

IT'S HARRY'S BIRTHDAY!

Harry's birthday is July 31st, a perfect opportunity to host a party that all his fans can enjoy. Just as with real birthday parties, it's okay to celebrate on a day that's more convenient for everyone to attend. And do you know who Harry shares his birthday with? None other than J. K. Rowling! A birthday party for Harry and J. K. Rowling in your store or library will allow everyone to celebrate the magical feeling of reading Harry Potter books.

ANNOUNCE YOUR PARTY

If you have a store newsletter or Web site, start by advertising the party there.

Reproduce the enclosed invitation. Hand out these invitations or keep them next to the register.

Use the announcement in addition to the invitation. Hang it next to the register, in your store window, or on the bulletin board in your library.



SET A SPELLBINDING BIRTHDAY PARTY SCENE

It's not a party if you don't have decorations—you can use streamers and balloons. But remember to keep it magical, perhaps with stars on the ceiling like in the Hogwarts Great Hall. You could also have members of your staff dress up as characters like Hagrid or Professor McGonagall. You can even hire a magician to perform some old-fashioned Muggle magic.

Give your store a Hogwarts feel by creating Golden Snitch ceiling decorations: Paint ping-pong balls gold, add a feather to each side, then suspend them from the ceiling using clear thread or fishing line. You can also paint and suspend brooms to serve as Firebolts. Banners with the House names—Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, Slytherin, and Gryffindor—would also look great.

If you'd like to serve refreshments, section off one area and recreate Hogsmeade, the only all-wizard village in the world. Drinks can be served at everyone's favorite pub-style hangout, the Three Broomsticks. Root-beer floats make a great stand-in for butterbeer. Treats can be served at Honeydukes, the town's

sweetshop. It might be hard to find Chocolate Frogs and Pepper Imps, so use your imagination and create substitutes with things like malt balls and red-hot cinnamon candies. (*Please remember you must set up these stations and refreshments in your store. There cannot be any additional charge for these treats. You cannot include other commercial establishments—restaurants, candy shops, etc, in the event.)

FUN AND GAMES

Harry Potter fans take pride in their knowledge of J. K. Rowling's richly detailed series, so give them a chance to show off!

In addition to the reproducible Word Find, Scrambled Word Game, Crossword Puzzle, and Create a Card activities provided, here are some ideas to make your Harry Potter Party one that Muggles will remember.

LET'S TALK HARRY

Give fans of all ages a chance to share their thoughts and ideas about the fascinating characters, plots, and settings of the Harry Potter books.

Here are some questions to help you get started:

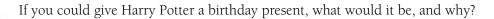
If you could choose to be in any Hogwarts house, which would you choose, and why?

Who is your favorite character, and why?

Who is your least favorite character, and why?

Which Hogwarts professor do you think would give the toughest homework?

Would you rather have a Firebolt, an Invisibility Cloak, or a Gringotts vault full of wizard money? Why did you choose that?





"WHAT BOOK IS IT FROM?"

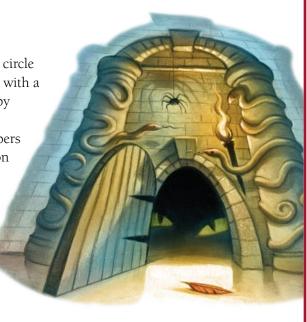
One of the great things about the Harry Potter series is that each book introduces new characters, animals, spells, and magical objects not found in the Muggle world. Have your guests guess in which book someone or something was introduced. For example, Dolores Umbridge was first introduced in *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*. Use the reproducible sheet provided to test your guests' memories, or think up some of your own questions.

MUGGIEPHONE

A great way to get people laughing is to arrange them in a circle and start a game of what Muggles call "Telephone." Start with a simple message, "I would like to wish Harry Potter a happy birthday, and I hope he gets a Chocolate Frog." Whisper the message to one member of the circle, then have members whisper the message from person to person. Let the person at the end of the line shout what he thinks he heard. You can then play again and again by choosing lines or passages from all seven books.

