

“Harry Potter and the Half- Blood Prince” Review

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Harry Potter is a serial of seven books that tell the story of a young studying wizard, who attends Hogwarts School of Wizardry. He also has to face the dangers and challenges that magic leaves for him. His parents were murdered by a dark wizard, Lord Voldemort, who disappeared mysteriously after he tried to kill Harry, but now he is back in action, and he is doing everything he can to kill him.

These books were written by Joanne Kathleen Rowling, who was born on July 31st of 1965 (which, by the way, is also the date of Harry’s birthday). Each one of these books is about Harry’s studies, from his first year at Hogwarts, to the seventh. The first book, “Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone” was first published in 1997. The following books in readings order are: “Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets”, “Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban”, “Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire”, “Harry Potter and the Order of Phoenix”, “Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince”, and the last one is “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows”. As this was the last book of the saga, the author made a real effort creating a lot of expectation before it was first published. It was a great strategy, because there were sold more than 360 millions of copies around the world.

The book I am commenting about is the sixth. “Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince”, because it is the one that will help you to remember the story to fully enjoy the seventh book.

The main subject of the book is the preparation for the upcoming war against dark magic, because, as Voldemort is back in public, he is killing innocent people. This war is not going well, in fact, everyone is too scared to fight against Voldemort, and the only people willing to do that are as mane as the ones that would offer themselves to clean the bathrooms of a school (even though they are not the worse you can see, yes, believe it). In addition, Wizards are reading the obituary everyday to find out if anyone they know has been murdered. Even the muggle governments are noticing the disasters that Voldemort is leaving behind as a trace of his movements (“muggles” are human people, who are not able to perform magic, for instance, they are not wizards).

In this book Harry will search for the full and complex story of the boy who became Lord Voldemort, and thereby find out what may be his vulnerabilities. Although Voldemort doesn't appear in the story, his followers gain importance in the story, and we get to know a lot about his past. In short, in this book we get to see how Harry finally becomes a man, after everything he has to face.

This story is definitely bloodier than the previous ones, which gives it the perfect taste of a more mature novel, but it also makes it harder for young children to read it without getting a little scared and amazed, but at the same time, Rowling keeps her good humor, which is one of the best things of the book.

In my opinion, it is like a long introduction for book seven, because in the last pages you get a lot of doubts, which are only going to be answered in the next book. Moreover, I reckon that it is very interesting and entertaining, because J. K. Rowling has a wonderful way of writing, and this book always gets you more and more interested and excited as it moves forward. When you read the book, at some points, you can feel your heart beating very fast and feel as your eyes grow bigger and bigger with the suspense. Even if your English is not as good as you would want it to be, this book is very easy to understand, and you can deduce many things just by the context.

This book contains great values, such as perseverance and love; and when you mix them you get to your goal, you always succeed. This is clear in every action that takes place in the book, like when Harry succeeds in performing an apparition charm, which he had never nor used before, and which it is only used by strong and advanced wizards, but Harry does this spell to save someone he loves. On the other hand, evil always loses because it is focused on hate, egoism and envy.

I really don't want to write more about the story, because everything is so important that I would be spoiling it before you read it, and "no one wants to know the end of the film before watching it". I fully recommend this book if you want to have a really nice time!

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