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ON THIS DAY



▲ 2007: *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, the seventh and final book in the *Harry Potter* series, sold over 11 million copies in the first 24 hours

1861: Confederate troops routed Union forces at the first Battle of Bull Run during the American Civil War

1973: France began a series of nuclear tests on the Mururoa Atoll in the Pacific

1983: Poland announced an end to martial law, and amnesty for political prisoners

1994: Russian author Alexander Solzhenitsyn returned to Moscow after 20 years in exile

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