CREATE A SORTING HAT

Using the reproducible sheet provided, place the Hogwarts Sorting Hat Name Tags in a sufficiently magical-looking wizard's hat. Let the guests take one from the Sorting Hat, and have them fill in their names on the Name Tags.



MAKE YOUR OWN MAGIC WAND

Set up a crafts station where children can make their own magical wands. Have chopsticks or straws available for children to decorate. Label containers of glitter: phoenix feather (red), dragon heartstring (gold), and unicorn hair (silver).

HARRY POTTER A-ZGAME

Starting with an "A" word or character name from Harry Potter, like "Apparate" or "Azkaban," ask the group to go through the alphabet (thinking of other Harry Potter words or character names) till they get to "Z."

Stuck on a letter? Don't worry. Use the reproducible sheet provided to keep the game going.

TAKE HOME MAGICAL MEMORIES

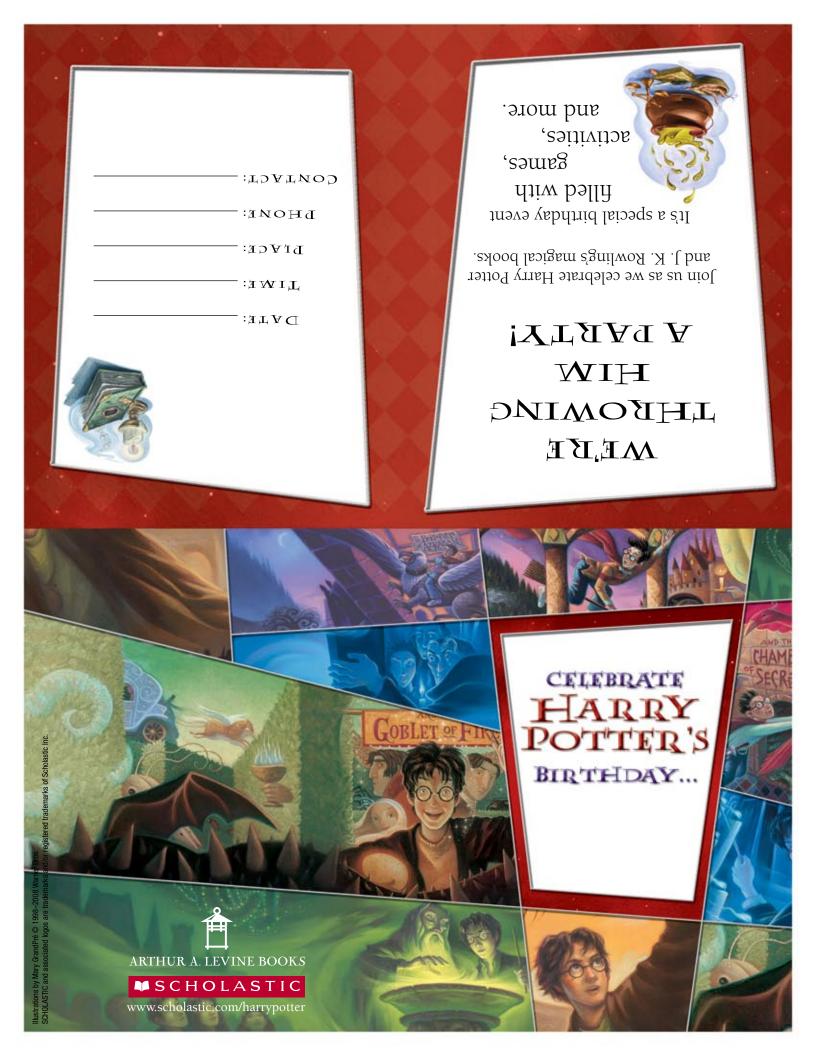
A Harry Potter birthday party is a terrific opportunity to make new friends and share your love of reading. Take plenty of pictures—later you can tack them to a bulletin board or hand them out to those you photographed. Thanks to you, your event will showcase Harry's most magical gift of all—his power to bring people together.

