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### ABOUT THIS ITEM

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**Welcome back, Potter**

How does she do it?

Undoubtedly hoping to capitalize on her recent popularity, the ever-prolific J.K.

Rowling has managed to write an almost 3,000 page book in well under a month!

Legions of fans, entranced by Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, are no doubt awaiting the next enchanting adventure of the lovable, plucky magician.

But in this, the fifth of the series, Rowling strays considerably from her original formula. Rather than relying on a rollicking adventure yarn, the author instead introduces Harry to an ancient textbook of unspeakable evil in the first two sentences of the book, then proceeds for the next 2,734 pages to include a verbatim transcript of the blasphemous tome.

While "Voldemort's Necronomicon" (the textbook to Advanced Placement Sorcery at the Hogwarts Academy) is not without interest, many younger readers will find its extensive use of dead languages such as Aramaic and Latin off-putting. Older readers, on the other hand, may find the book's claims to authentic supernatural powers unsettling.

Spells such as "Enshrouding your Elementary School in a Miasma of Fear" and "Harnessing the Power of the Undead" should delight many loyal Potter enthusiasts, but will surely cause controversy among the Christian right, as will Rowling's repeated exhortations to "worship Satan."

My only problem with the book is that at 2,734 pages, the book is simply too heavy to hold comfortably. Also, the book is too large to be considered a carry-on item, and thus cannot be read on most major American airlines. The publisher's decision to use brownish red ink to create a block letter font that can only be read when held up to a mirror, doesn't help either.

Nonetheless, I feel strangely compelled to give it 5 stars!

— *Angus Carnoustie*

*Angus Carnoustie is an accomplished dungeonmaster, whose main character, Kalgar, a paladin, has accrued over 200 million gold pieces. He currently has a charisma of 18. Despite being an elf, Kalgar could learn a thing or two about magic from Harry.*

### **Synopsis**

**From Barnes & Noble.com:** Finally, kids can do what Harry does! Watch in amazement as they toy with the laws of nature and unleash forces beyond their control!

### **From the Publisher**

You would not believe the money we're making. For the first printing of this edition, an entire Brazilian rainforest was harvested. Not to print the books, mind you, but to print all the money we're raking in. If we were paid in twenties, we could get lap-dances at Scores for over 300,000,000 years!!! Enjoy the book.

One word of advice: Do Not Read Chapters 11,13, 15-22, 87 out loud to your children. To do so may result in: Transmogrification, Plague, Pestilence, Locusts,

Unpredictable Transportation, Eternal Hellfire, Itchiness and Possible Swelling.

### Reviews

#### From Salman Rushdie

Are you shitting me? How does this clown sell 3 million copies? My book mentioned Satan too! In the title, no less!! All I got was a lousy fatwa put on my head! Loved the book!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

#### From Pat Robertson

To simply glance at the cover is an act of unspeakable evil. Can't wait for the next one!!!!!!

#### From Jabari Asim - Washington Post

Better than anything ever written - including the 10 commandments! Great stuff!!!!!!!!!!

#### From Sarah Johnson - Times (London)

Not since Kipling denigrated the wogs has there been an English author as prolific, or as rich, as Ms. Rowling. Huzzah!!!

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SouthieBoy1@hotmail.com ★★★★★

#### Wicked Awesome!!!

This book rules! I learned a sh\*tload of wicked good spells. KICK ASS!!!!!!

GrievingMom8765@aol.com ★★★★★

#### Bring back my baby

My child read the "levitation" spell in Chapter 8, then ran off a ten-story roof clutching a broom and plummeted to his death. Turns out he mispronounced a word!! Because of a typo!!! Be sure to fix this in the next edition!!!! Loved the Book!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Inmate7614937@pelicanbay.gov ★★★★★

#### Doing hard time has never been this easy!!!

It was like I was reading, and the book was telling me to do things I didn't want to do. WOW!!!!!!!!!!!! GREAT BOOK!!!!!!

RalphG@netzero.com ★★★★★

#### What a book!!!

This book took me 7 months to read. It destroyed my marriage, my career and my health. KEEP 'EM COMING!!!!!!!!!!!!

Hellraiser666@aol.com ★★★★★

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