

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

J.K. Rowling (1999), 240 pages

Audience: Intermediate (Years 4–6), Adult/Parent

Category: Adventure, Fantasy, Humour

Harry is back for his third year at Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry. As a third-year student, he is allowed to visit Hogsmeade, the only non-Muggle village in Britain, provided he gets a permission slip signed by his Muggle relatives, the Dursleys. Harry might just have to miss the trips to Hogsmeade, and rely on Ron and Hermione to bring him back treats like Fizzing Whizbees and Black Pepper Imps. However, Harry has more to worry about than missing the occasional trips to Hogsmeade. He might just be the next victim of a murderer escaped from the top-security wizard prison, Azkaban. Join Harry and his friends, Hermione and Ron, as they learn more about Wizardry and the Dark Arts, and attempt to stay out of trouble.

It is an awesome book.

Katie, age 13 from Homebush Bay

What I have to say about the third Harry Potter is that I enjoyed reading it and I just cannot wait to read the next book. There's not one part of the book that I did not like so what I'm saying is that this book is like my second favourite book that I have ever read.

Anisa, age 11 from Blakehurst

I thought this book was wicked! It was the third Harry Potter book I read and my favourite part was when Harry gets the firebolt and Hermione gives it to Professor McGonagall to check for enchantments

Kris, age 13 from Brisbane

This is a great book that teaches you about friendship, courage and responsibility. It is also a great mystery! I also recommend the series!

Maggie, age 8 from Helensburgh

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban is an awesome book. I could be really frightened but I still couldn't put the book down because it was so good!

Kris, age 10 from Breakfast Point

This book, with no doubt, is the best one in the series that has been written. In my opinion, JK Rowling needs to keep the series going on. I mean she was so successful with her writing. I loved this book so much.

Valesecia, age 13 from Hurstville

I absolutely loved this book. I loved the part when Harry and Hermione went back in time, so that they could save both Sirius and Buckbeak. Every time I read a Harry Potter book I try to listen for clues to the mystery.

Paige, age 9 from Auckland

This was the first of the Harry Potter books that I read. I have read all of the books. I would recommend that you read these books.

Wyatt, age 9 from Bulli

Remember

- 1 As a third-year student, where is Harry allowed to visit?

- 2 What is the name of Harry's Muggle relatives?

- 3 What is Azkaban?

Understand

- 4 Is this book factual? Explain.

- 5 What makes Hogsmeade a special village?

- 6 What challenge must Harry face in this book?

Apply

- 7 What question would you ask Harry about his latest adventure?

- 8 What question would you ask J.K. Rowling about this book?

Analyse

- 9 What might be some of the problems of writing a series of books about the one character?

Evaluate

- 10 Do you think making movies based on successful books is a good thing? Explain.

Create

- 11 Create a spell using your own magic language to make a wish come true.

Hands on

-  Design a magic wand for the 21st century. Consider its powers, materials from which is constructed, size, etc.

