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SORTING CEREMONY

We suggest you begin your Harry Potter Book Night event with the Sorting Ceremony to sort your guests into the four Hogwarts houses.

If you have a group of more than 30 guests, consider how to adapt this activity to suit your number of would-be wizards and witches. You may want to assign houses to classes or year groups prior to the night, or you could have more than one Sorting Hat to speed up the process.

YOU WILL NEED:

- The Sorting Hat (Any magical-looking hat will do)
- A container with house names on pieces of paper
- A chair

WHAT TO DO:

Prepare by placing pieces of paper with GRYFFINDOR, HUFFLEPUFF, RAVENCLAW, and SLYTHERIN into a box or container. You'll need one piece of paper for each child attending.

You can read the Sorting Hat song to get people in the mood (*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, Chapter 7, pages 125–126), or you could print out a large copy of the words and have everyone sing it together.

One by one get your guests to sit on the chair and place the Sorting Hat on their head, while they select a piece of paper with their house name from the container.

You can find out more about each of the houses and their characteristics at harrypotterbooknight.com.

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WHAT'S IN THE BESTIARY?

Write the names of these beasts onto pieces of paper. Fold them up and put them in a witch or wizard's hat.

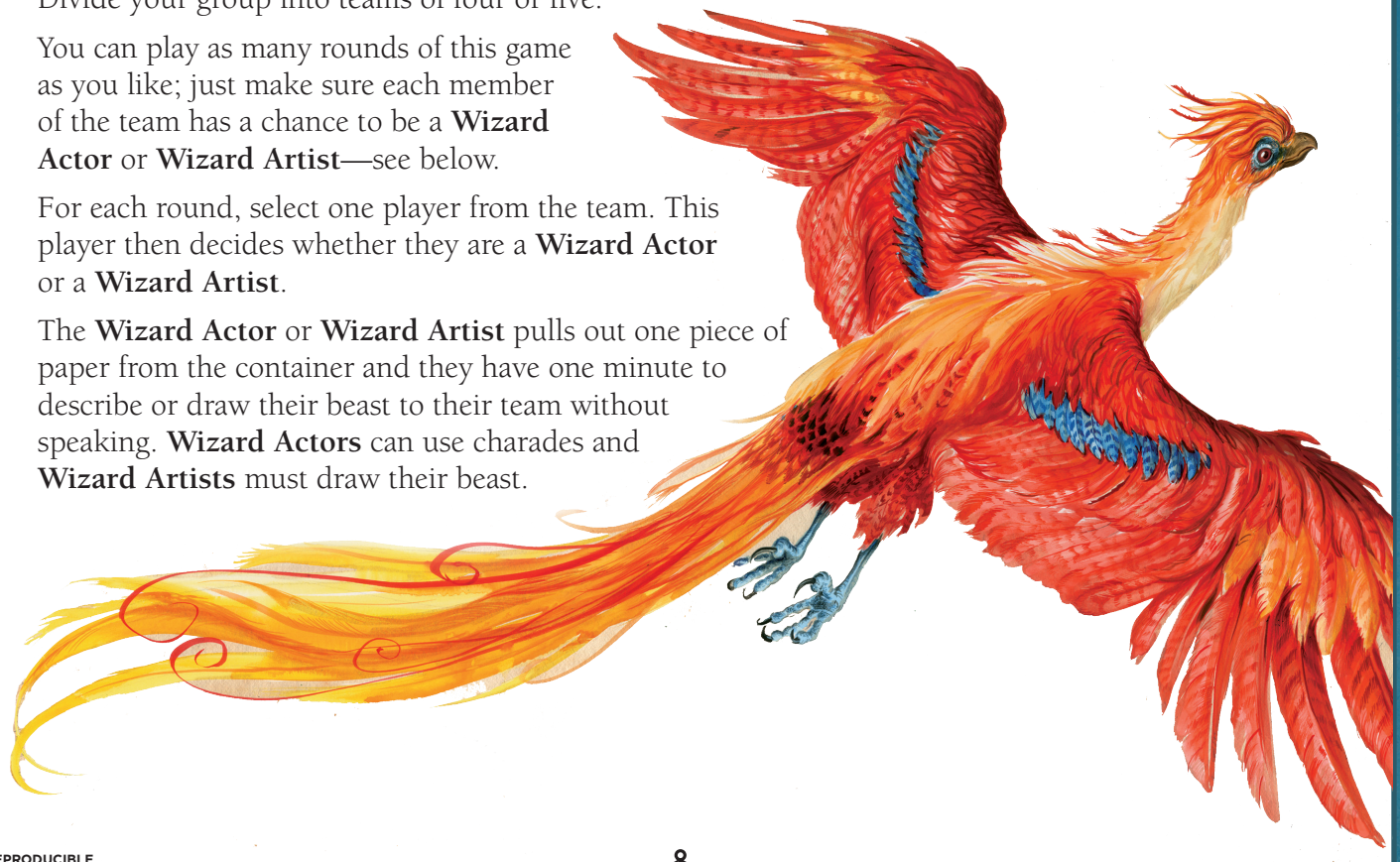
ACROMANTULA
AUGUREY
BASILISK
BOWTRUCKLE
CENTAUR
CHIZPURFLE
DEMIGUISE
FAIRY
GHOUL
GNOME
GRIFFIN
HIPPOGRIFF
GRINDYLOW
KELPIE
KNEAZLE
LEPRECHAUN
MERPEOPLE
NIFFLER
OCCAMY
PHOENIX
PIXIE
GOLDEN SNIDGET
THUNDERBIRD
TROLL
UNICORN
WEREWOLF
YETI

