

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

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As the Sequel to the Harry Potter book series, *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*, the story continues on through Harry's son—Albus Severus Potter. When Albus starts attending Hogwarts, he is casted under the shadow of his father and his heroic actions as a kid. Constantly being judged and bullied, he befriends Scorpius Malfoy—the son of Draco Malfoy—who instantly form a connection because of their similar situation. As time passes on, Albus's relationship with his father deteriorates. Driven from a fight between each other, Albus decides to take action for a mistake his father made—not saving Cedric Diggory. With the help from Scorpius and Cedric's cousin—Delphi, they dive back in time using a time-turner they stole from the ministry to try every method they can to save the spare (Cedric). But they don't realize the consequences of using the time-tuner, as their actions could change the future completely. A future where Rose Granger-Weasley (Hermione and Ron's child) doesn't exist, and a future where Harry Potter died during the Battle of Hogwarts and Voldemort rules.

This book was enjoyable to read. I found it interesting how this book was written in the form of an on-stage play. It was very easy to read and understand the different types of situations and was filled with adventure and action to keep you hooked.

As much as I'd like to say this book was perfect since I enjoyed the story very much, there are many flaws within it. The relationships between each character and the characters themselves were written very poorly. For example, Harry and Albus. In this book, Harry was depicted as the bad guy instead of the actual villain as he wasn't a good father to Albus at all. He kept saying horrible things to his son which was really out of place and not like the Harry Potter we know at all. Harry sacrificed his life for everyone, went through adversity, faced many challenges, became a better person, and the writers destroyed him and everything he stood for. He's an entirely different person. I feel like they forced Harry to say these horrible things to create conflict within the story so they could get the plot rolling and for Albus to have a reason to rebel, but to be honest, it wasn't necessary. Not only that, there were many plot holes. Magic items like the time-turner or any other form of magic was used incorrectly. The plot itself was disappointing because its unoriginal. Instead of presenting a new problem to deal with, they kept dragging the plot back to the original story in Harry Potter. Harry, Ron and Hermione also should have been presented in the book more because they were barley in it at all. Plus, they used to be the three main characters, why change that? I recommend this book to anyone above the age of 10.

Recommended Titles:

Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone by J.K Rowling
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets by J.K Rowling
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban by J.K Rowling