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Since 1997 with the publication of the first book, *Harry Potter* has cast a spell over millions of Muggles around the world--not the least of all bewitched collectors. *Harry Potter: The Unofficial Guide to the Collectibles of Our Favorite Wizard* conjures rare, extraordinary and magical treasures sprung from the *Potter* books and movies, and even the imaginations of fans. In its enchantingly visual pages, you'll discover delightful riches including author J.K. Rowling's writing chair that sold at auction for almost \$400,000, first-edition books, original art, movie posters, film props, exclusives, limited-edition items, fun fandom pieces, and other wonders to behold.

So with a whisper of "accio" and a flick of your wand, summon forth the fascinating, the fantastical and the fabulous found in *Harry Potter: The Unofficial Guide to the Collectibles of Our Favorite Wizard*.

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Jemima says

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The reason for my being... The reason I fell in love with books and all things books... HARRY POTTER!!!!!! I am a huge Harry Potter fan! Huge! I get excited about even the teeniest tiniest thing that's related to The world of Harry Potter and The world of Witchcraft and Wizardry! So.... you can only imagine my excitement when i received this! Yes I wept for joy.. I know..silly...but... I'm not embarrassed or ashamed. I felt like how Dobby felt when "Malfoy" gave him the socks! happy...duh!

OK.. that picture ↑ is a little creepy...

I felt more like this ↓ **hahaha!**

Now, this book isn't just a guide to collecting Harry Potter things but a work of art, telling stories behind famous pieces and fun facts strewn across pages of cultivated knowledge. For all the HP nut-heads out there.. this is like winning the Quidditch cup along with the House Cup...all wrapped up in a pretty big bow! This is a book that will help you build your already big Harry Potter collection even bigger! It also has active website links for you to browse through or even purchase items.

PS: There are spoilers in this book related to the Harry Potter movies and the Book series... So If you haven't read or watch the Harry Potter book/ movie (If you haven't....which world have you lived in for the past 10+ years??!!), I'd advise you to do so first.

Happy Reading!!!!

For more reviews check out my blog <https://sentrancedjem.wordpress.com>

Joan says

This was a great book, thoroughly enjoyed the trip down HP memory lane. The author did a wonderful job going through the merchandise and books, showing many different items and what they are worth. He showcased everything from movie posters to first edition books to the chair J.K. Rowling sat in to write the books. Lots of little insider items that were fun to see and know about. FYI's about items, movies, props and characters made each section fun to go through. Great book for Potter fans to have on hand.

Bunny says

Received via Netgalley in exchange for a fair and unbiased review.

The funny thing about this book is that the author obviously knows his audience. This is a book about the type of money fans of Harry Potter are willing to spend to continue their love for this amazing world.

To sum up: Yo dawg, I heard you like collectibles. So I made a collectible about collectibles.

All of that being said, I am a Harry Potter fan, and I was absolutely fascinated by this book. I wish the ARC had loaded the pictures properly, I was stuck trying to imagine what the artifacts looked like, or googling to see them for myself.

For those of us who love fandom and love collecting aspects of fandom, this is the perfect book. And it's also a reminder that no fan should ever have more money than sense, because dear god, some of the prices in here. Thank god I'm poor, y'all.

Sharon says

Really great guide to Harry Potter collectibles, their prices, plenty of pics plus background information and sorted by category.

this was a goodreads giveaway

KriisGaia says

Harry Potter and the Unofficial Guide to Collectibles of our Favorite Wizard
by Eric Bradley
Krause Publications

For anyone who is Harry Potter fan, and who isn't, this book is the ultimate guide for assessing your

collection. After finally being published by Bloomsbury, the series was initially turned down by 8 other publishers. Harry Potter is now much-celebrated book, movie, and collectible franchise.

This unofficial guide covers books, movie posters, movie props, pottery, merchandise, limited edition collectibles, fandom, and Potter inspired collectibles. It details all and will give you information on what is and is not valuable.

For instance, the first edition print of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone from 1997 in like new condition fetched \$43,750 in an auction in 2013. If you are lucky enough to have one of these editions you'll find the number sequence "10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1" on the copyright page and "Copyright © Text Joanne Rowling 1997". Given that most of the first edition books went to libraries, it is rare to find one in near perfect condition. This explains why the price is over \$40,000 for a copy in such good condition.

Some books are prized for the errors that are made in them. First editions are commonly littered with errors and these rare mistakes become prized in later auctions. The errors that you would find in one of these rare books are spelled out in detail helping you to prove the authenticity of your collectible.

One of the rarest Harry Potter books is one that was created, handwritten and even illustrated by Rowling herself. This is a copy of The Tales of Beedle the Bard which she created in 2007 for Barry Cunningham the British publisher who famously was the one man who would take a chance on the Harry Potter books. This rarity achieved \$467,000 in a 2016 London auction.

More Than Just Books

Beyond books are movie posters many which will only fetch between \$150 and \$300. Some original poster art is rarer and gets between \$40,000 – \$60,000. But of course, these are not prints.

