



"Harry Potter": ONE OF THE BEST BOOK SERIES EVER

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to explain why "Harry Potter" can be considered one of the best book series ever made. There is much debate on why literature and movie fans love "Harry Potter." This essay will analyze and describe a few important reasons for that topic. To answer this question, I used descriptive analysis to describe and analyze the reasons. My result describes a few things that can be the reason this book series can be one of the best book series ever made. For a few reasons, "Harry Potter" is detailed and full of content that makes readers enjoy reading it. Also, "Harry Potter" has some impact on people worldwide that can influence people's lives. The reasons in this essay informed people and gave people answers to why "Harry Potter" is considered one of the best book series ever made.

Kata Kunci: book series, fantasy fiction, "Harry Potter", readers

INTRODUCTION

Literary genres, either poetry, drama, or prose, have extensively impacted human beings. The three types of work have been widely available to readers (Ferdinal et al., 2020). In line with the emergence of postcolonial discussions on literature, scholars began to pay attention to such genres (Ferdinal, 2020). Up to the current readership of postcolonial literature, scholars and researchers talk about the representation of many sociopolitical aspects of humans, including human rights (Ferdinal 2022) within sub genres of prose fiction like fantasy literature. Some literature mentions that a fantasy story is a story in which the characters, backgrounds and themes are presented and the truth of the story is still in doubt, whether it concerns the whole story or only a part of it. Fantasy fiction in English and American literature has a very important influence on the world's literature. The presence of this literary genre has become a trend in academic reading and enjoyment. This fiction has gone through a long journey, beginning with a fictional story that attracts readers. In English literature, we know "Beowulf," then we go along with Shakespeare's works like "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and Tolkien's works like "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings." American literature

also has an extraordinary wealth of fantasy fiction featuring fantasy worlds, fantasy creatures, and epic adventurers. In early American literature, we know "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" by Washington Irving and Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The House of the Seven Gables."

At this time, who doesn't know about "Harry Potter"? "Harry Potter" is one of the most beloved wizards ever, and many people consider his novels one of the best series ever. "Harry Potter" is a fantasy novel created 26 years ago by British writer Joanne Rowling, best known as J.K. Rowling. "Harry Potter" is a novel series that tells a story about the adventures of "Harry Potter" in a magical world filled with magical things and creatures. Many people have adored this J.K. Rowling novel series since the first novel came out. With a unique story combined with colorful fantasy, the Harry Potter book is getting the attention of many people. People loved this story because of how interesting it was to read. There are many reasons why people think this story is so exciting and consider it the best series ever made. A few of them are as follows: The story is filled with rich fantasies and details that can make people's imaginations go wild. The story is full of content that readers can enjoy. Most great novels have their movie adaptation, and "Harry Potter" is one of them. "Harry Potter" 's fame has made an impact on the world.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

"Harry Potter" stands as a masterpiece in the realm of fantasy literature for multifaceted reasons. Its enchanting allure lies not only in the mesmerizing wizarding world meticulously crafted by J.K. Rowling but also in the profound resonance it evokes within readers. Through the application of formal criticism and reader response criticism, the paper looks at the intrinsic elements that build the series. The analysis combines the analysis of elements such as themes, characters, and settings. Additionally, the analysis also looks at how readers responded to the series and the movies. The intrinsic elements are intertwined with the reader's responses regarding the stories and the film versions.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Harry Potter story is filled with rich fantasy that has been told with such great detail that the story can make people's imaginations go wild. "Full of references to mythology and folk and fairy stories, it is the story of an unhappy orphan boy brought up by a reluctant relative who, on his eleventh birthday, learns of his magical destiny and takes up his birthrights at the specialist at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry" (Eccleshare,

2002). Harry Potter books are considered by many people to be well-written. So people do not have any trouble reading it, and people can enjoy reading it through pages after pages with a lot of fun. Not just a well-written story, the Harry Potter book is well known for the great details the writer gave to books about all depictions of characters, creatures, settings, etc. The effective combination of a well-written story and significant information in the story makes Harry Potter books loved by many people because those combinations can make reader's imaginations go wild. "Harry Potter books can make readers imagine everything in the story, such as magic, the creatures in the story, and the characters" (Raga, interview, Padang 3 October 2023). Imagination is one of the most important things when you want to read a Harry Potter story. With imagination, the readers can visualize all of the magical things in this story, making the story more interesting to read.

