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The beloved first book of the Harry Potter series, now fully illustrated by award-winning artist Jim Kay.

For the first time, J.K. Rowling's beloved Harry Potter books will be presented in lavishly illustrated full-color editions. Kate Greenaway-award winning artist Jim Kay has created over 100 stunning illustrations, making this deluxe format a perfect gift as much for a child being introduced to the series, as for the dedicated fan.

Harry Potter has never been the star of a Quidditch team, scoring points while riding a broom far above the ground. He knows no spells, has never helped to hatch a dragon, and has never worn a cloak of invisibility.

All he knows is a miserable life with the Dursleys, his horrible aunt and uncle, and their abominable son, Dudley--a great big swollen spoiled bully. Harry's room is a tiny closet at the foot of the stairs, and he hasn't had a birthday party in eleven years.

But all that is about to change when a mysterious letter arrives by owl messenger: a letter with an invitation to an incredible place that Harry--and anyone who reads about him---will find unforgettable.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone Details

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From Reader Review Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone for online ebook

★ Jess says

My original review was a comparison of sorts between Harry Potter and Twilight. However, this is stupid as the two are incomparable. Honestly, its not even worth discussing. Its not just that Twilight doesn't come close, it is the fact that Harry Potter transcends other similar works. Its peerless. To quote Samuel L. Jackson in Pulp Fiction: It *"ain't the same fuckin' ballpark, it ain't the same league, it ain't even the same fuckin' sport."*

There was a day when I thought I needed to defend Harry Potter, in the midst of the now dead Twilight craze, and you can see that below in what was my original review. It is a testament to the power of this series, that while various other franchises (Twilight, Hunger Games) have surged into popularity and then faded, Harry Potter remains unwaveringly strong after nineteen years. It is clear readers hold just as much admiration for these books as they always have. Time has not dimmed that.

I will, one day, write an essay about what these books mean to me. Eternal, this is the one that started it all.

Original review (circa 2010)

A note in regard to the on-going Potter vs Twilight debate:

Go ahed, tell me Twilight is better.

Tell me that James is scarier than Voldemort,

That the Cullens are a better family than the Weasly's

That Edward is cooler than Harry,

and Bella is smarter than Hermione.

Tell me that Stephenie Meyer is more talented than J.K. Rowling.

Go ahead,

I dare you.

Those who think the topic of Harry Potter or Twilight is worth debating and arguing over, are utterly stupid.

Quite frankly-this book is amazing.

Lily C says

I've FINALLY read a Harry Potter book!!!

(Watch my review here): <https://youtu.be/oUZ0EMsggSk>

Miranda Reads says

Can you hear me screaming?

As expected, the illustrations brought this book to **a whole new level**. I legitimately want to buy another copy, solely to take it apart and **frame it**.

Each page is just bursting with new life. Honestly, how could you **not** love such beautiful images?

I just can't get over how much *detail* is present in these pictures!

I think at this point, everyone and their great-great-grandmother has heard of this book.

Harry Potter, orphaned before he was one, was sent to live with his Aunt Petunia and Uncle Vernon. He was always a bit of **an odd child** - much to his family's dismay.

Things just... **happened** ...around him. Like when he was running from bullies and jumped to the school roof. Or when he got an atrocious haircut (courtesy of Aunt Petunia) and all of his hair grew back in a single night.

On his eleventh birthday, a letter comes to him and **a whole new world opens** in front of his eyes.

In short - I LOVED THIS ONE. I thought I loved the Harry Potter books when I first read them, but when I bought the illustrated version...well, that love instantly quadrupled.

The fully illustrated Philosopher's Stone still has all the wonder and amazement as the boy-turned-wizard embarks on a harrowing 7-book-adventure and the illustrations bring a whole new dimension.

Seriously, I can't emphasize enough how much I love this book. Just look at these images - they're magnificent:

Hogwarts, Hogwarts. Hoggy Hoggy warty warts.

Ahh! Just look at sad, tiny Harry. Don't worry kid - life will get better!

Not only are these **full-color, high quality images** but there are so *many* of them.

Often, illustrated books have a picture here or there but not HP. There's **pages and pages of pictures** like this - and often the pages without full-sized images will have a small illustrations here and there between the large ones.

Words cannot express how highly I recommend this one. If you haven't read HP recently...I **strongly urge** you to check out this book.

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Val ?? Shameless, Skanky & Bitchy ?? says

*****Because I got hate in the comments for OMG swearing in a children's book review (which I get, I guess...), DON'T READ THIS IF YOU ARE UNDER 18. Happy now, everyone?*****

Well, I did it. I FINALLY read my first Harry Potter book...and in the same year as its 20th

anniversary no less.

But better late than never, no?

Annnnd I already ordered the illustrated hardback.
And asked for the full hardcover set for Christmas.
From my dad.

Because nothing says, "I'm a thirty-fucking-five-year-old adult" like asking Daddy for Harry Potter for Christmas.

#TeamDumbledore

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I have a confession to make.

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I have never read Harry Potter.

Yes, yes, I know...this is akin to reader sacrilege.

But I just had no interest in these books when they came out. I was too busy reading about men in kilts fucking the milkmaid.

