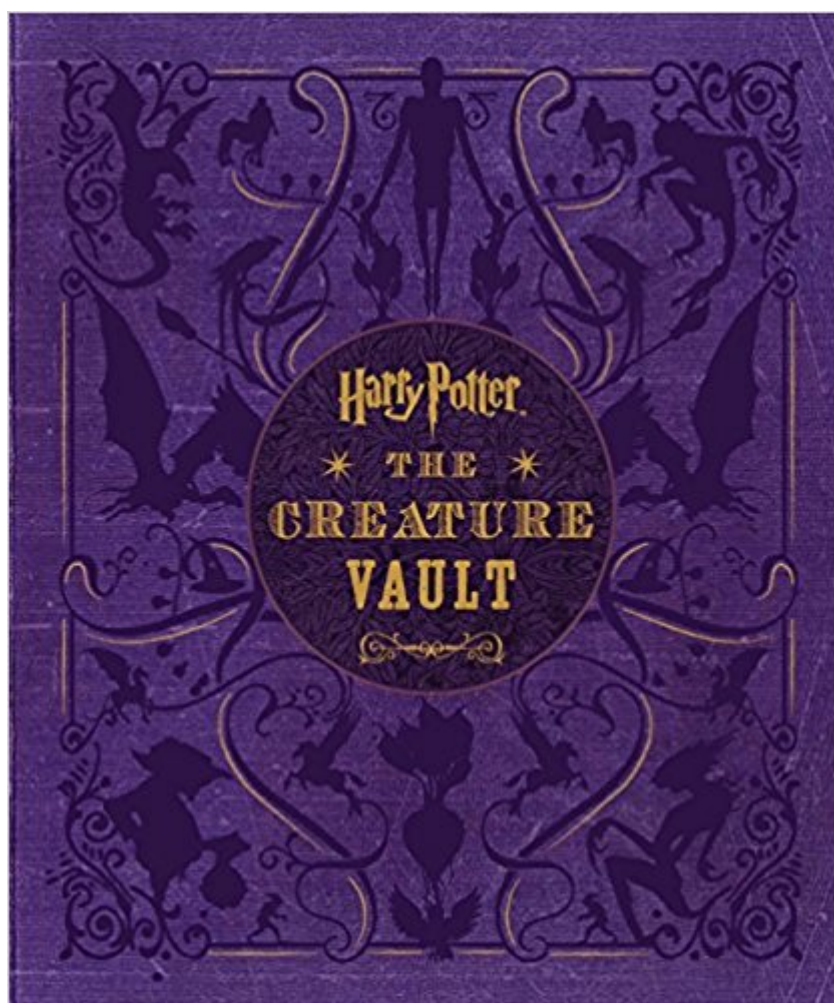


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# Harry Potter: The Creature Vault: The Creatures And Plants Of The Harry Potter Films



## Synopsis

Dementors and House-elves, merpeople and Chinese Fireball Dragons – these are just a few of the magical creatures and frightening monsters populating J. K. Rowling’s wizarding world. Harry Potter: The Creature Vault is a fascinating look at how this menagerie was brought to life for the blockbuster Harry Potter film series. Detailed profiles of each creature include rare concept illustrations, behind-the-scenes photography, and filmmaking secrets from the Warner Bros. archive. A removable poster picturing each of the creatures and an interactive Eeylops Owl Emporium catalog complete this must-have package.

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(MoviePilot.com) “If you are a fan of the films, and are looking for more details, insider information, and sketches galore, then this is the book for you and...a must have.”

(Mugglenet.com) “...it’s fun to see the way various creatures evolved before the final image.” (Geekdad.com) “...this coffee-table tome is a comprehensive and

delightful look at the memorable creatures that populate the magical world... A true

collector’s edition...” (Examiner.com) “...Revenson is one of the

few – outside of perhaps Rowling herself – who is paid to know every twist, turn, first appearance, second appearance, elbow shape and snout color for every beast that has ever

appeared in the Harry Potter movie series. (Chicago Sun-Times) "...[the] book collects some of the most breathtaking concept art we've seen in ages of dragons and other magnificent creatures, from the Harry Potter movies. (io9.com) "Harry Potter: The Creature Vault is a fascinating look at how this menagerie was brought to life for the blockbuster Harry Potter film series. (Hypable.com) "VERDICT Visually stimulating and comprehensive, this volume is a much welcome addition to the Potter collection. (Library Journal) "The original Harry Potter creature concept art is utterly breathtaking. (Buzzfeed) "The original Harry Potter sketches are all kinds of creepy, fuzzy and awesome. (Hello Giggles) "...a magical new coffee table book (The Telegraph) "...Harper Collins...released a new book featuring the astounding original concept art for many of the creepy-crawly (and cute and fluffy) creatures from the books. (PopSugar) "...features the gory, monstrous characters of J.K. Rowling's wizarding world like you've never seen them before. (Seventeen.com) "...gives readers a peek at how artists brought those creatures to the screen. (Mashable)

JODY REVENSON has written extensively about the Harry Potter films and is the author of six books in the Harry Potter: Page to Screen Limited Edition, including Wizard Wear and Muggle Attire, Movie Magic, and Ten Years Later: Life On Set with the Harry Potter Cast and Crew. She has also written books about Jack Sparrow, the Disney theme parks, Dick Grayson, and Bugs Bunny. She lives in New York City.

