

## What people are saying about *The Harry Potter Lexicon*...

“As a writer, if someone wanted to publish this sort of guide to my own books, I’d be delighted. As a reader, I would be grateful. As a frequent book reviewer and author of essays about books, I find it chilling to think I’d have to be looking over my shoulder for lawyers every time I quoted an author or described his or her fictional characters.”

Adam Hochschild, author of *Bury the Chains* and *King Leopold’s Ghost*.

“[Rowling,] you might want to consider the wise words of the judge who advised that you kids, and all your lawyers, find some creative way to settle this nasty business... You’ve really got to think long and hard before you sue a fan. It just never goes over well. Why? Because it’s not just about that one fan you’re suing, it’s all those other fans watching you sue that one fan who adores and supports you.”

Helen A. S. Popkin, MSNBC

“What on earth is the difference between this stuff being on the internet or available to purchase in a book?”

Marina Hyde, *The Guardian*

“Critics, fans, and groupies are going to be researching, writing, and talking about Harry Potter for years, and Ms. Rowling is misguided if she thinks she can stop them.”

*The Ottawa Citizen*

“We must await the ruling to be issued by Judge Robert B. Patterson on the *Rowling v. RDR Books* case with all the anticipation that readers of Ms. Rowling’s books have shown toward each installment of the *Harry Potter* series. It is only a bit of an exaggeration to say that our future, as opposed to Harry’s, hangs on the outcome.”

John Willinsky, *Slaw.ca*

“It is difficult to understand how “Harry Potter” author J. K. Rowling could, legally or otherwise, seriously claim to be “hurt” by a fan publication that would presumably only enrich her success.”

*The Muskegon Chronicle*

“One would think that Rowling would realize that this book has the potential to become a text in literature courses which would enhance her reputation as a literary giant rather than just an author of kids’ books. Not to mention the future generations of serious literature students who will be buying her books. Harry Potter could reach the stature of Huckleberry Finn in great literature.”

Ken Goodman, Past President, International Reading Association

“If the first library were to open today, high priced lawyers would try to shut it down. And they might succeed”

David Hammer, RDR Books Attorney

“The question is not whether Rowling is on solid legal ground in suing her fans. It’s whether she’s on solid moral ground. And the answer, obviously, is no; indeed, considering how much her fans have done for her, the move is even more lamentable than Prince’s recent promise to sue his supporters... The big news from the world of Harry Potter isn’t that Dumbledore is gay. It’s that J. K. Rowling is greedy.”

Farhad Manjoo, *Salon*

“Rowling does not own discussion of her work – book reviews, literary criticism, or the fan guides that she’s suing. The law has never allowed authors to exercise that much control over public discussion of their creations.”

Tim Wu, *Slate*

“Rowling has now shown herself to lack a brain, a heart and courage. Clearly, she needs to visit Oz”

Orson Scott Card, author of *Ender’s Game*

“Such a shame, a such a misguided monopolistic effort to wring every nickel possible out of a franchise that has brought untold wealth to Ms. Rowling and her licensees. Does she really think that any fan would not buy her Lexicon even if they already had Mr. Vander Ark’s Lexicon?... Regardless of how the Harry Potter case comes out, the most depressing part is that it was brought at all. Fans will happily buy her book; the only effects of the suit, therefore are negative: if successful it will diminish the number of books available, and even if unsuccessful, it may cast a cloud over a fan base that has provided her and her licensees with great value.”

William Patry, Senior Copyright Counsel, Google Inc.

“Harry Potter creator (and gazillionaire) J.K. Rowling was in court trying to stop a former middle-school librarian named Steven Vander Ark from publishing a book called *The Harry Potter Lexicon*. For shame, J.K. You give all the rest of us Muggles a bad name.”

*Newsweek*

“The whole situation with RDR reminded me of that instance in HP where Dumbledore was explaining to Harry that all tyrants like Voldemort fear that one amongst the masses will rise up and overthrow them. RDR was the one that rose up and decided to fight back. And darn it! They’ve put up a good fight and more than leveled the playing field.”

Brooke Bonett, *The Bluestocking Guide*

“I can’t imagine myself trying to stop any of the unauthorized books that have come out about me or about things I’ve created over the years, and where possible I’ve tried to help, and even when I haven’t liked them I’ve shrugged and let it go.”

Neil Gaiman, author of *Stardust* and *The Day I Swapped My Dad For Two Goldfish*