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## The Magical Worlds of Harry Potter

A Treasury of Myths, Legends and Fascinating Facts

By David Colbert

If, like me, you closed *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* with the feeling of one bidding farewell to one of life's great pleasures, you'll love this book. In a brand new edition, fully revised and updated to include both *Half-Blood Prince* and *Deathly Hallows*, this critically acclaimed book sheds light on J. K. Rowling's creation.

David Colbert explores the origins of the names, creatures, spells and wizards in Harry's world and reveals the layers of myth and legend J. K. Rowling has drawn upon to create her spellbinding books.

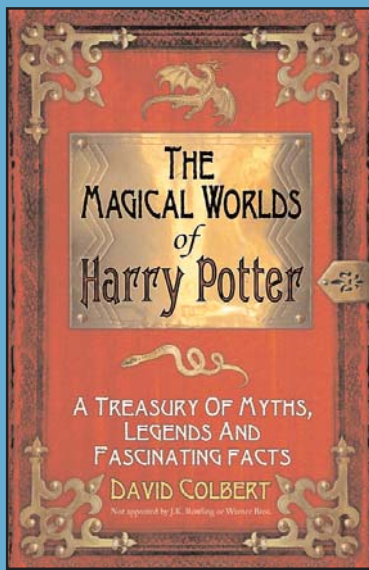
It answers the questions:

- Why is the third Triwizard task set in a maze?
- Why are Goblins such good bankers?
- Are any of the famous wizards and witches real?
- Why are runes carved on the Pensieve?
- Why doesn't Dumbledore fight Voldemort?
- Is 'Avada Kedavra' a real curse?
- Why would Mundungus Fletcher steal cauldrons?
- Why would Voldemort put the Dark Mark on Death Eaters?
- Does Dumbledore trust Divination?
- What makes Veela angry?
- Why do wizards use wands?
- Why do parents worry about Grindylows?
- Why is the forest near Hogwarts 'forbidden'?

Accessible and in-depth enough for adults and children alike, *The Magical Worlds of Harry Potter* is a treasury of fascinating facts and background stories which will add new layers of enjoyment for any Potter fan.

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- Author interview
- The perfect Christmas gift for Potter lovers
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'a glorious tribute to Rowling's work'  
– *The Times* on the first edition



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