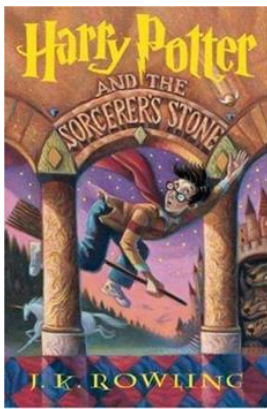


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Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

by J.K. Rowling

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.



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What's It About?

Harry Potter has never been the star of a Quidditch team, scoring points while riding a broom far above the ground. He knows no spells, has never helped to hatch a dragon, and has never worn a cloak of invisibility. All he knows is a miserable life with the Dursleys, his horrible aunt and uncle, and their abominable son, Dudley - a great big swollen spoiled bully. Harry's room is a tiny closet at the foot of the stairs, and he hasn't had a birthday party in eleven years. But all that is about to change when a mysterious letter arrives by owl messenger: a letter with an invitation to an incredible place that Harry - and anyone who reads about him - will find unforgettable.

- This is the first book in the Harry Potter series.
- In England, where the book was first published, the book is called Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.

Who Wrote It?

Joanne Rowling was born on 31st July 1965 in England. The young Jo grew up surrounded by books. 'I lived for books,' she has said. 'I was your basic common-or-garden bookworm, complete with freckles and glasses.' Jo wanted to be a writer from an early age. She wrote her first book at the age of six - a story about a rabbit, called 'Rabbit'. At just eleven, she wrote her first novel - about seven cursed diamonds and the people who owned them. J.K. first had the idea for



Harry Potter while riding on a train. It took her five years to write the first book. She was also a teacher at that time!

AR Reading Level: 5.5

Lexile Level: 880L

I want to read this book: YES / NO

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