Fans have reasons to say that "Harry Potter" has such great detail in the writing and storytelling. "The story gives something new beyond the usual fantasy novels" (Wahyudi, personal interview, Riau 29 September 2023). All depictions of characters or creatures are described very well. For example, the books describe Hagrid as "He was almost twice as tall as a normal man and at least five times as wide. He looked simply too big to be allowed and so wild – long tangles of bushy black hair and beard hid most of his face, he had hands the size of dustbin lids, and his feet in their leather boots were like baby dolphins" (Rowling, 2001. "Harry Potter" and The Sorcerer's Stone). That description can make someone imagine how intimidating Hagrid is. That is one example of what readers will face when they read "Harry Potter" books. Harry Potter books describe something or someone with nice little detail all over the writings to make sure the readers can visualize them in their minds easily and imaginatively. The plot also gives the characters a lot more depth. It gives them greater depth by explaining their feelings and ideas, making the story more engaging.

The nuances that J.K. Rowling gives to each scene are also fantastic. "Harry's heart gave a horrifying jolt," for example. A test? in full view of the entire school? But he did not know magic at the time. What was he supposed to do? He hadn't expected this when they arrived. He looked around, worried, and noticed everyone else was also afraid. Except for Hermione Granger, who was whispering hurriedly about all the spells she'd learned and worried about which one she'd need, no one was speaking much. Harry made every effort not to pay attention to her. He'd never been more scared, not even when he had to carry a school report home to the Dursleys, claiming that he'd accidentally dyed his teacher's wig blue. He concentrated his gaze on the door. Professor McGonagall would appear at any moment and escort him to his doom" (Rowling, 2001: "Harry Potter" and The Sorcerer's Stone). And there are numerous

other details that "Harry Potter" possesses. Every piece of the Harry Potter story can be visualized by readers, which makes the experience of reading "Harry Potter" more enjoyable.

The story is full of content that readers can enjoy. It is not Harry Potter if it is not filled with imaginative fantasy. Many people prefer a series of books that contain a lot of content. This is because the readers can visualize the story more and more imaginatively. The Harry Potter story is divided into seven books. Each book is connected to another. Even though the Harry Potter story is divided, each book is worth reading because of its uniqueness. From "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer Stone" to "Harry Potter and the Deadly Hollow," the story in each book gives so many things to imagine that it can make readers keep reading the books from the beginning to the end and keep interested in the story. Even to people who have never read a fantasy story before, "I like the "Harry Potter" story, the ideas in the story can be said to be new to me because I have never read a fantasy story before, the theme of wizards and the depiction of the story is really mindblowing" (Fitri, 2023).

The content that exists in the Harry Potter story is so diverse, with a magical theme. From characters, creatures, settings, etc. The story has so much content to share with the readers. The characters in the story are diverse and unique. "Harry Potter" is filled with many creatures from classical literature, folklore, and original creatures that J.K. Rowling came up with. A few creatures in "Harry Potter" are trolls, centaurs (classic monsters that usually exist in much fantasy literature), erklings (folklore creatures), dementors ("Harry Potter" original creatures), and many more. Those creatures can make the story more colorful and magical to read. And the characters? We couldn't forget the characters from "Harry Potter". The characters of "Harry Potter" are unforgettable to readers because, in "Harry Potter," major and minor characters have their personalities.

Characters' actions, attitudes, and words are used throughout J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" to highlight and accentuate their vital features. Because each character is given a distinct personality, each creates a different feel in the readers' imaginations. Every character develops a predictable style of doing things, a worldview that the reader can almost predict without being told. This is accomplished by subtly repeated reminders throughout the text" (Reams, 2015). This makes Harry Potter different and unique. That makes it easy for the reader to remember a character because some characters' personalities are unique and different. The reader can always remember a character from their appearance, not just from personality. Even though this is just a book, good writing can make it easy for the reader to understand how the writer describes the character's appearance in the book.

The Harry Potter story has moral values in it. The Harry Potter books provide ideals through a broad understanding from which students make sense of the world. It possesses different personal qualities such as love, friendship, honesty, courage, selflessness, sacrifice, respect, loyalty, truthfulness, mercy, hope, and so on" (AV & Haiderp, 57). This is significant because "modern societies use novels, one of literary works, to instill the value of character education." The reason for this is that novels entail knowledge and ideals based on everyday social realities. Furthermore, most teachers teach their students about character education values by telling them stories about children. As a result, teachers should assist their pupils in comprehending the story and connecting it to the real world (Pradini et al., 2021).

