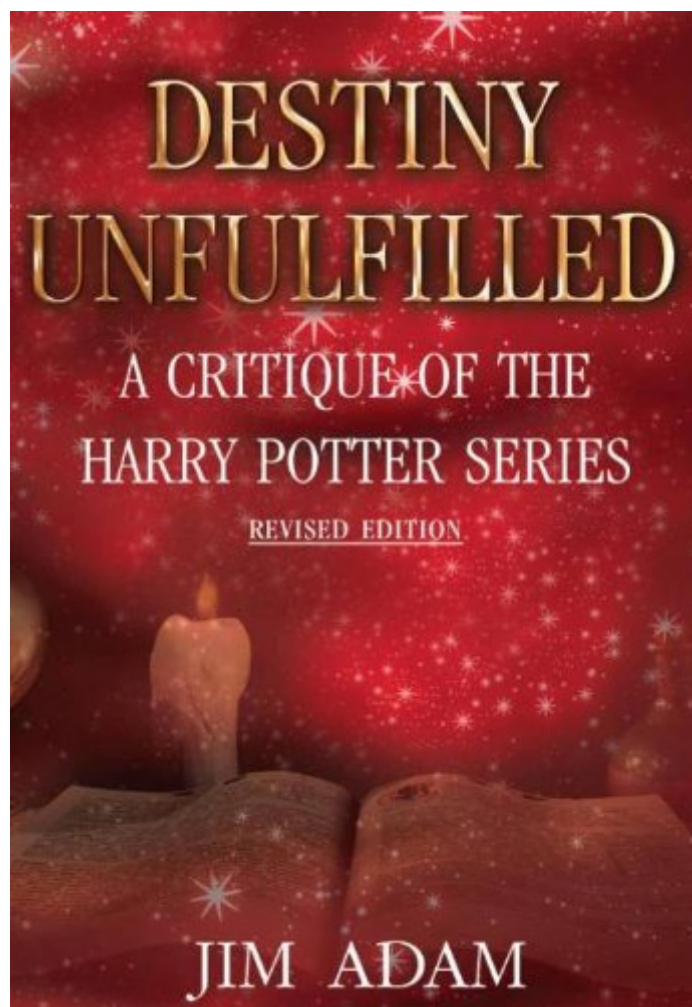


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This review and commentary is written for those who love Harry Potter, have great respect for author J. K. Rowling, and hope that corrections and revisions will someday be made to make this extraordinary series of books even greater. It is primarily addressed to those who have already read

the entire Harry Potter series and thus can understand the brief comments and suggestions made below. With over 1 million words covering over 4100 pages through 7 books, those who have read the books in their entirety several times (as I have) will have the advantage of better recall of details as well as developing more insights in regard to story plots and characterizations. HP is such a great work that we all get caught up with the riveting story flow and often don't stop to closely consider details, and naturally this would apply even more so in the case of those who have read through the series only one time. My notes here are much longer than usual because the series is so extensive and I want to try to help readers understand (by giving actual examples) the major issues where critics like Jim Adam speak of making improvements. Here is a list of the 7 Harry Potter books written by J. K. Rowling. Each book basically chronicles 1 year of Harry's life from age 11 through 17 in the years 1991-1998. For convenience and brevity I will reference these by book # in my comments below.

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