

# BOOK REPORT

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Title: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

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Summary:

Harry Potter met Dobby (a house elf) while Harry was spending his summer vacation from Hogwarts (a wizard and witch school) with the Dursleys. The Dursleys are his aunt, uncle and his cousin Dudley. His friends kept sending him letters but he never got them. Ron (Harry's best friend) and his

brothers picked up Harry and Harry's stuff in a car that could fly. They flew to Ron's house which is called the Burrow. They were punished for flying Ron's father's magic car. Ron and Harry missed the train to Hogwarts so they flew the car back to school. They got punished again. Ron, Harry and Hermione had some new adventures. They found writing on a sink in the girls' bathroom which told them they had found a hidden chamber. The magic word was "open". When Harry said "open", the sink slid to the side and revealed a pipe leading into the chamber. In the chamber was a giant serpent called a basilisk. Harry killed the basilisk. Eventually Gryffindor won the house cup! Then Harry went back to the Dursleys for the summer.

## Main Characters:

Harry Potter, an eleven year old boy

Ron Weasley, Harry Potter's best friend

Prof. Snape, potions teacher at Hogwarts

Hagrid, a giant and a gamekeeper

Malfoy, Harry's worst enemy

Prof. Dumbledore, Headmaster of Hogwarts

the Dursleys, Harry's aunt and uncle

Dudley Dursley, Harry's cousin

Hedwig, Harry's owl

Wood, Quidditch team coach

Fred Weasley, Ron's brother

George Weasley, Ron's brother

Percy Weasley, Ron's brother

Charlie Weasley, Ron's brother

Crabbe and Goyle, Malfoy's body guards

Prof. McGonagall, teacher at Hogwarts

Prof. Filch, teacher at Hogwarts

Dobby, a house elf

Prof. Gilderoy Lockhart, teacher at Hogwarts

Nearly Headless Nick, ghost of Gryffindor

Cornelius Fudge, Dumbledore's friend

Aragog, spider  
Ginny Weasley, Ron's sister  
Tom Riddle, Lord Voldemort

### What Happened:

Harry Potter met Dobby (a house elf) at the Dursleys on summer vacation from Hogwarts, a wizard and witch school. The Dursleys are Harry's aunt, uncle and cousin Dudley. It was Harry's birthday and he was sad because he had not received any letters from his friends Ron and Hermione. They had been sending him letters but he never got them. Dobby kept stealing them. Dobby pleaded with Harry not to return to Hogwarts or bad things would happen.

Mr. Dursley locked up Harry in his room. Ron and his brothers, Fred and George, picked up Harry and his belongings in a flying car. They flew to Ron's house, a place called the Burrow. They all were punished

for using Ron's father's magic car. Harry was not punished because he was the Weasley's guest. Harry and the Weasleys decided to use Floo powder to go get books and robes for their second year at Hogwarts. Floo powder is used by taking a handful, stepping into a fire and saying where you want to go. They used the Floo powder to get their books and robes. Then they drove to the train station at Kings Cross in the magic car.

Everyone got through the block except Ron and Harry.

Harry and Ron missed the train to Hogwarts because Dobby made the block stay solid so they could not get through. So they flew the car again to get to school on time. Ron and Harry were not allowed to go to the feast because they were punished for flying the car. The next day at Quidditch practice the Slytherins had Nimbus 2001 broomsticks,

which are a lot faster than a Nimbus 2000 broomsticks. Harry felt cheated.

In the Quidditch game Harry was going to catch the snitch to win the game but when he did he fell and broke his arm. The Gryffindor team won! Professor Gilderoy Lockhart removed the bones from Harry's arm with his wand. Then Harry went to the school nurse who gave Harry a potion to regrow the bones in his arm. Harry's bones grew back in about a week.

One day they went to Nearly Headless Nick's deathday party. Nearly Headless Nick is the ghost of Gryffindor and he was Nick Flamel when he was alive. Every year on Halloween he celebrates the anniversary of his death with a party. At the party they served a gray cake in the shape of a tombstone. Hermione, Ron and Harry found out that the heir of Slytherin knew how to open the Chamber of Secrets.

Hermione, Harry and Ron used a potion to become Malfoy's bodyguards and asked Malfoy who the heir of Slytherin was. But that did not work because Malfoy did not know. They were frustrated. After an hour the potion wore off and they returned to their normal selves.

Later Harry, Ron and Hermione found writing on a sink in the girls' bathroom which told them they had found a hidden chamber. The magic word was "open". When Harry said "open", the sink slid to the side and revealed a pipe leading into the chamber. In the chamber was a giant serpent called a basilisk. If you looked at it directly in the eye you would die. Harry killed the basilisk by thrusting a sword into its mouth.

Ron and Harry won 200 points each for bravery. As a result Gryffindor won the house cup for the second year in a row! School ended and Harry went back to the

Dursleys for summer vacation.

In what ways was this book Interesting?

I really liked when Harry killed the basilisk because it was exciting. I wonder what it looked like up close? My favorite part was when Ron, Harry and Hermione used the polyjuice potion to change into Crabbe and Goyle, Malfoy's bodyguards. I liked the idea of transformation.