Most great novels have their movie adaptation, and "Harry Potter" is one of them. It is not surprising that "Harry Potter" can get its movie adaptation. The fantasy that the Harry Potter story content is interesting to see on the big screen. The Harry Potter movie is considered a big success. The film manages to visualize the Harry Potter novels into movies. For Harry Potter fans, the movies and the books have always been equally accessible (Howe et al., 2018).

"The film leaves a special impression that will not be found in other fantasy films" (Masa, Riau, 28 September 2023). The special effects on Harry Potter movies are amazing. The film's settings are great. The movies are well-cast, and there are other good things about Harry Potter movies that fans have always discussed. The popularity of Harry Potter movies makes the Harry Potter story well known to the world. Harry Potter became more and more famous after the film was released, and "Harry Potter" gained new fans. Not just literature fans, movie fans also fall in love with the series."This notwithstanding, film adaptations create a new reality for the source material. Rowling's Pottermore is brought to life, but some story aspects are changed. After viewing Harry Potter films, some will then read or re-read the novels with fresh eyes" (Adamson, 2015).

The Harry Potter movies and stories were inspired by one of the Harry Potter guidebooks, *Fantastic Beast and Where to Find Them*, created by J.K. Rowling, about the magical creatures in the Harry Potter universe. Even though the story is set before "Harry Potter" existed, the visualization of the magic world is still fantastic. Few characters in *Fantastic Beast* movies are familiar in Harry Potter stories. His name is mentioned in the first "Harry Potter" book as the author of the fictional book *Fantastic Beast and Where to Find Them*. Besides the main protagonist, a few Harry Potter characters were alive when the *Fantastic Beast* story took off. Albus Dumbledore is one of the main characters in the *Fantastic*

Beasts movies. "The ubiquity of the Harry Potter phenomenon offers an opportunity to examine the different ways educators use popular books to teach reading"(Driscoll, 2013).

Harry Potter's fame has made an impact on the world. The first impact that Harry Potter had on the world was that he encouraged children to read long books, so their reading abilities were boosted while reading long books like Harry Potter novels. The first three Harry Potter books are great to read aloud to kids aged six or seven. The fantasy that "Harry Potter" gave to the readers is wonderful. With that kind of fantasy, "Harry Potter" can make someone visualize the magical scene of Harry Potter in their own minds. Harry Potter story also influence the teenager. The central point of the Harry Potter novels in the canon of contemporary juvenile fiction has led to increased research interest in the book series (Brottrager et al., 2023). That is why "Harry Potter" is suitable for all ages, so people of all ages can read the Harry Potter story without any problem. "Harry Potter" is responsible for making the fanfiction phenomenon more popular. The "Harry Potter Fan Fiction (HPFF) phenomenon offers an opportunity to explore the nature of fame and the work of fans (including the second author, a participant observer) in creating and circulating cultural products within fan communities"(Green & Guinery, 2004)

"Harry Potter" has an impact on the world in addition to literature. It influences children to read long books or novels and real-world language, like when the word 'muggle' is used to refer to those who don't have magical abilities. In addition to influencing the world through the use of vocabulary, the wizarding sport of Quidditch has also made it into the real world. Not only that, "Harry Potter" influences the names of organisms that are named after the "Harry Potter" series. There are many names; a few of them include the dinosaur *Dracorex* *Hogwartsia*, the spider *Eriovixia Gryffindori*, the wasp *Ampulex dementor*, the crab *Harryplax Severus*, and many more. These are just a few of the impacts that "Harry Potter" made because there are so many other impacts that "Harry Potter" made on this world.

CONCLUSION

The Harry Potter series is considered one of the best series ever made. There are many reasons why "Harry Potter" can be one of the best series ever made. A few of them include the fact that the Harry Potter series is so imaginative, and the story is fantastic and detailed. "Harry Potter" contains so much content inside the story. The Harry Potter story is divided into seven books. The books have values in them, like values related to friendship, loyalty, tolerance, and others. The Harry Potter novels became a great success and became the most successful novels

that have their own movies, and "Harry Potter" is one of them. The Harry Potter movies are considered a great movie series. Many things make Harry Potter movies loved by fans. The movie made "Harry Potter" more and more popular because it gained new fans, not just fans of literature; cinema fans fell in love with the series. "Harry Potter" has made many impacts on the world. "Harry Potter" can be enjoyed in film and novel form. Because people think both of those forms are still enjoyable to read or watch. "Harry Potter" is recommended to people who want to read or watch great fantasy stories. The details from the book and novel about the story will make reading or watching the stories worth it.

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