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The Highland Bookies will review

Harry Potter
and the
Sorcerer's Stone
by J. K. Rowling






Wed., Sept 8, 1999
at 1 p.m.

at the home of
Martha Boon

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Regrets only

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

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Name	Grade	Comments
 Diane Davis	A+	I loved the Characters, the plot and the magic. A great book to talk to kids about.
 Jan Lewallen	A+	I liked this book - fantasy is new to me! Good triumphs over evil! Great characters! Fun to read for all ages!
 Anne Pintoff	A-	Thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to read a children's book! Great character development and a pleasant "positive" end. Well thought out twist! Go Harry Potter
Sheryl Davidson		We only read 10 pages or so - not able to share yet - liked what we read so far -
Martha Boon 	A	What fun! I'm anxious to read the other and to read this book aloud to the kids. The characters are wonderful!
Judy Bush 	A	Lots of fun. Loved Harry + wanted to see him finally get some joy in life. The magic was fun & the characterizations of the kids was great

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		<p>Harry Potter books are harmless fairytales</p> <p>Speaking as a Christian, I must say I'm somewhat embarrassed over the recent Harry Potter flap. The Harry Potter books are very well-written fantasy and make-believe, and do indeed share many similarities with J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis and other Christian fairy-tale sources, despite the odd criticisms I've read recently.</p> <p>We need to all calm down on this one. These are simply good books that tell stories well. As I was growing up, we played Dungeons and Dragons and other role-playing games. All the kids I know about who grew up playing these games or reading Harry Potter-like fiction grew into responsible, caring adults, not a few of them Christians. About what are we so worried?</p> <p>To fear the Harry Potter books because they promote Wicca or witchcraft is just another form of religious bigotry. However wrong-headed we may find the animistic belief system of Wicca, it does us no good to pretend that these nature worshippers believe in talking hats or flying on broomsticks, or most of the other pantheon one finds in a Harry Potter book. The unicorns, gryphons, etc., that form the bulk of the supernatural in Harry Potter books come, in fact, from medieval Christian sources and form a basis of European fairy-tale mythology. Those who claim a knowledge of history, especially, should know better.</p> <p>Peter F. Johnson Denver</p>

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Diane Davis

*"I wonder if Harry Potter
could use some of my
extra zucchini."*



*Sheryl,
Martha and
Nora*

*"Next month
we hope Judy
doesn't go to
France
again."*

*Judy
"Okay, already! I'll
get the invitations out
earlier next month"*