WHAT TO DO:
Divide your group into teams of four or five.

You can play as many rounds of this game as you like; just make sure each member of the team has a chance to be a **Wizard Actor** or **Wizard Artist**—see below.

For each round, select one player from the team. This player then decides whether they are a **Wizard Actor** or a **Wizard Artist**.

The **Wizard Actor** or **Wizard Artist** pulls out one piece of paper from the container and they have one minute to describe or draw their beast to their team without speaking. **Wizard Actors** can use charades and **Wizard Artists** must draw their beast.



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ON GUARD!

A Magizoologist needs to be aware of how to protect themselves from, or placate, the magical beasts they study, just in case things get out of hand!

Divide the group into teams of three or four and give each team a set of these cards—you will need to make copies and cut them out ahead of time. Have the groups match the defense to the beast it would work against.

Patronus Charm	Offer it woodlice
Lethifold	Bowtruckle
Silencing Charm	Fire
Fwooper	Yeti
Fight back!	Freeze them with a suitable charm
Erkling	Ashwinder
Scouring Charm	Avoid!
Bundimun	Werewolf
Answer a riddle correctly	Grindylow
Sphinx	Avoid!

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CREATE YOUR OWN FANTASTIC BEAST!

For this activity you will need a collection of craft materials such as old newspapers, colored paper, colored pencils, crayons, tape, and scissors.

What magical abilities do you admire the most? If you could breed your own magical beast, would it have the power of invisibility like the Demiguise? The ability to breathe fire like a dragon? Would you like it to be able to locate gold coins like the Niffler? Or perhaps you would like it to have lots of arms and legs like the Doxy, powerful wings like the griffin, or astounding intellect like the sphinx?

Form groups of twos or threes and, using the craft equipment and materials listed above, make your own fantastic beasts. If you like, groups could present the fantastic beasts they have created and take everyone through the beast's magical characteristics.

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WARNING: DANGEROUS BEASTS INSIDE!

The Department for the Regulation and Control of Magical Creatures has classified all known beasts. If you stumbled across one of these fantastic beasts, would you know whether you had to run away or if you could pet it? Test your knowledge below by giving each of these beasts their correct Ministry of Magic Classification.

