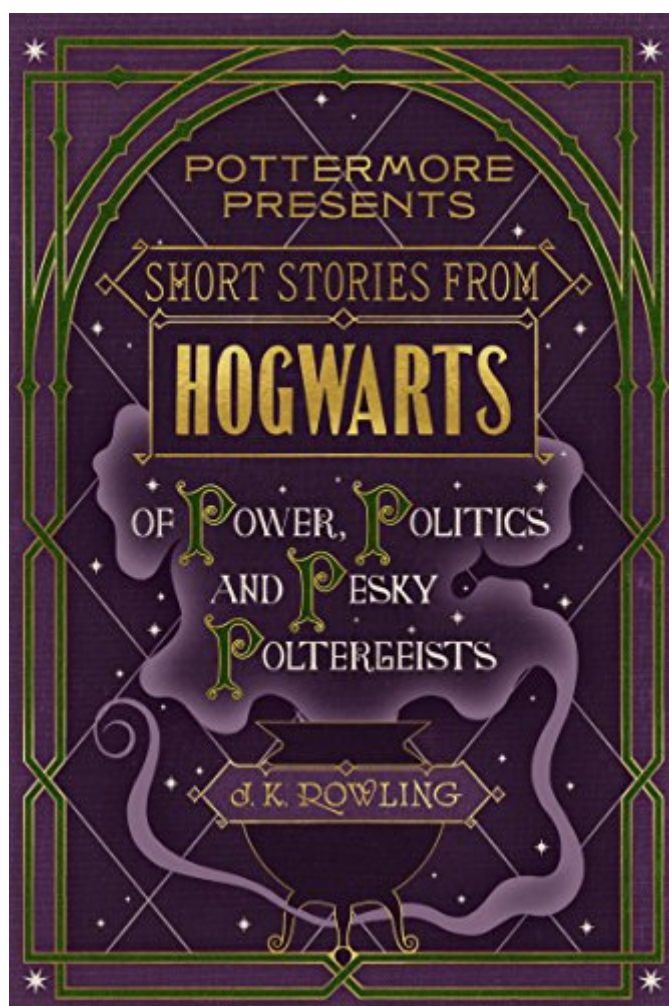


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Azkaban has existed since the fifteenth century and was not originally a prison at all. The island in the North Sea upon which the first fortress was built never appeared on any map, Muggle or wizarding, and is believed to have been created, or enlarged, by magical means. The fortress upon it was originally home to a little-known sorcerer who called himself Ekrizdis. Evidently extremely powerful, but of unknown nationality, Ekrizdis, who is believed to have been insane, was a practitioner of the worst kinds of Dark Arts. Alone in the middle of the ocean, he lured, tortured and killed Muggle sailors, apparently for pleasure, and only when he died, and the concealment charms he had cast faded away, did the Ministry of Magic realise that either island or building existed. Those who entered to investigate

refused afterwards to talk of what they had found inside, but the least frightening part of it was that the place was infested with Dementors. Many in authority thought Azkaban an evil place that was best destroyed. Others were afraid of what might happen to the Dementors infesting the building if they deprived them of their home. The creatures were already strong and impossible to kill; many feared a horrible revenge if they took away a habitat where they appeared to thrive. The very walls of the building seemed steeped in misery and pain, and the Dementors were determined to cling to it. Experts who had studied buildings built with and around Dark magic contended that Azkaban might wreak

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J.K. Rowling's thoughts

The name Azkaban derives from a mixture of the prison Alcatraz, which is its closest Muggle equivalent, being set on an island, and Abaddon, which is a Hebrew word meaning place of destruction or depths of hell.

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Bottom Line: Five enthusiastic stars out of five. Comments regarding your opinion of this book or of my review, whether favorable or unfavorable, are always welcome. If you buy the book based on my review and become disappointed, especially, I do want to know that and I want to understand how I can improve as a book reviewer. Just please be polite. Thank you.

Honestly, this is just a bunch of Pottermore articles mashed into a book. It's nice to have them in one place, though, especially since some articles get taken down without notice, and the subject matter was interesting! If anything, you can point to this book as definitive reference material for whatever you're writing. And it WAS well-written. However, I have one complaint - this publication was an opportunity to expand on a few already-established articles. I can think of one often-forgotten poltergeist who could use some more canon expansion... On the surface, we hardly know the guy! In a book with nice character development for minor characters like Slughorn and Umbridge, why did Peeves get the short end of the stick?!

This book is a fun read if you are interested in the 'behind the scenes' history and how the author thought as she created the Harry Potter world. Ms. Rowling shares with us her thoughts about creating characters and names for the places and some of the characters in the books. She shares

the history of the politics of the Magical world as well as the history of Hogwarts. I found it fun, and got a further understanding of the world that she created that has captivated so many in the world. Young and old both enjoy this epic tale of good vs evil. These books put out by Pottermore.com are a great addition to her world if you are still having withdraws after the Deathly Hollows 2 was over. Five stars for the great writing.

This is the second book in the Pottermore Presents trilogy that digs a little deeper into some of the characters and magical elements of Rowling's famous universe. While I'm a huge Potterhead this was my least favourite book in the trilogy. There are some interesting tidbits but the portion dedicated to the Masters of Magic was overly lengthy and I can't say that Horace Slughorn is a character that I was interested in knowing more about. That said, it's always nice to jump back in to Rowling's magical world and I enjoyed learning more about this history of Azkaban prison and the mischief-maker Peeves. For Potterheads, overall, this trilogy series is a nice way to give readers some background knowledge on secondary characters, magical items and creatures.

I loved this, and enjoy having all these stories collected in place for me to read. The stories gave us more details about people and places we previously knew and allowed us to come back home to Hogwarts again! I really enjoyed the facts about the Ministers of Magic. History and fiction weave together in these stories so effectively that you'd think it might be a textbook! Loved the input from JK on how she did it

The third and final short stories from Hogwarts! At least for me, because I read them out of order. I think this was actually the second release. And who knows, maybe there will be more. I kind of hope so, because I love reading about the wizarding universe. I soak up every little detail J.K. Rowling divulges, and I don't care if she is just coming up with some of this stuff now. Tell me everything about my favorite characters and their world. And in the case of this book, tell me about the scary, less favorite characters! In this book we get to learn more about the lives of Umbridge, Slughorn, Quirrell, and a few other characters. There is also a chapter containing the complete list of witches and wizards who held the position of Minister of Magic from the 1700's up through present day. Very cool.

This was a quick read, but interesting. I loved having Rowling's own thoughts on some of the subjects! It's always nice to dive back into the world of HP and connect with characters we haven't

before.

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