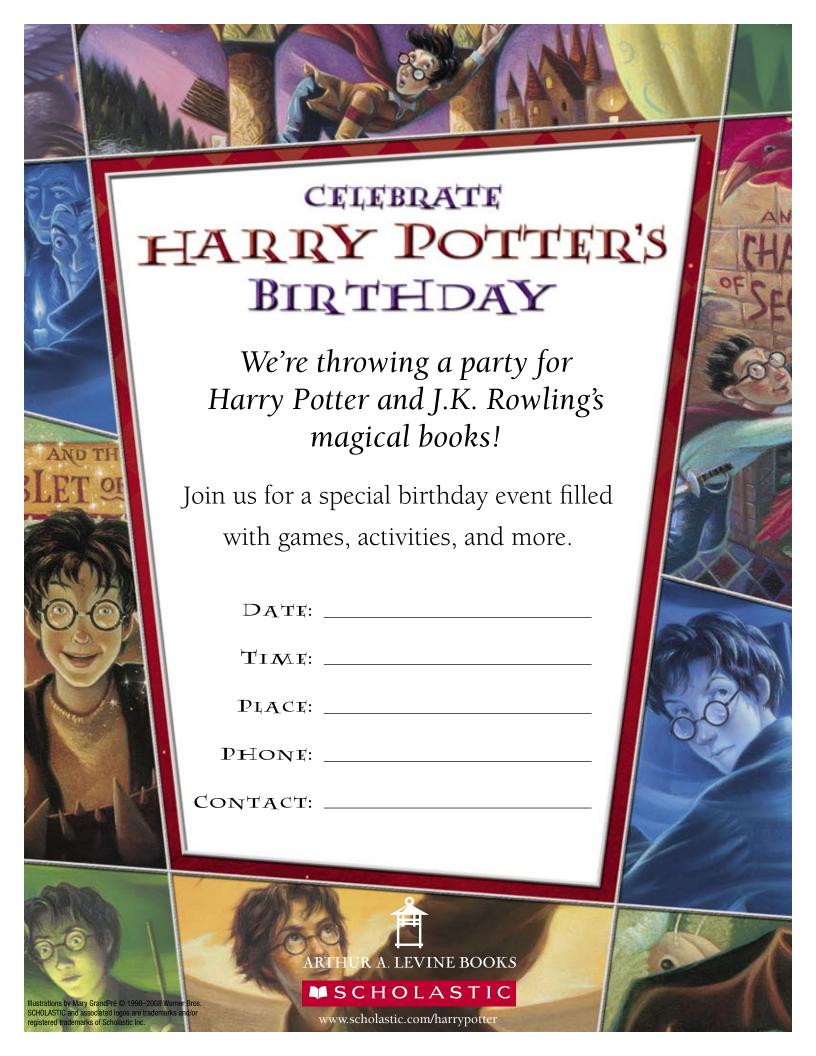




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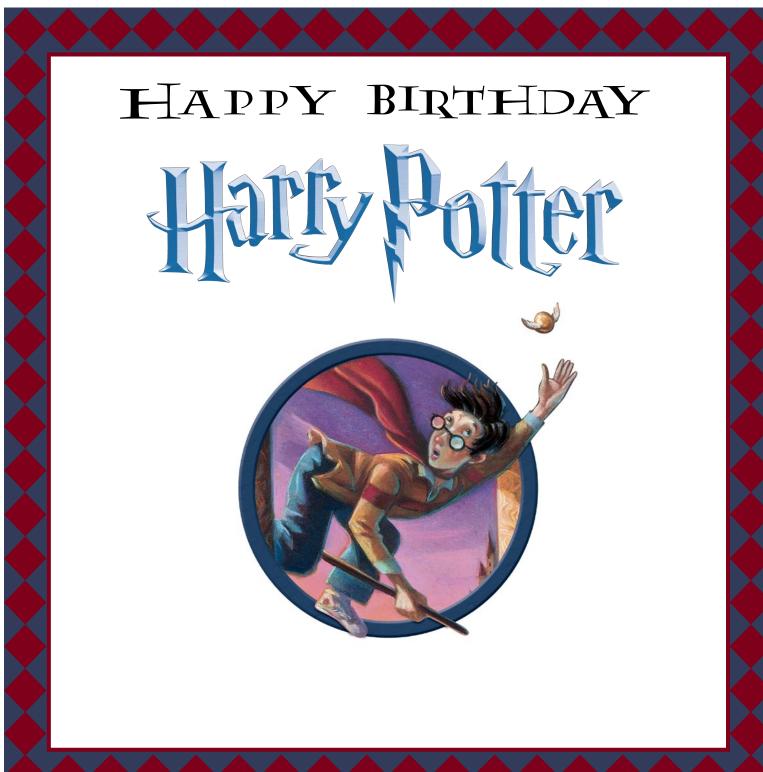
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HARRY POTTER BIRTHDAY CARD

There's no better way to celebrate Harry's birthday than by making him a card. We started one, but it's up to you to finish it. Use the blank areas to draw a picture, write a message, or both.





HARRY POTTER BIRTHDAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

You don't need to be a wizard to know all the answers—but you do need to be a fan of Harry Potter. Show him how happy you are to celebrate his birthday by completing the crossword puzzle below.



ACROSS

- 2. Harry Potter and the _____ of Fire.
- 3. Harry Potter and the ______ of Secrets.
- 6. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's ______.
- 7. Harry Potter and the _____ Hallows.
- 8. Ron, Fred, and George's last name.
- 11. Harry Potter and the Half-Blood _____.
- 12. Mad-Eye Moody's first name.
- 13. Professor Dumbledore's first name.
- 14. _____ 2000, a type of broomstick.

DOWN

- 1. Dudley's last name.
- 2. Hermione's last name.
- 4. Harry Potter and the Prisoner of ___
- 5. Harry Potter and the _____ of the Phoenix.
- 9. Professor Snape's first name.
- 10. Professor McGonagall's first name.





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HARRY POTTER BIRTHDAY WORD FIND