Ministry of Magic (M.O.M.) Classification

XXXXX	Known wizard killer/impossible to train or domesticate
XXXX	Dangerous/requires specialist knowledge/skilled wizard may handle
XXX	Competent wizard should cope
XX	Harmless/may be domesticated
X	Boring

1. Acromantula_____
2. Chimaera_____
3. Chizpurfle_____
4. Dragon_____
5. Flobberworm_____
6. Horklump_____
7. Lethifold_____
8. Niffler_____
9. Troll_____

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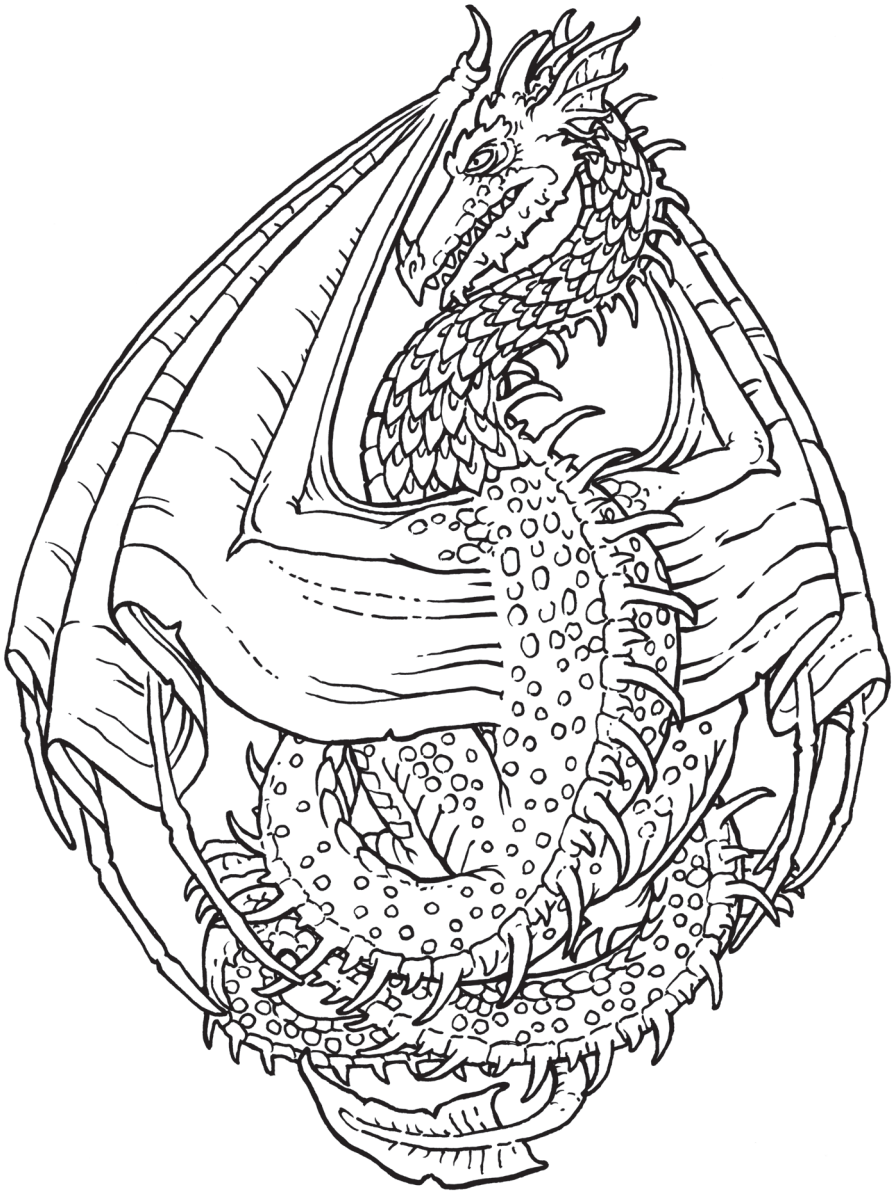
COLOR IN THE DRAGON!

Dragons are giant-winged, fire-breathing reptilian creatures. Widely regarded as terrifying yet awe-inspiring, they can be found all over the world and are frequently referred to in Asian and medieval European folklore. Able to fly and breathe fire through their nostrils, they are one of the most dangerous and hardest to conceal creatures in the wizarding world.



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MY MAGIZOOLOGIST PROFILE

Fill in the card below to create your own Magizoologist profile.

- Which fantastic beast would be your specialist subject?
- Which country would you most like to visit to further your fieldwork studies of fantastic beasts?
- Don't forget to draw your favorite beast too.
- When you're done, cut out the card and fold it in half. You can keep it in your pocket!

