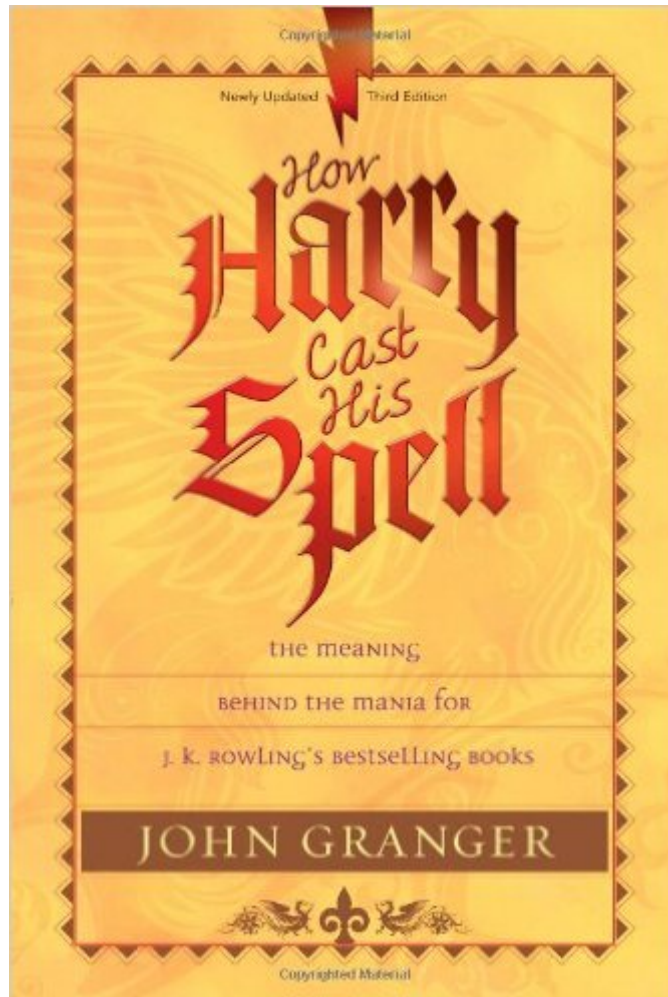


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How Harry Cast His Spell: The Meaning Behind The Mania For J. K. Rowling's Bestselling Books



Synopsis

More than any other book of the last fifty years (and perhaps ever), the Harry Potter novels have captured the imagination of children and adults around the world. Yet no one has ever been able to unlock the secret of Harry's wild popularity . . . until now. Updated and expanded since its original publication as *Looking for God in Harry Potter* (and now containing final conclusions based on the entire series), *How Harry Cast His Spell* explains why the books meet our longing to experience the truths of life, love, and death; help us better understand life and our role in the universe; and encourage us to discover and develop our own gifts and abilities.

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Customer Reviews

Harry Potter has captured the imaginations of millions of children and adults from every walk of life. The series has possibly experienced more popularity than any other book of the last fifty years having sold millions of copies around the world. With this in mind many have asked "Why is Harry Potter is so insanely popular?" As a fan of the Harry Potter series I already knew the answer, but this book has wrought to light many of the Christian aspects of series which I over looked. How Harry Potter casts his spells is an interesting look in to the Christian aspects of the Harry Potter Book series. Below is the Table of Contents taken from the book. I like the way the Author wrote an explanation of each chapter in such a informative and humorous way. Through this book the Author adds a touch of humor to his writing. Acknowledgments Publisher's Preface Introduction 1: Magic, Fantasy, and Transcendence The magic in Harry Potter is traditional literary spellwork that acts as a

counterspell to the materialism of our times.²: Cosmic White Hats and Black Hats
The Harry Potter Novels revolve around the central conflict of good and evil³: The Hero's Journey
Harry's adventures take him through life, death and resurrection⁴: The Alchemy of Spiritual Growth
The story of cycles are built on the stages of transformation⁵: One Person, Two Natures
Doppelgangers point to the struggle of dual natures- and their resolution in the God-Man.

Harry Potter mania has largely subsided, but many young people still read and enjoy these books and they are destined to become classics. In addition, with the release of an eighth book this summer, no doubt many people will be rereading or reading the first seven books for the first time. Whenever one starts talking about Harry Potter in Christian circles, one can be opening a can of worms. People tend to have strong feelings about these books, either for or against. Those against argue that the books promote witchcraft and new age spirituality. These people have likely never read the books. Those who have read them argue for their inherent Christian symbolism, which if you read all seven books, pretty much smacks you over the head. When John Granger's children first wanted to read Harry Potter, he told them he had to read them first. He had heard of the controversy and wanted to be careful what his children read. After reading the book, he not only allowed his children to read these books, he required them to do so. Granger went on to study the books and to become a veritable expert in all the symbolism in Harry Potter. When I read the Harry Potter books to my own children, I was amazed by the brilliance of J.K. Rowling's mind - the way the whole series was interwoven, every character important, every word mattering. After reading this book by John Granger, that amazement has only grown. I consider myself fairly well-educated and thought I had picked up on a good amount of the symbolism in these books. I didn't even come close. J.K. Rowling studied a variety of classical and modern languages, is steeped in knowledge of English classics such as C.S.

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