As a Harry Potter fan, I have quite a few companion books. The largest in my collection is *Harry Potter Page to Screen: The Complete Filmmaking Journey*. Right after I bought Page to Screen, I discovered there was a collector's edition that included several other books. I did not get the collector's edition since I already have the main book, but I've always longed to see those additional books. *Harry Potter: The Creature Vault* is actually the expanded version of the *The Creature Shop Compendium* book that is part of *Harry Potter Page to Screen Collector's Edition*. This new edition has a makeover and now sports a purple coloured embossed cover. The page count has increased to 208. It's a beautiful looking compendium. This book looks at all the creatures and magical plants that have appeared in the movie series. It's packed with creature designs, concept art, film stills and photos from behind the scenes which shows how the crew build the animatronics, maquettes, sculptures and life-size models such as the Basilisk or the dragons. Concept art for the creatures comes in the form of sketches, watercolours and digital paintings. Bulk of the book

consists the artworks with accompanying text. A few pictures were reused from Page to Screen but not a big issue. Below's the list of chapters that group the creatures according to their type: 1. Forest Dwellers - Centaur, Unicorn, Acromantula, Hippogriff, Thestral 2. Lake Dwellers - Merperson, Grindylow 3. Sky Dwellers - Dragon, Cornish Pixie 4. Trespassers - Troll, Giant, Gnome 5. Shape-Shifters - Animagus, Boggart, Werewolf 6. The Working World - Post Owl, House-Elf, Goblin, Fluffy 7. Dark Forces - Basilisk, Dementor, Inferius 8. Companions - Hedwig, Errol, Pigwidgeon, Scabbers, Crookshanks, Mrs. Norris, Fang, Trevor, Arnold, Fawkes, Nagini 9. The Greenhouse - Devil's Snare, Mandrake, Whomping Willow, Mimbulus Mimbletonia, Venomous Tentacula, Dirigible Plum

There's a huge bunch of creatures and plants featured. All are given ample coverage in terms of art and text. Author Jody Revenson has provided an insightful writeup that talks about their designs for the movies, the story component and interesting details such as the technical parts on how the creatures were created, be it in computer or real life. I believe it will be a satisfying read for any Harry Potter fan, especially those who craves for details. The book description mentioned there's an Eeylops Owl Emporium. That's actually a small 8-page booklet stuck to the main pages showing photos of several owls. The other extra goodie is an A3 size one page bestiary poster with 16 selected creatures. One last thing to note is there are two publishers for this book. It seems that publisher Harper Design is distributing for USA and Canada, and Titan Books are distributing for UK, Europe and other regions. So depending on where you are and from which publisher you buy from, the book's price might vary slightly. I find that Titan Books sell it cheaper, and for overseas buyers, it's more worth it to get the book from Book Depository. I really enjoyed going through all the information and looking at the beautiful concept art. This is yet another excellent companion to the movies. Highly recommended to all Harry Potter fans. (See more pictures of the book on my blog. Just visit my [profile](#) for the link.)

Recommended for Harry Potter Fans and Creature & Concept Design Fans. This book is an Expanded reprinting of The Creature Vault book previously only available in the limited edition and the expensive book set; Page to Screen Collectors Edition. Embossed paper boards with a design meant to simulate fabric covered cover boards, accented with metallic gold - Emulating the previous limited edition. Very nicely done. A few images are revisits from the Page to Screen tome, 90 percent of the images are exclusive to this volume. Many many images through out, Full page, half page, quarter page and all. Very complete use of the page layouts as every creature in the Potter universe is explored and given its fair share of page time; With the majority given multiple pages of insightful text and development art, both two dimensional and sculpted work. All artwork is given it's

proper attribution to the artist behind the work is most cases (WETA books does the best at resolving this, giving each artwork shown the initials of the artist and a decoder key).The chapters break down as:-Intro-Forest Dwellers-Lake Dwellers-Sky Dwellers-Trespassers-Shape Shifters-The Working World-Dark Forces-Companions-The GreenhouseEnjoy.

Excellent encyclopedia of Harry Potter creatures featured in the films. This book illustrates the meticulous research, design and production by the visual development artists and production designers. The Creature Vault documents the real life inspiration behind the design of mythological creatures, the pros/cons of CGI, animal actors, and creature production. The Dark Forces chapter featuring Basilisk, Dementors and Ineri is especially interesting and eerie. The book includes two bonuses: Eeylops Owl Emporium brochure and a Bestiary. I highly recommend.

This is just an utterly fantastic book. If you have any reservations at all about getting this book dont wait, just order the book. The illustrations are bright, colorfull, and totally impressive. If you have Page to Screen this is done in the same basic layout. There are not very many excellent books on the behind the scenes of the Harry Potter films, but this IS one of them. I love books that show concept art and this book has that in abundance. Artists represented include Williamson, Brockbank, Power, Bliss, Catling, and many others. Very talented one and all. There are a few drawings that might freek out some poeple so be aware. It also has photos of work in progress involving the various creatures. The cover looks like tooled leather with outlines of various creatures. I can't wait for Ms Revenson to release the other books she has planned in this HP series. This book is worth every penny you pay for it. Absolutely wonderful.

Review of Harry Potter: The Creature Vault: The Creatures and Plants of the Harry Potter Films.I recently recieved my copy just today, and my excitement reached a peak as I tore into the book, and I took my time reading the Creature Vault.When I read the book, I was surprised to see that the book contained behind the scenes looks on how some of the creatures were brought to the silver screen to my amazement.It has several drawings that shows the process of how the creatures we know today became what we know them as.There are even a few creatures that didn't make it into the films that were given their own little pages.If you are expecting this to be like 'Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them' then I'm sorry but this book has only a few handfults of creatures of what 'Fantastic Beasts' offer, but it is still a great book for those who wish to expand their 'Harry Potter' library.It's a great gift to get for that little Wizard or Witch in your life.

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