

## The Ranking of the Harry Potter Movies

During fall break, I re-watched all of the Harry Potter movies. The Harry Potter series is one of my favorite book series. The books are great to read because of the way they combine magic, adventure, mythical creatures, interesting characters and their romance and drama. However, this also makes it very hard to make these books into movies. All of the movies have done well, but obviously, some of them are better than others. This is my ranking of the Harry Potter movies:

### 8. The Chamber of Secrets

In this second book in the series, Hogwarts is threatening to close because of a mysterious monster that is attacking the students. Harry and his friends are attempting to catch whoever is behind the attacks. This is one of the more suspenseful and dramatic books, and the author built up the suspense and threw in plot twists at unexpected places. The movie, though, could have used more special effects and the actors could have been a little more emotional in the sad sequences.

### 7. The Order of the Phoenix

In this fifth movie in the series, Harry and his friends form a secret army to battle with Voldemort's forces. This was the longest book in the series, but it was also the shortest movie. The battle at the Ministry, Sirius's death, and Umbridge's annoyingness were all acted out really well, but the movie left too many important details out.

### 6. The Sorcerer's Stone

It was sweet, of course, because it was the first movie and the one that introduced us to the magical world. However, the actors were still getting used to their roles and sounded like they were reading the script, and the mystery of the sorcerer's stone started in the last half hour of the movie.

## 5. The Deathly Hallows, Part 1

The seventh and last book in the series is divided into two movies. The beginning and the end of this movie were the best parts. The beginning, when Hermione removed her parents' memories and a wedding was crashed by a crowd of Death Eaters. In the end, when Dobby was killed by Bellatrix's knife, there were sad and scary parts, and the movie showed this well. The middle, however, dragged on and on and on as they moved from one hiding place to another.

## 4. The Deathly Hallows, Part 2

The Happy ending and the intense battle were clearly the best part of this movie. Those were the parts that made the audience emotional, sad, happy, and nostalgic. But the movie began in a strange way, and it felt incomplete because this was only the second half of the book.

## 3. The Half-Blood Prince

This movie is probably the saddest, darkest, deepest and least fast-paced one. That is what makes it a good penultimate for the last book. The dismal parts of the movie, like Dumbledore's death, are really moving. The movie doesn't get too depressing, though, because there are funny moments in the middle, like the Quidditch game and romance scenes.

## 2. The Goblet of Fire

This was the movie with the Triwizard Tournament, so of course it was full of action. The movie keeps everyone on the edge of their seats, waiting to know who will win. The Yule Ball and Cedric's death are good contrasts to the constant action, and are very important parts of the movie.

## 1. The Prisoner of Azkaban

This movie was full of surprises- when they found out that Sirius was Harry's godfather, when Lupin became a werewolf, and when Harry and Hermione traveled back in time. There was just the right amount of cheerful and melancholy scenes. That, and the good acting and scenes of Hogwarts changing with seasons made this the best movie.