First Name_____

Last Name_____

Age_____

Wand_____

Hogwarts House_____

The Fantastic Beast I Would Most Like to Study Is

_____

Favorite Field Location

_____

A Picture of My Favorite Beast

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BEAST SEARCH!

Find these magical creatures in the grid below. Words can read up, down, across, diagonally, and backwards.

ACROMANTULA
BASILISK
BEAST
CRUP
DOXY
FLOBBERWORM
GHOUL
GLUMBUMBLE
GNOME
GRIFFIN
GRINDYLOW
HIPPOGRIFF
HODAG
HORKLUMP
IMP
KAPPA
KNARL
KNEAZLE
MOKE
NIFFLER
PHOENIX
PIXIE
PLIMPY
POGREBIN
SALAMANDER
SNALLYGASTER
TEBO
THUNDERBIRD
YETI

S	Y	A	B	V	H	O	R	K	L	U	M	P
A	N	E	C	K	X	I	N	E	O	H	P	O
L	E	A	T	S	D	L	T	D	A	O	F	G
A	F	I	L	I	O	U	S	E	C	D	L	R
M	F	E	X	L	X	O	A	F	R	A	O	E
A	I	L	E	I	Y	H	E	I	O	G	B	B
N	R	B	L	S	P	G	B	G	M	N	B	I
D	G	M	Z	A	Y	R	A	N	A	O	E	N
E	O	U	A	B	E	P	I	S	N	M	R	I
R	P	B	E	D	P	F	M	H	T	E	W	F
O	P	M	N	A	F	O	P	I	U	E	O	F
B	I	U	K	I	K	N	A	R	L	I	R	L
E	H	L	R	E	C	R	U	P	A	P	M	E
T	J	G	R	I	N	D	Y	L	O	W	K	R

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DRAGON SPOTTING

There are ten known breeds of dragon. Can you spot the right dragon from the given clue? Draw a line to match the clue with the dragon, and see if you would make a good dragon handler like Charlie Weasley!

Black scales, yellow eyes	ANTIPODEAN OPALEYE
Metallic gray scales and deep-red eyes	CHINESE FIREBALL
Copper-colored, short horns	COMMON WELSH GREEN
Golden spikes around its face and crimson and gold eggs	HEBRIDEAN BLACK
Purple eyes, bat-like wings, and a tail with an arrow-shaped spike	HUNGARIAN HORNTAIL
Looks a lot like the Hungarian Horntail except with black ridges along its back	NORWEGIAN RIDGEBACK
Silvery-blue in color, and also breathes blue flame	PERUVIAN VIPERTOOTH
Pearly scales and multicolored eyes	ROMANIAN LONGHORN
Green scales and a melodious roar	SWEDISH SHORT-SNOUT
Dark-green scales, long golden horns	UKRAINIAN IRONBELLY

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THE BEASTLY BRAIN-TEASER QUIZ

It's nearly time to take your O.W.L. in Care of Magical Creatures. Complete the quiz below to see if you're ready and to round off your Harry Potter Book Night: Fantastic Beasts event!

Running the Beastly Brain-Teaser Quiz

- Divide your trainee wizards and witches into their four house groups: Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, and Slytherin.
- Hand out the answer sheet template and call out the questions, giving each house time to write down their answers.
- Have the houses swap their quiz sheets with one another to mark each other's as you call out the answers.
- Record the points on your House Points Chart. You can draw this on a chalkboard, whiteboard, flip chart, or a big sheet of paper.

HOUSE POINTS CHART

	Gryffindor	Slytherin	Ravenclaw	Hufflepuff
Round 1: Cute and Furry				
Round 2: Feathered Beasts				
Round 3: Vicious and Venomous				
Round 4: Miscellaneous				

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THE BEASTLY BRAIN-TEASER QUIZ
Quizmaster Sheet

Round 1: CUTE AND FURRY

Question 1 for 10 points: What types of things are Nifflers attracted to?
Answer: Anything glittery

Question 2 for 20 points: What kind of trees do Bowtruckles normally live in?
Answer: Wand-trees

Question 3 for 50 points: Fred and George Weasley breed miniature Puffskeins to sell at Weasleys' Wizard Wheezes. What name do they give these miniature creatures?
Answer: Pygmy Puffs

Question 4 for 100 points: How can you tell the difference between a Knarl and a hedgehog?
Answer: Offer them all food. The Knarl will savage your garden, as it will think you're trying to trick it.