In all this is an excellent book for any fan of the Harry Potter series. Those who have chosen to collect various memorabilia will prize it especially. It is well laid out and provides excellent detail about look for and how to prove your collectible's authenticity.

This review is in response to a complimentary copy of the book sent to me by the publishers in hopes of an honest review.

Amy Leigh says

This isn't just a guide to collecting Harry Potter things but a work of art, telling stories behind famous pieces and fun facts strewn across pages of cultivated knowledge. This book helps you understand what "Harry Pottery" is and how best to build your collection (with active website links included) while drooling at previously sold items.

Eric Bradley has given something special from his expertise to inspire artists, creators and collectors alike. Warning: For those of you who haven't read or watched Harry Potter (What are you waiting for?) there are spoilers.

Copy given by publisher and NetGalley for a fair and honest review.

Annie says

Originally published on my blog: Nonstop Reader

Harry Potter - The Unofficial Guide to the Collectibles of Our Favorite Wizard from F + W Media and written/curated by

Heritage Auctions' Eric Bradley, is an in-depth very well photographed collectible price and ID book covering most everything associated with 'Harry Pottery' (all things Potter).

The guide, at 208 pages is well packed with items which are assembled into chapters. The table of contents lists an introduction, including what is (and isn't) 'Harry Pottery', 8 chapters divided into ephemera and props from the books, movie posters, actual movie props, other items (for example the signed, author decorated chair where she wrote the books - \$394,000), retail collectible merchandise, limited edition collectibles, fandom and Potter-inspired collectibles.

The books have a special place in most readers' memories and world. Actually owning a piece of gear which was used in the movies has the capacity to turn otherwise rational people into squealing fangirls/boys. To be absolutely honest, I started a review of this book and got distracted several times just looking at the items over and over again. The chances of me ever actually plonking down \$1.9 million dollars (please insert Dr. Evil voice) are nil, but darn it, that is one FINE book! (see below)

Yes, that's a handmade morocco leather bound hand written and drawn (by J.K. Rowling herself) copy of Beedle the Bard. The backstory has never been published (as far as I know). A prop version of this book in the movie was given to Hermione by Dumbledore. Afterward, the author handwrote and illustrated the story for a select number of friends. The cover furnishings are sterling silver encrusted with semiprecious stones.

Back to the collectibles book. It's unofficial but very well written, no-nonsense text by a professional who writes collectible and valuation catalogs as his day job. He knows what he's talking about.

This book is what it is; a well curated valuation guide and photographic encyclopedia. I was actually quite surprised at how affordable a lot of the collectibles are. A first edition authentic movie poster can be had for \$40-200.

Four stars, although now I really want to go find an original movie poster to go with my Creature from the Black Lagoon and Plan 9 From Outer Space posters!

Disclosure: I received an ARC at no cost from the author/publisher.

Eve beinguniquebooks says

This book makes for an interesting read, as a Harry Potter fan since the first edition books appeared on shop shelves, I was amazed by the information I gained knowledge of from this guide.

From our books to the movie props and cinema given poster stock, art work and other various rare merchandise from the film set, we learn of auctions taken place for items and the guide prices for others too.

Even rare Lego and popular new Funko Pops of the franchise are featured with astonishing prices.

If you have merch yourself or love the series and want to learn more, this is a great book for you to get your hands on.

Many thanks to the publishers for allowing me to review this book for them!

i fall in love book blog says

I consider myself a Harry Potter fan, and in fact gradually converted my muggle of a husband into a closeted Slytherin (not my first choice, but at least he's sorted now).

As much of a fan as I am, I don't really have much in the way of Harry Pottery. According to this book Harry Pottery is the term for all things that are collected by fans of Harry Potter. I have a wand and some metal house bookmarks, but this book made me realize what a wide variety of items there are out there. And I pretty much want them all. Except the posters. Someone else can collect those. But seriously if someone can give me *The Monster Book of Monsters* for Christmas I would be greatly appreciative.

This book was really informative and opened my eyes up to all the different things that could be collected, even though the chapter on posters bored me some, I was interested to know that some of the bigger movie posters are fairly cheap because it costs so much to frame them. I hadn't thought of that before, and I would probably be someone that would buy a huge poster without giving thought to the cost of framing (and then never get it framed due to the cost). I still might do it... but at least I'm informed now. My favorite pieces throughout the book were actually the one of a kind items. The work that went into most of those pieces is incredible but it's also inspiring to know that Harry Potter fans can use their talents and their love of the fandom to create valuable art. I'm a collector by nature, and while Harry Pottery wasn't one of my collections this book has made me want to get started.

I received an advance reader copy of this book that I have chosen to review.

Schizanthus says

You know all of that Harry Potter memorabilia you desperately want need but will never have enough Galleons for? For those of us who barely have two Knuts to rub together, this is the book to drool over while you're feeling sorry for yourself for not having generous millionaire family members. In it you'll find the wish list of your dreams, some of which would set you back more than what you paid for your car and others, your house. If anyone's feeling generous, I wouldn't reject your offer of gifting me one of J.K.'s hand-written and illustrated copies of *The Tales of Beedle the Bard*.

