



Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Blurb: Harry Potter thinks he is an ordinary boy - until he is rescued by a beetle-eyed giant of a man, enrolls at Hogwarts Schools of Witchcraft and Wizardry, learns to play Quidditch and does battle in a deadly duel. The Reason: HARRY POTTER IS A WIZARD!

Mrs. Cairns' Book Review:

When I was eight years old, I was introduced to J.K. Rowling's wonderful world of wizardry for the very first time. She created a mesmerising world of magic, excitement and friendship that I just could not stop reading about. It was this book that turned me into such an avid reader - I loved the book so much that I even slept with it under my pillow. Now, more than 23 years later, I cannot wait to read this series to my own children (and I am still waiting for my own letter from Hogwarts).

At the beginning of the story, Harry Potter's life is not very exciting. He lives a mundane, boring life with his aunt, uncle and deplorable cousin, Dudley. One day, something wonderful happens to him - he receives a letter inviting him to join Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Suddenly, everything changes! Harry's adventures begin when he befriends Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger as a first year at Hogwarts. Harry quickly realises that he is special as he and his friends begin to unravel the mystery of the Philosopher's Stone. J.K. Rowling's world is full of diverse and interesting characters, breathtaking settings and other-worldly events. She explores challenging themes such as loneliness, loss and grief coupled with happier themes of belonging, being different and following your own path.

Recommended for other avid readers ages 8 and over.