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Introduction

At this point in time, it would be impossible to say how many people have read the Harry Potter books. Millions, at least. How many? It cannot be known. What kinds of people? Old, young, rich, poor, male, female, non-binary, etc. Where are these people from? What jobs do they have? What are their passions? None of these questions can be answered definitively. The Harry Potter books exist in seventy-four languages, so you can bet that all the people who have read the books have learned different lessons. But there is one thing that must be true for everyone who has imagined themselves in the halls of Hogwarts at one time or another: they have learned lessons.

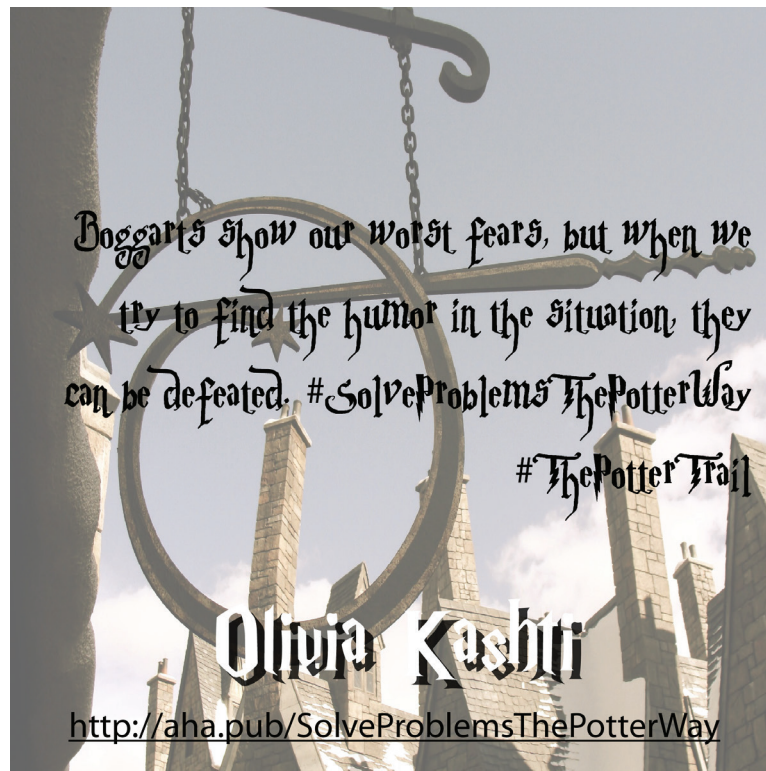
Harry, Ron, Hermione and so many other characters we meet are faced with difficult issues. Sometimes they make mistakes, as we all do, but sometimes they find the best way of solving problems. In the end, they solve the biggest problem that the wizarding world is facing with hardly any experience or help—just by using their hearts and brains.

We can all find this kind of guidance through the *Harry Potter* books, whoever we are. *The Unofficial Potter Way of Solving Problems* helps make these lessons clear for us. It splits them into sections and reminds us of the ways that the books provide us with helpful advice on how best to solve problems in our own lives.

We can laugh as we remember Fred and George and their antics, we can cry as we think about the characters

we lost, and we can smile fondly as we see all the ways in which love and friendship win in the end.

All of us have problems in our lives, and there is no better way to begin facing them and begin the huge challenge of working on ourselves than through reliving the magic of the Harry Potter World and remembering that as long as we stay good and true in our hearts and actions, Hogwarts will always be there to welcome us home.



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Section I

Fear/Bravery

If Harry, Ron, and Hermione had simply run away from their problems instead of facing them, they would never have defeated the Dark Lord. Harry and his friends teach us that being brave pays off, whether it's in front of a Dementor, a friend you don't agree with, or the scariest of them all, a Boggart!

1

Harry does not allow intimidation to stop him from saying Voldemort's name. He knows he is fighting for good, and he will not give in to bullies.

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2

Ignoring problems doesn't make them go away; one must face them to achieve results. Often, fear of a problem is worse than the actual problem.

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3

“It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to our enemies, but more to stand up to our friends.” Neville proves we must stand up for our beliefs. #SolveProblemsThePotterWay #ThePotterTrail

4

We all have the power to make our own choices, despite the circumstances we are born in, just like Harry.

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5

Harry questions authority. Sometimes, we must ask ourselves how we feel in our hearts: Is something right just because power tells us so? #SolveProblemsThePotterWay

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6

Hermione has to erase her parents' memories to keep them safe. Sometimes we must do things we don't like, for the greater good. #SolveProblemsThePotterWay
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7

Harry must fight in the Triwizard Cup despite not wanting to. He uses the skills he has — his broomstick, brain, and friends — to succeed. #SolveProblemsThePotterWay
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8

Despite Harry being afraid of entering the Forbidden Forest, he knows that if he wants to help his friends, he must — so he does. #SolveProblemsThePotterWay #ThePotterTrail

9

Harry finds solace in the Mirror of Erised, but with Dumbledore's help, he knows that "it does not do to dwell on dreams and forget to live." #SolveProblemsThePotterWay #ThePotterTrail

10

Even though Harry knows nothing about magic when he joins Hogwarts, he puts in effort and becomes a good wizard. #SolveProblemsThePotterWay
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11

Harry's bravery in the Chamber of Secrets pays off, as he saves the lives of Hermione and many others.

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12

Boggarts show our worst fears, but when we try to find the humor in the situation, they can be defeated.

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13

Our Patronus charms prove that when we
remember all the positive things in our
lives, the bad things can seem easier to
deal with. #SolveProblemsThePotterWay
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14

If you work in a team, everyone can share their skills to help each other, just like in Dumbledore's Army.

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15

Even though Ginny is the only girl of all her siblings, she stands just as strong; don't let anything stop you from being yourself. #SolveProblemsThePotterWay

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16

When Ron and Harry can't get through the gate at Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$, they use the flying car. Always look for alternatives before giving up! #SolveProblemsThePotterWay
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17

People follow Voldemort because they are scared, but he leads them astray. Don't let fear guide you.
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18

Sirius never stops trying to protect Harry, even though he risks his safety to do so. This makes him a role model in Harry's and our eyes. #SolveProblemsThePotterWay #ThePotterTrail

19

The Dursleys run to an island in the middle of nowhere to escape their problems, but Hagrid finds them anyway.

Don't run from your problems; face them. #SolveProblemsThePotterWay
#ThePotterTrail

20

Dementors can be fought by thinking happy thoughts. If you are brave and keep your calm, anything is possible.

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Ronilda Vane uses a love potion to try and get Harry to love her, but in the end, she looks foolish. Trust that honesty will work out for you. #SolveProblemsThePotterWay #ThePotterTrail

Despite how often Dudley bullies Harry, he doesn't fight back. Harry knows that in the long run, he will be a happier, better person. #SolveProblemsThePotterWay #ThePotterTrail

Ron thinks Harry is trying to take Hermione from him, but this is the Horcrux manipulating his thoughts. Taking a step back from situations can help sometimes. #SolveProblemsThePotterWay #ThePotterTrail



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