It's Harry's birthday—and he's celebrating with some of his friends. See how many names you can find hidden in the word find below.

R	R	K	X	R	K	\mathbf{C}	N	P	F	Y	P	X	L	Y
G	\mathbf{E}	T	D	Т	H	U	N	Q	S	V	N	K	U	V
E	L	\mathbf{E}	P	I	K	O	G	L	F	G	J	N	P	Q
O	L	Н	D	A	R	R	V	W	\mathbf{C}	R	T	В	I	Y
R	I	Н	G	V	O	G	\mathbf{E}	I	X	P	E	Н	N	G
G	V	Q	\mathbf{E}	D	I	\mathbf{Z}	A	A	G	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	D	Y	N
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В	I	G	K	В	Y	\mathbf{Z}	L	V	L	U	N	A	U	L
В	D	G	P	H	F	D	В	\mathbf{F}	S	В	D	O	H	C
Y	X	W	W	W	I	J	R	K	V	V	S	U	A	U

Cho	George	Kreacher	Peeves
Dobby	Ginny	Luna	Ron
Fleur	Hagrid	Lupin	Sirius
Fred	Hermione	Neville	Tonks







HARRY POTTER BIRTHDAY SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Harry Potter loves birthday parties as much as the next kid. Below is a list of things you might find at a birthday party. How many can you unscramble?

1. keac	
2. dsleanc	
3. sseetnrp	
4. thsa	
5. cismu	
6. dnserif	
7. msgea	
8. nkssca	
9. ehswsi	
10. racsd	
11. ssrtermae	
12. cdearootisn	







HARRY POTTER BIRTHDAY A-Z CHALLENGE

Celebrate Harry's birthday by showing him you know everything about him, from A – Z. Starting with an A word or character name from Harry Potter, like "apparate" or "Azkaban," ask the group to go through the alphabet (thinking of other Harry Potter words or character names) till they get to "Z."

