

Below are some recommended book titles for children who enjoyed the Harry Potter books.

- The Book of Three (First Chronicles of Pydian, Series) by Lloyd Alexander
- Briar's Book by Tamora Pierce
- Crumbling Castle by Sarah Hayes
- The Dark is Rising (Series) by Susan Cooper
- Dealing With Dragons (Enchanted Forest Chronicles) by Patricia C. Wrede

We hope you have enjoyed the “Reading Wizards” bulletins, and that you continue to read and share the magic of books with your children.



About Reading Wizards:

Reading Wizards: Parents and Children Reading Together is a series of bulletins on reading with children. Bulletins A through D are designed for parents of children as young as 2 years old and include activities based on Dr. Seuss books. Bulletins 1 through 6, based on the Harry Potter book series, were created for parents with children between the ages of 5 and 12. The bulletins will include tips on how to make the most of reading time with your children, as well as activities based on the Harry Potter Books for you and your child to do together.

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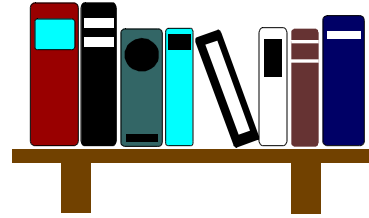


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In the last five “Reading Wizards” bulletins, we have offered tips for parents on reading to their kids, as well as activities based on the *Harry Potter* series. In this, the last bulletin of the series, we offer some advice on how to create a home environment that encourages reading, and some recommendations for books to read once you've finished with the Harry Potter books (there are only four books in the series so far, and once you've begun, they go fast!)



- Try to keep books in every room of your home. Fill your home with books borrowed from the library, newspaper, magazines, and so on. Keep an eye out for inexpensive books at flea markets, garage sales, used book stores, and discount tables at bookstores. Many public libraries sell old books once a year. You will find some real bargains. Collecting books is an important family activity. Parents send the message that you value reading, and that books are important and fun. You will also give your child access to a wealth of reading material.
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- Create family reading times by setting aside time each day when everyone chooses a book, magazine, or work-related reading material. You might also try choosing a family book, and have everyone take turns reading aloud. You will be reinforcing the message that you value reading for pleasure and information.