Question 5 for 150 points: What kind of a dog does a Crup look like?
Answer: A Jack Russell terrier

Round 2: FEATHERED BEASTS

Question 1 for 10 points: What is the name of Dumbledore's faithful phoenix?
Answer: Fawkes

Question 2 for 20 points: The Augurey's cry foretells something to do with the weather. What does it foretell?
Answer: If it is about to rain

Question 3 for 50 points: Which magical flying beast can create storms as it flies?
Answer: The Thunderbird

Question 4 for 100 points: Which bird was once used in Quidditch matches in place of the Golden Snitch?
Answer: The Snidget

Question 5 for 150 points: Which beast native to North America is part-bird, part-reptile and has fangs of serrated steel and a bulletproof hide?
Answer: A Snallygaster

Round 3: VICIOUS AND VENOMOUS

Question 1 for 10 points: Which creature is bred by hatching a chicken's egg beneath a toad?
Answer: A Basilisk

Question 2 for 20 points: The griffin has the front legs and head of which animal?
Answer: A giant eagle

Question 3 for 50 points: Which beast, known by the nickname of "Hairy MacBoon," is found on the Isle of Drear in Scotland?
Answer: The Quintaped

Question 4 for 100 points: There are three types of troll: mountain, forest, and river. In their first year at Hogwarts, Harry, Ron, and Hermione defeat a troll. What type was it?
Answer: Mountain

Question 5 for 150 points: Name three of the ten known breeds of dragon. Bonus 50 points if you can name two additional breeds.
Answer: Common Welsh Green, Hungarian Horntail, Antipodean Opaleye, Norwegian Ridgeback, Swedish Short-Snout, Chinese Fireball (also known as Liondragon), Hebridean Black, Peruvian Vipertooth, Romanian Longhorn, and Ukrainian Ironbelly

Round 4: MISCELLANEOUS

Question 1 for 10 points: How many legs does a Doxy have?
Answer: Four

Question 2 for 20 points: The silvery hair from which creature can be woven into Invisibility Cloaks?
Answer: The Demiguise

Question 3 for 50 points: Muggles know the Diricawl by which name?
Answer: The dodo

Question 4 for 100 points: The feathers of this bird are used in Truth Serums and Memory Potions
Answer: The Jobberknoll

Question 5 for 150 points: Which two creatures asked for their affairs not to be managed by the Ministry of Magic, and are therefore technically considered "beasts"?
Answer: Centaurs and merpeople

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Answer Sheet

HOUSE NAME:_____

ROUND 1: CUTE AND FURRY

1._____10 points

2._____20 points

3._____50 points

4._____100 points

5. _____150 points

ROUND SCORE:_____

ROUND 2: FEATHERED BEASTS

1._____10 points

2._____20 points

3._____50 points

4._____100 points

5. _____150 points

ROUND SCORE:_____

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Answer Sheet

HOUSE NAME:_____

ROUND 3: VICIOUS AND VENOMOUS

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4._____100 points

5. _____150 points

ROUND SCORE:_____

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3. _____50 points

4. _____100 points

5. _____150 points

ROUND SCORE:_____

TOTAL SCORE:_____

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ANSWER SHEET

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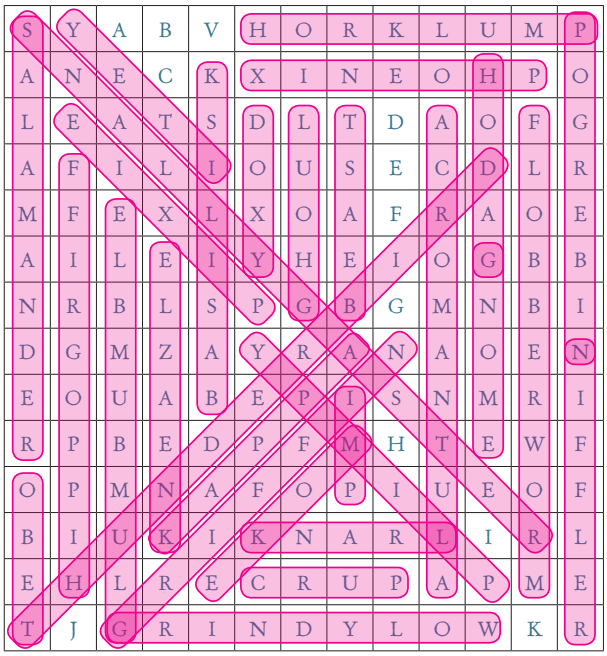

ON GUARD!

