

## (OLD SCHOOL) READING PART 5

### HOW HARRY POTTER CHANGED MY LIFE

I still remember the segments of my childhood by Harry Potter book release dates, which – magically – happened to correspond **1-** each of my family's many moves. At eight years old, my immersion **2-** the world of Hogwarts distracted me from the childhood anguish of moving across the US. Upon arriving in Virginia from Ohio, Goblet of Fire was published. An otherwise lonely summer turned into an adventure, as I reread the books for clues to **3-** unsolved mysteries, getting better acquainted with the characters who had become my friends.

The Harry Potter books gave me hope for a magical future – a home, a place to be wanted and cherished, and a purpose: fighting for what I believed in **4-** a true Gryffindor. Sure they're about witchcraft and wizardry, but they're extras, atop a solid foundation of the **5-** of magic that is very much rooted in the real world.

Moving and reading became routine: I **6-** to collect and devour my new book, then find a corner of our new house to claim as my "cupboard under the stairs" **7-** I would store my collected Potter treasures. The experience surrounding the books meant just as much to me **8-** their content. I found in Hermione a likeminded learning enthusiast, reassuring me that **9-** were kids like me out there. **10-** friends at this shy stage of my life was made easy by the characters we had in common.

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| 1  | A for     | B with    | C at     | D in      |
| 2  | A on      | B in      | C over   | D about   |
| 3  | A its     | B their   | C his    | D her     |
| 4  | A as      | B like    | C by     | D how     |
| 5  | A example | B similar | C kind   | D way     |
| 6  | A would   | B was     | C did    | D used    |
| 7  | A where   | B when    | C what   | D which   |
| 8  | A as      | B that    | C to     | D in      |
| 9  | A they    | B them    | C its    | D there   |
| 10 | A Having  | B Knowing | C Seeing | D Meeting |

#### ANSWERS

1B, 2B, 3B, 4B, 5C, 6D, 7A, 8A, 9D, 10D

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