

The Magical World of

Harry Potter



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This exhibit examines the modern world of young wizards and witches created by J.K. Rowling as described in the original seven books and eight movies. It does not include information available exclusively in the three e-books, in the “Harry Potter and the Cursed Child” play or in the “Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them” movie.

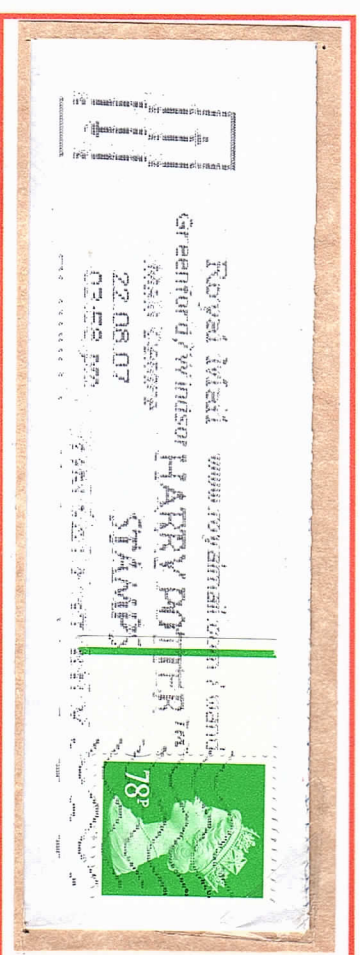
This exhibit tells “the story about a story.” The seven Harry Potter books are packed with fascinating details that can not be discovered with just one reading. Ms Rowling developed literally hundreds of names for characters, places, spells, books, beasts, potion ingredients and magical items. Read on to discover the source of many of the names that she used. She gave a magical twist to many common items. If you did not understand the proper British name, then look here! You might find what she was writing about. Ms Rowling derived some of the plot lines from classical literature. This exhibit examines those possibilities. Besides the legitimate Harry Potter issues, you will see cancels, meters, proofs, specimens, covers and other stamps to flesh out the Harry Potter story.

This exhibit uses three different colors of backing paper for the philatelic material. Non-Harry Potter items are mounted on ivory granite paper and have a tan border. Bogus issues (printed to defraud collectors) are mounted on grey paper and are surrounded by a grey border. Legitimate Harry Potter material is naturally mounted on copper parchment and has a copper border. (For magic to work, it cannot be written on paper, only parchment.) Double borders surround items that are philatelically important.

An owl designates that much effort and research went into this part of the exhibit. There are only a few.



Wands at the ready! It is time to enter the magical world of **Harry Potter!**



Royal Mail spray cancellation advertising the sale of Harry Potter stamps.

78 pence Airmail/Zone 1 Overseas to U.S. Letter to 20g. Apr 2, 2007 to Apr 6, 2008



An Post (Irish Postal Service) also used a similar spray cancellation system. This cancel advertised the release of the second movie, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.

41 cents Priority Mail to Great Britain. Rate lasted until Jan 5, 2003.

Exhibit Plan

Title, Introduction, Plan

- 1 Characters
 - 1.1 Main Characters
 - 1.2 Harry's Family
 - 1.3 Hogwarts Students
 - 1.4 Hogwarts Faculty and Staff
 - 1.5 Other Characters
- 2 Wizard Pastimes
 - 2.1 Wizard Games
 - 2.2 Broomsticks
 - 2.3 Quidditch
- 3 Wands
- 4 Spells
 - 4.1 Spells
 - 4.2 Patronus
 - 4.3 Animagi
- 5 Magical Creatures, Beasts...and Dragons
- 6 Locations
 - 6.1 Diagon Alley
 - 6.2 Knockturn Alley
 - 6.3 Hogwarts and Environs
 - 6.4 Hogsmeade
 - 6.5 In the book and the movies
- 7 Owl Post and Transportation
- 8 The Plot
 - 8.1 Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone
 - 8.1.1 School Supplies
 - 8.1.2 Lessons Learned
 - 8.1.3 Plot Points
 - 8.1.4 Saving the Sorcerer's Stone
 - 8.2 Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
 - 8.2.1 Lessons learned
 - 8.2.2 Plot Points
 - 8.3 Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
 - 8.3.1 Lessons Learned
 - 8.3.2 Plot Points
 - 8.4 Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
 - 8.4.1 Lessons Learned
 - 8.4.2 Plot Points
 - 8.4.3 The Tri-wizard Tournament
 - 8.5 Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
 - 8.5.1 Lessons Learned
 - 8.5.2 Plot Points
 - 8.6 Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
 - 8.6.1 Lessons Learned
 - 8.6.2 Plot Points
 - 8.7 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows
 - 8.7.1 Horcruxes
 - 8.7.2 Plot Points
 - 8.7.3 Conclusion