

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, Book 2

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Harry Potter can't wait for his holidays with the dire Dursleys to end. But a small, self-punishing house-elf warns Harry of mortal danger awaiting him at Hogwarts. Returning to the castle nevertheless, Harry hears a rumour about a Chamber of Secrets, holding unknown horrors for wizards of Muggle parentage. Now someone is casting spells that turn people to stone, and a terrible warning is found painted on the wall. The chief suspect - always in the wrong place - is Harry. But something much more terrifying has yet to be unleashed. These new editions of the classic and internationally bestselling, multi-award-winning series feature instantly pick-up-able new jackets by Jonny Duddle, with huge child appeal, to bring Harry Potter to the next generation of readers. It's time to PASS THE MAGIC ON ...

What makes the Harry Potter series so successful? Maybe it's the fact that J.K. Rowling doesn't write children's books, she writes children's stories, more in the tradition of the Brothers Grimm than Dr. Seuss. The exploits of Harry and his friends captivate even the shortest attention spans by engaging the imagination with vivid characters and fast-moving action, instead of trying to merely catch the eye with colorful pictures or pop-up effects. Not surprisingly, the Potter tales sound wonderful read aloud, and adapt to the audiobook format extremely well. Broadway actor Jim Dale's impressive vocal range gives each character in the book its own distinctive voice--a considerable task, given the pantheon of witches, warlocks, ghosts, ghouls, dwarves, and elves that Harry encounters in his second outing. And thankfully, since the book is read unabridged, no one's favorite character is omitted. Engaging for children without being childish, the audio version of Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets is worthy addition to the deservedly popular series. (Running time: 9 hours, 7 CDs) --Andrew Nieland

The Dursleys were so mean that hideous that summer that all Harry Potter wanted was to get back to the Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry. But just as he's packing his bags, Harry receives a warning from a strange, impish creature named Dobby who says that if Harry Potter returns to Hogwarts, disaster will strike.

And strike it does. For in Harry's second year at Hogwarts, fresh torments and horrors arise, including an outrageously stuck-up new professor, Gilderoy Lockheart, a spirit named Moaning Myrtle who haunts the girls' bathroom, and the unwanted attentions of Ron Weasley's younger sister, Ginny.

But each of these seem minor annoyances when the real trouble begins, and someone--or something--starts turning Hogwarts students to stone. Could it be Draco Malfoy, a more poisonous rival than ever? Could it possibly be Hagrid, whose mysterious past is finally told? Or could it be the one everyone at Hogwarts most suspects...Harry Potter himself?

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As data mining techniques and tools mature, their application domains extend to previous uncharted territories. The common theme of the workshops organized along with the main 2008 Pacific Asia Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (PAKDD) in Osaka, Japan was to extend the application of data mining techniques to new frontiers. Thus the title of the proceedings: "New Frontiers in Application of Data Mining." For the 2008 program, three workshops were organized. 1. Algorithms for Large-Scale Information Processing (ALSIP). The focus of the workshop was novel algorithms and data structures to deal with processing of very large data sets. 2. Data Mining for Decision Making and Risk Management (DM DRM), which emphasized applications of risk information derived from

data mining techniques on diverse applications ranging from medicine to marketing to chemistry. 3. Interactive Data Mining (IDM), which emphasized the relationship between techniques in data mining and human-computer interaction. In total 38 papers were submitted to the workshops. After consultation with the workshop Chairs who were asked to rank their submissions, 18 were accepted for publication in this volume. We hope that the published papers will further interest in the growing field of knowledge discovery in databases (KDD). The paper selection of the industrial track and the workshops was made by the Program Committee of each organization. Upon the paper selection, the book was edited and managed by the volume editors.

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