Patronus Charm = Lethifold

Fight back! = Erkling

Answer a riddle correctly = Sphinx

Avoid! = Grindylow

Fire = Yeti

Avoid! = Werewolf

Freeze them with a suitable charm = Ashwinder

Offer it woodlice = Bowtruckle

Scouring Charm = Bundimun

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DRAGON SPOTTING

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Metallic gray scales and deep-red eyes = Ukrainian Ironbelly

WARNING: DANGEROUS BEASTS INSIDE!

1. XXXXX
2. XXXXX
3. XX
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5. X
6. X
7. XXXXX
8. XXX
9. XXXX

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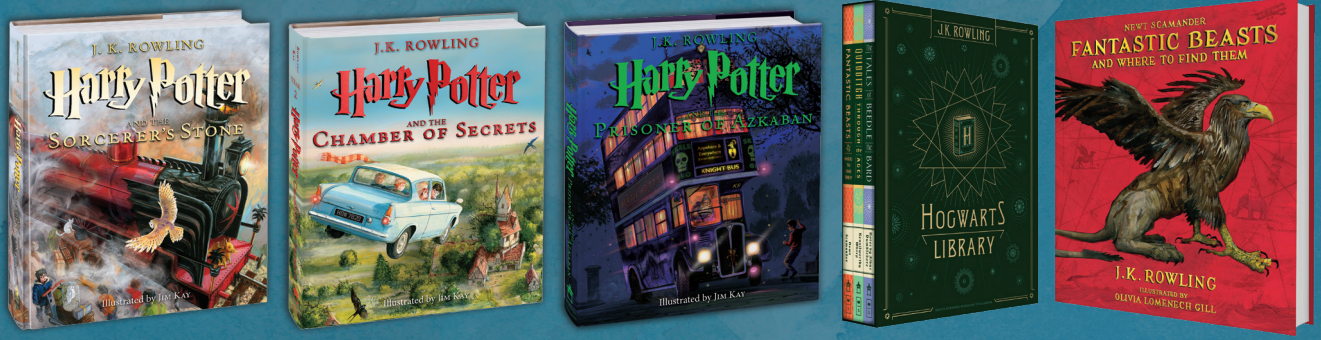

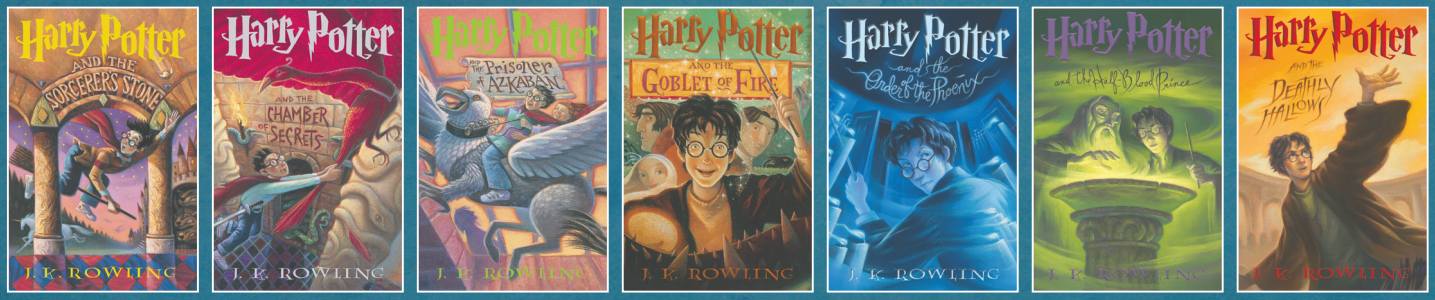

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