

The Harry Potter phenomenon

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, the seventh and final volume in the Harry Potter series, will be published at midnight on July 21. Worldwide sales of the first six books already top 395 million copies, making J.K. Rowling the first ever author to become a dollar billionaire



Left to right: Rupert Grint as Ron Weasley; Emma Watson, Hermione Granger; Daniel Radcliffe, Harry Potter; and author J.K. Rowling

<i>Harry Potter and the...</i>	Book published	Sales (worldwide)	Movie budget	Box office (worldwide)
<i>...Philosopher's Stone</i>	1997	107 million	\$125m	\$969m
<i>...Chamber of Secrets</i>	1998	60 million	\$100m	\$866m
<i>...Prisoner of Azkaban</i>	1999	55 million	\$130m	\$789m
<i>...Goblet of Fire</i>	2000	55 million	\$150m	\$892m
<i>...Order of the Phoenix</i>	2003	55 million	\$150m	
<i>...Half-Blood Prince</i>	2005	65 million		
<i>...Deathly Hallows</i>	2007			

Harry Potter has earned J.K. Rowling an estimated \$1.1bn

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