Therefore, my only experience with "Hermione" is the SNL skit where Lindsey Lohan shows Harry and that other scarfed dude her ginormous tatas.

Well, what with everyone going ape shit over the newest installment, I figure I should probably find out what all this Hogwart's business is about.

And since my friend's 9 year old demanded that I read his copy, I now have the paperback in my possession.

Hoping to get starting this week...

Raeleen Lemay says

Review for Illustrated Edition

Perfect. Duh.

Re-Read in December 2014 for Harry Christmas To You

OH LORDY. Every time I read this book it brings back so many memories, and also gets me excited to read the rest of the series again as well because there is so much foreshadowing!!

For example:

- Sirius Black is casually mentioned in the first chapter
- Mrs. Figg is talked about a bit, as she looks after Harry from time to time (or all the time, ayyyyy?)
- it always cracks me up when Hagrid says you'd have to be mad to try and rob Gringotts... Damn crazy kids.

Also here was a line in Dumbledore's chocolate frog card bio that said AND I QUOTE, "Professor Dumbledore enjoys chamber music and tenpin bowling." HAHAHAHA WHAT EVEN. NOW I'M IMAGINING HIM BOWLING DRAMATICALLY TO CHAMBER MUSIC.

Rowling is the queen forever and always.

Re-Read in July 2012

GINNY'S FANGIRLING IN THIS BOOK IS JUST TOO GOOD.

Also, the Dursleys aren't as bad as people think they are, because after all, they DID pick Harry up at the end of the year rather than just abandoning him. So THAT'S worth something.

mmmm, this book smells so good. It's good to be back.

Voldemort says

This is a disgrace to all pure bloods. My head looked quite dashing on that strange professor's head.. If only I could have extended my stay. Harry Potter.. This is not over yet.

Nick says

Khanh, first of her name, mother of bunnies says

Rereading for the 3rd time for the group read.

Once upon a time, there was a 10th grader named Khanh who didn't get along with people very well. She wasn't an outcast in school, and all the bullying and teasing stopped with the commencement of high school, but she had always been a bookworm and has generally preferred the company of her own thoughts.

Lunchtime had always been dedicated not to eating, but to sitting in the library, browsing through books.

(Not to worry, she got her nutrition in 5th period in the form of a giant 6-inch M&M studded cookie and a package of Sour Patch Kids and/or a package of Reese's Pieces. Ah, the effortless metabolism of youth.)

One day, there were shiny new books on her school library's "New Releases" shelf. Harry Potter, books 1 through 3. She had heard of the books before, of course, since they were a constant presence on the NYT bestsellers list, but she had always avoided them, thinking of them as children's novels.

At the grand age of 14, surely she was too old for a little kid's fantasy novel. She had read the *Outlander* series earlier that year, after all. And it had sex in it. SEX! She didn't really quite understand everything in the book, but the point is, she had read them. Surely, at 14, Khanh was ready for more mature novels.

And that did not include Harry Potter. **Harry Potter is 11. Khanh is 14.** There is a vast difference in their ages. Khanh was a *teenager*, dammit.

But the Harry Potter books were new. Brand new. They were shiny, they had never been touched by another reader. And Khanh was tempted.

She picked up the first book in the series: *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*.

The end.

Or rather, the beginning.

Colleen Hoover says

I'm on page 27. I can already tell this is going to be a big hit someday. Everyone take note of this author. He's going places.

Couldn't find him on Twitter, though. Wanted to tell him how great I thought page 23 was.

Sasha Alsberg says

Why the heck did I not read Harry Potter before now...its flipping magical (literally)!

Lora says

I'm going to keep this brief since there isn't much to say that hasn't already been said. *clears throat* I think the reason I waited so long to read this series is because I just couldn't imagine myself enjoying reading about an eleven-year-old boy and his adventures at a school of wizardry. I thought it would be too juvenile for my taste. I was wrong, of course.

I can honestly say that I loved every minute of this. It's a spectacular little romp with funny, courageous, and endearing characters that you can't help but love.

It has talking chess pieces, singing hats, a giant three-headed dog named Fluffy, a hilarious giant with a dragon fetish, a master wizard that's just a little bit crazy, mail carrier owls, goblins running a bank, unicorns, centaurs(!), trolls . . . and probably much more that I'm forgetting.

And then there's the lead characters: Hermione, the young scholar who starts out prim and up-tight but soon becomes a true friend; Ron, the boy who has little money but who has an abundance of family and loyalty to his friends to make up for it; and then there's Harry, the boy who starts out sleeping in a closet and ends up being a hero. Harry is kind to those that deserve it, fearless when it counts the most, and wonderfully intelligent. What's not to love?

In regards to the ending: (view spoiler)

FAVORITE QUOTE: *"But from that moment on, Hermione Granger became their friend. There are some things you can't share without ending up liking each other, and knocking out a twelve-foot mountain troll is one of them."*

Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm off to start Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.

My reviews of other titles in this series:

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

Navessa says

There are no words to do this book justice.

Hannah says

Perfection

Shep says

Zoë says

Update September 2016: Currently rereading this series *again!* (I need to sort out my priorities.)

I will never ever rate this lower than 5 stars. BEAUTIFUL.

