic of the chapter, foreshadowing the enclosed events. The story is told in chronological order.

Some elements from previous chapters may come up in later chapters from time to time. Some events from previous books in the series may also arise. Some of these events are briefly explained, but many are not. If a reader has not read any of the other books, they may find this one hard to understand because of this. For example, Lucius Malfoy, once a strong supporter of Voldemort, has lost Voldemort's favor. The Death Eaters now mock the Malfoys because of their disgrace and fall from favor. The reason that they have fallen from his favor is never explained in this book. Characters are not introduced in detail in this book if they have been in previous books. This may also help to start the reader off lost.

The plot of the novel can get rather complicated in detail. It is a simple good against evil plot if you look at the big picture, though. The novel flows well for the most part. It may be too complicated if one hasn't read any of the previous books as there are a lot of things that are left unexplained.



Quotes

"Dominating the scene was Hagrid, wearing a helmet and goggles and sitting astride an enormous motorbike with a black sidecar attached. All around him other people were dismounting from their brooms and, in two cases, skeletal, black winged horses." Ch. 3 p. 45

"A second later, Ron had snatched his arm back from around her shoulders; she had dropped The Monster Book of Monsters on his foot. The book had broken free from its restraining belt and snapped viciously at Ron's ankle." Ch. 6 p. 95

"'Severus Snape?' Mad-Eye Moody's voice whispered out of the darkness, making all three of them jump back in fright. 'We're not Snape!' croaked Harry, before something whooshed over him like cold air and his tongue curled backward on itself, making it impossible to speak." Ch. 9 p. 170

"'Oh, Kreacher!' wailed Hermione, who was crying. She dropped to her knees beside the elf and tried to hug him. At once he was on his feet, cringing away from her, quite obviously repulsed." Ch. 10 p. 196

"'If the new regime thinks Muggle-borns are bad,' Harry said, 'what will they do to a half-werewolf whose father's in the Order? My father died trying to protect my mother and me, and you reckon he'd tell you to abandon your kid to go on an adventure with us?'" Ch. 11 p. 214

"The painted image of Phineas Nigellus Black was able to flit between his portrait in Grimmauld Place and the one that hung in the headmaster's office at Hogwarts: the circular tower-top room where Snape was no doubt sitting right now, in triumphant possession of Dumbledore's collection of delicate, silver magical instruments, the stone Pensieve, the Sorting Hat and, unless it had been moved elsewhere, the sword of Gryffindor." Ch. 12 p. 228

"They both stood up. Feeling exceptionally foolish, Harry clambered into the toilet. He knew at once that he had done the right thing; though he appeared to be standing in water, his shoes, feet, and robes remained quite dry. He reached up, pulled the chain, and the next moment had zoomed down a short chute, emerging out of a fireplace into the Ministry of Magic." Ch.12 p. 241

"If they emerged into the Atrium with a silver stag, an otter soaring alongside it, and twenty or so people, half of them accused Muggle-borns, he could not help feeling that they would attract unwanted attention." Ch. 13 p. 264

"Greenish smoke billowed upward and when it had cleared, Harry saw that the bleeding had stopped. The wound now looked several days old; new skin stretched over what had just been open flesh." Ch. 14 p. 279



"Harry knew it; his scar was bursting with the pain of it, and he could feel Voldemort flying through the sky from far away, over a dark and stormy sea, and soon he would be close enough to Apparate to them, and Harry could see no way out" Ch. 23 p. 473

"Amycus, the bloke, he teaches what used to be Defense Against the Dark Arts, except now it's just the Dark Arts." Ch. 29 p. 573

"The world had ended, so why had the battle not ceased, the castle fallen silent in horror, and every combatant laid down their arms?" Ch. 32 p. 638

"Precisely. If there comes a time when Lord Voldemort stops sending that snake forth to do his bidding, but keeps it safe beside him under magical protection, then, I think, it will be safe to tell Harry." Ch. 33 p. 686

"All were jumbled together, teachers and pupils, ghosts and parents, centaurs and house-elves, and Firenze lay recovering in a corner, and Grawp peered in through a smashed window, and people were throwing food into his laughing mouth." Ch. 36 p. 745



Topics for Discussion

During Voldemort's first rise to power, why did he ask for Kreacher's assistance?

Why didn't Dumbledore tell Harry about the Deathly Hallows?

Why did Dumbledore tell Snape to reveal the date of Harry's move to the Death Eaters?

Why is the fact that Snape's Patronus was a doe significant?

Why is there a taboo on Voldemort's name?

Why does Alberforth blame Albus for Ariana's death?

Why was Dobby able to rescue Harry and his friends when they couldn't help themselves?

What did Harry do that made Griphook say that he was an odd wizard and why?

Why was Hermione the one to be chosen to be tortured at the Malfoy Manor?

Why was Voldemort surprised to see Neville Longbottom attacking him?