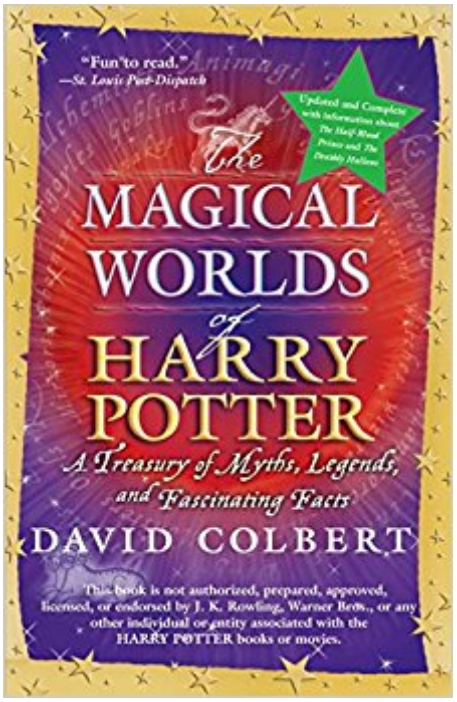
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Synopsis

This is the indispensable source guide to J.K. Rowling?s Harry Potter novels?revised and updated with information relating to Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince and Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows.

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Customer Reviews

Anyone who has read the Harry Potter books is aware that author J.K. Rowling infuses her stories with references to mythology, literature, history, and legends. Even if you don’t know exactly what a manticore or a griffin is, it’s likely that many readers have at least a vague sense of the existence of these creatures in ancient lore. Inspired by Rowling’s suggestion to a young fan to "go and look it up," author David Colbert did quite a bit of investigation himself. The result is the fun, entertaining, and enlightening Magical Worlds of Harry Potter. From alchemy to hippogriffs to veela, Colbert explores the fascinating meanings between the lines and buried within the names of characters and places in all the Harry Potter books. Chapter headings include such intriguing questions as "Have Witches Always Flown on Broomsticks?" "Why Would Chocolate Help After Escaping a Dementor?" and "Are Any of the Famous Witches and Wizards Real?" A small purple tab in the margin of the first page of each chapter guides readers looking for specific subjects: Divination, Goblins, McGonogall, Owls, Voldemort, Wands, etc. Curious readers will learn the link between Hagrid’s pet dog, Fluffy, and the mythological Greek sentry to Hades, Cerberus. And they’ll get a taste of scholar Joseph Campbell’s theories on heroism, with Harry as the hero, of course. The true magic of this

book is that it will surely inspire Harry Potter fans to delve deeper into the various areas it explores. Readers will soon be clamoring for collections of Greek, Japanese, Indian, and Egyptian mythology, as well as copies of The Sword in the Stone, A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Canterbury Tales, and Treasure Island, to discover the sources of their favorite Harry Potter books. (All ages) --Emilie Coulter --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 5 & Up--A book for librarians and teachers to introduce fantasy, mythology, and folklore; a good reference source; and a title that will appeal to Harry Potter's multitude of fans. The 53 entries, most of them two to six pages in length, are arranged in alphabetical order by a highlighted keyword. For example, words such as "Alchemy," "Animagus," "Grindylows," "Voldemort," and "wizards" are defined, traced to their usage in other tales, and given an expanded description. Some see-also references appear in the margins. Long after the enthusiasm for Harry and friends has abated, this small volume will serve as a resource to answer questions that may result from reading other stories in the genre. Buy two copies-one for reference and one for circulation.Mary Lankford, Library Consultant, Austin, TXCopyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This year I planned my son's curriculum around "a year at Hogwarts". I purchased this book as part of that curriculum and was not disappointed. This book was a wonderful addition to our "History of Magic" class. This is a must read for any Potter fans who have wondered about the mythology and history behind your favorite books. The chapters are very short (I might have liked a bit more information for myself) but just the right length to get my son interested and not bore him. I highly recommend it.

Bought this as a gift for my sister who's a huge Harry Potter fan, she loved it and it made an excellent addition to her collection!

Got as a gift for older child. Very excited about it. Followed up later and the young man was very pleased reading the book.

"The Magical Worlds of Harry Potter" is a fun and easy to read breeze through some of the myths and folklore that JK Rowling used to create her uber-popular Harry Potter world. I'd especially recommend it for kids who want an entertaining way to dig a little deeper into the novels. The

comparison of Harry Potter and Cedric Diggory to the Knights of the Round Table, the history of Avada Kedavra and the "real" famous chocolate frog wizards all make you appreciate the attention to detail in Rowling's world - and some of the factoids are pretty insightful. My only complaint about the book is that, with the publication of "Order of the Phoenix" and "Half Blood Prince," it's gotten a bit outdated. I'd adore a seeing a revised version from David Colbert one of these days.

This is a really good book, whether your a Harry Potter fan or not. It gives really in-depth information about all sorts of mythological creatures from all around the world. Children and adults can enjoy it!

very impressed with the condition

It's fun and fascinating! David Colbert's book entertained me with delightful stories about mythical creatures, real history, ancient mythology and his own speculations on Potter's world. All too brief and lightly illustrated (it is a very fast "read"), it left me wanting more. It also left me even more delighted with the talents of J. K. Rowling. The weaver of these wonderful tales has woven even more mythology and fact into the Potter books than I had realized. I had not know that Nicholas and Pernelle Flamel were real people (delighted that she had "made" him successful and brought him into the 20th cantury)and had forgotten from Greek mythology, who "Argus" was. While there are a few omissions (no werewolves ?), and a few intepretations I didn't quite agree with (don't we all have an opinion ?), I would recommend the book highly to any fan of the Potter series.

Great resource book; explanations,origins, facts, history, mythologies, literature and different cultures. I could go on and on. This book shows Rowling's immense knowledge that her writings contain. If you have a library of Potter books this one is a exceptional addition. I've also purchased it for my grandchildren. As Rowling's books have charged the young to read this book is also a great reference and leadin to many other forms of history, literature and mythology.

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