Eric Bradley's book takes you on a journey through such treasures as first edition signed books, movie posters, movie props, Harry Pottery (including the chair J.K. sat in while she wrote the first two books and original artwork), Harry Potter merchandise, limited edition collectibles, fandom (including a themed wedding and tattoos), and Potter-inspired collectibles.

You'll read details and see photos of items that have sold at auction as well as those which have not been

made available for sale and are used in exhibitions. For most of us this book will be as close as we get to most of these coveted items. I particularly enjoyed reading about other fans and what this series means to them.

Disclaimer: Tissues for cleaning up your drool are sold separately.

I received a copy of this book from NetGalley (thank you so much to NetGalley, Krause Publications and F+W Media for the opportunity) in exchange for honest feedback.

Stephanie Ward says

4.5 Stars

'Harry Potter: The Unofficial Guide to the Collectibles of Our Favorite Wizard' is an interesting look at how much this franchise has effected not just our culture, but the world. The book catalogues several different collectibles associated with the series and gives the reader inside facts and figures that I found amazing. For example, a pair of prop glasses that Daniel Radcliffe wore in Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone was one of several made for the film, and was sold for \$20,000. I loved reading about the different types of collectibles - posters, signed books, props, and other merchandise - to find out fun facts about them and how much they were sold for or are valued at. There are wonderful full page photographs throughout the entire book - some of the collectibles themselves and some from the movies - as well as quotes from the author and books. The mix of information, pictures, and the quotes made this a really fun read for me - especially because I'm a huge Harry Potter fan. I definitely think this book is a must have for true fans of the Harry Potter universe.

Disclosure: I received a copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.

Vanessa says

This is a must for any Harry Potter fan for their collections. I fell in love with Harry Potter and a huge fan of his movies and books. So Harry Potter - The Unofficial Guide to the Collectibles of Our Favourite Wizard was a wicked find.

This book is a wonderful guide of collecting Harry Potter things, his Books, Posters, work of art, it also tells stories behind famous pieces, and contains fun filled facts throughout the book of cultivated knowledge. You never know you may have a 1st edition of one of his books etc and you will be surprised how much it is worth. You may be sitting on a small fortune!

So for all you Harry Potter fans put there this is a fab find

This is a book that will help you build your already big Harry Potter collection even bigger! and give you more knowledge of our number one wizard.....we all love.....x

Dee Arr says

I know it's hard to break away from the stories, movies, and additional add-on books, but most Potter fans will find this book extremely interesting. Magazine editor and author of multiple antique books Eric Bradley

has put together an awesome book.

The pictures alone should be enough to sell this book. They are striking, and big enough for all the small details to be seen. The text is there when you are done admiring the art, and it has plenty of fun facts about the items (both the ones you can buy and the ones you can't). The collectibles are sorted by chapters, ranging from books and merchandise to movie props and posters, as well as a few extra chapters most of us wouldn't have thought of. Auction prices, both the realistic and the magical, are listed, as well as the places where one could go to view the items that aren't for sale.

I found it amazing that many of the items are not that expensive, and if the \$13, 450 to purchase a set of the seven (signed by Rowling) U.K. Potter titles isn't handy, there are plenty of things you can order right now (My favorite: A T-shirt that says "On a scale of 1 to 10, how obsessed am I with Harry Potter? 9-3/4" with the Second Favorite being the 31-disc Unofficial Guide to the Collectibles of Our Favorite Wizard that comes in a box with additional items hidden away in different compartments).

Definitely a book that will interest pickers, traders, and all those die-hard Harry Potter fans out there. Five stars.

My thanks to NetGalley for a complimentary copy of this book.

Julia says

I'm not quite sure who this book was written for. A serious Potterhead might know most of its content already and a casual HP reader, if there is someone like that, might not be interested in this information.

Sorry to say, I found it boring.

Review is based on a NetGalley ARC.

Rachel McKitterick says

thank you to F+W Media and Netgalley for a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review

I consider myself to be an average fan of the Harry Potter series, having put off reading the books for 20 years because I was wanting to save them (im weird, I know), but this year, the 20th Anniversary, I picked up the first book and read and read. I thoroughly enjoyed it! It made me feel that warmth you get from something truly special. So when I started reading this book, I was going back into that wonderful world and I once again felt that warm love feeling. This book is a must for all fans who can never ever get enough of Harry Potter. The 'Did You Know' facts were interesting and I really enjoyed seeing all those pictures, most I have seen, some I haven't. My favourite is one I have not seen before, which I think is on page 20. The movie poster with the owl carrying the letter address to Harry with the date, November 16 2001 underneath. So yes, while most of it is about the costs these books are all going for and other facts and figures (understandably as it is called, 'Harry Potter - The Unofficial Guide to the Collectibles of Our Favorite Wizard') and all related to that, it is a good decent book.