If the group gets stuck, use this list to keep the game going.

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_/	•	

Aragog Auror Azkaban

\mathbf{B}

Ludo Bagman Basilisk Blast-Ended Skrewt

\mathbf{C}

Chamber of Secrets Cho Chang Chocolate Frogs

D

Deathly Hallows Diagon Alley Dobby

\mathbf{E}

Eeylops Owl Emporium Expecto Patronum! Errol

\mathbf{F}'

Fang Firebolt

Fizzing Whizbees

\mathbf{G}

Goblet of Fire Golden Snitch Gryffindor House

H

Hedwig Hippogriff Hogwarts

Ι

Impediment Jinx Imperius Curse Invisibility Cloak

J

Jelly Slugs Angelina Johnson Bertha Jorkins

\mathbf{K}

Keeper Knockturn Alley Viktor Krum

I

Leaky Cauldron Gilderoy Lockhart Neville Longbottom

\mathbf{M}

Draco Malfoy Marauder's Map Professor Minerva McGonagall

N

N.E.W.T.s Nearly Headless Nick Nimbus Two Thousand

O

O.W.L.s Ollivander Omnioculars

\mathbf{p}

Parseltongue Patronus Privet Drive

O

Quaffle Quidditch Professor Quirrell

\mathbf{R}

Ravenclaw House Riddikulus Tom Riddle

S

Shrieking Shack Slytherin House Severus Snape

T

Time-Turner
Transfiguration
Triwizard Tournament

TJ

U-No-Poo Unforgivable Curses Unicorn



Veela Veritaserum Lord Voldemort

W

Wand Ginny Weasley Whomping Willow

\mathbf{X}

Xenophilius Lovegood

\mathbf{Y}

Yaxley You-Know-Who

Z

Blaise Zabini Rose Zeller Zonko's Joke Shop







HARRY POTTER "WHAT BOOK IS IT FROM?" CHALLENGE

Each book in the Harry Potter series introduces new characters, animals, spells, and magical objects not found in the Muggle world. Pick from the list of examples below (or think up some of your own) and challenge your guests to guess in which book someone, or something, was introduced.

BOOK #1:

Harry Potter and the

Sorcerer's Stone

Chocolate Frogs

Hagrid

Diagon Alley

Nimbus Two Thousand

Sorting Hat

The Mirror of Erised

Norbert the Norwegian Ridgeback

Firenze the Centaur

BOOK #2:

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

Dobby

Gilderoy Lockhart

The Whomping Willow

Polyjuice Potion

Moaning Myrtle

Tom Marvolo Riddle

Aragog

Basilisk

BOOK #3:

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

The Knight Bus

The Firebolt

Sneakoscope

Professor Lupin

Boggarts

The Marauder's Map

Crookshanks

A Time-Turner

BOOK #4:

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Viktor Krum

Rita Skeeter

Mad-Eye Moody

Blast-Ended Skrewts

Merpeople

The Pensieve

Bartemius Crouch

BOOK #5:

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

Kreacher

Luna Lovegood

Ludicrous Patents Office

Dumbledore's Army

Occlumency

Fountain of Magical Brethren

Amelia Bones

Dolores Umbridge

BOOK #6:

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

The Slug Club

Felix Felicis

The House of Gaunt

U-No-Poo

Unbreakable Vow

Horcruxes

Sectumsempra!

BOOK #7:

Harry Potter and the **Deathly Hallows**

The Silver Doe

Malfoy Manor

The Elder Wand

Gregorovitch

Xenophilius

The Muggle-Born

Registration Commission

The Lost Diadem







SORTING HAT NAME TAGS

Reproduce the Hogwarts Sorting Hat Name Tags as needed, and place in a sufficiently magical-looking wizard's hat. Let each guest take one from the Sorting Hat, and have them fill in their names.

