

Week beginning 25/9/2021



Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

I really enjoyed this book, just like I enjoy all of the Harry Potter books. This one is my favourite though as I really like snakes as an animal and the Basilisk is a fascinating monster. It is a powerful, blood-thirsty creature with dark-green scales. She could only be controlled by the heir or Slytherin, Tom Riddle. I like that Harry and the Basilisk could understand each other because of Parseltongue.

This book is full of riddle and mystery. The author built tension and suspense so well that I could feel my heart racing at various points in the story. Many unfortunate events occur such as Riddle framing Hagrid for all the events, and claiming that Hagrid's spider was responsible for the attacks. Hagrid was expelled, and the attacks stopped. I love that Hagrid's name is then cleared in this book as it becomes obvious that Tom Riddle and the Basilisk were responsible for the attacks.

There is a great final battle when the Phoenix comes to help Harry and blinds the Basilisk. Even though this happened the Basilisk still manages to get Harry and just when you think he is dead the Phoenix tears bring him back to life. This is a nice twist at the end and Harry then uses the Basilisk's fang to destroy Tom Riddle's diary which later turns out to be one of Voldemort's Horcruxes.

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