

**Through the Door of the Castle in J. K. Rowling's  
*Harry Potter Series***

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**Abstract**

Magic, an apparently created influencing event by mysterious or supernatural forces. It relates to the existence of mystic elements in and around us. It is all about the connectivity of the mysterious forces and the inner soul of a person because they take hold of the laws of physics and of energy conservation. Wizards who possess these create their own glorious life and those who are obsessed walk through the dark state of ecstasy. The interpretation given here by the researcher is all about one great room referred as The Great Hall of Hogwarts and the relationship between the food (the classic British cooking) and the hall in the potter canon of wizard and wizardry in "Through the Door of the Castle in J. K. Rowling's *Harry Potter Series*". The great hall refers to various historic events and is also the most conspicuous room in the entire series of Potter. The paper analyses the significance of the Great Hall along with the British cultured cuisines served. Food of the Wizards and the Muggles are the world classic dishes except two Non- British dishes. The anticipation over imagination is elucidated by the historical traces it holds on and enlightening Potter's world with house feast treat. The more you understand, you call J. K. Rowling as the world of reverie.

Magic is quite something relating to the supernatural force or element that is being heard by many till date. The allure forces feast our hearts invisibly with its modern features. The pleasure of the glittering beauty is apparently noted as 'the feel of wonder'. Getting drowned into the ocean of the magical world it will definitely, be hard to show us on the shore of reality. The real world will absolutely make a magical collision; connecting it with the actuality. All these are outspoken in books, media, journals and periodicals. Books take the first cover up for magic especially in fictions, relating itself to the world of literature. Through this door of transaction, magic took a permanent stand up in literature. Many books came on with stuffs relating necromancy, sorcery, white magic, black magic, witchcraft, wizardry, spell working and incantation. Taking a closer look, it is perfectly clear that witchcraft and wizardry played its role with utmost perfectness and spectacularly in Children's Literature. It seems to be the long-lasting ingredient for so many writers starting from Homer and extending to contemporaries like C. S. Lewis, Derek Landy, J. K. Rowling, J. R. R. Tolkien and Robert Jordan.

Speaking of the contemporaries, there strikes the lightning rod of one breathtaking writer who created her own fan world across the seas with the release of fabulous books depicting the whole

world of magic in her *Harry Potter* Series written by Joanne Kathleen Rowling pen named as J. K. Rowling.

The soul of magic has created uniqueness in the works and is seen in very lines of the books as she goes on describing the world of *Harry Potter*. The whole of Potter's world is covered up with two main places the London city and the school of Hogwarts for Witchcraft and Wizardry referring commonly as Hogwarts in the book. We see the entire book takes us through the eyes of Harry. Through his eyes, we walk into the magnificent castle in the Harry Potter's world of wizardry which is first introduced in *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's stone* neglecting itself from the Muggle world. Though, the castle is covered with seven storey building it is entirely raised with magic with One hundred and forty two staircases each holding several rooms in it and is surrounded by Great lakes in the south, the Forbidden forest in the west and the entrance hall which leads to the Great Hall in the west, along with grounds filled up with greenhouses and vegetable patches. As there are so many doors, only one plays an extensive role in this castle called 'the Great Hall' which is next to the entrance hall. It refers to various historic events and it is the most conspicuous room in the school. This overwhelming Great Hall in Hogwarts is largely meant for teachers and students gathering, their course meals are provided here. The large hall is covered with Floating Ceiling, is bedazzling like the sky. Enlisting all the events there is one prime element seen for whole of the time. Each book reflects its changes in the hall and the hall is dressed up with its historical events of Start-of-term-feast, Sorting Ceremony, Halloween feast, Christmas feast, Yule Ball, Duelling Club, End-of-term-feast and the Final Battle.

'Food' is the essential course for all the celebration in the castle and the food provided are named to be the 'Traditional Britain Cuisines'. Each celebration holds a history behind it and distinct seasonal dishes are prepared during the feast and celebrations. Food is served in high tables with Golden plates, spoons and cups for students and teachers similarly one, per house for all the four houses of Hogwarts- The Rowena Ravenclaw, The Godric Gryffindor, The Helga Hufflepuff and The Salazar Slytherin. Food served is prepared by the twist of the wand in the kitchen of the elves in the school. Potter's food canon is entirely covered with Classic British Dishes which stands as an eye opener for the readers. Although the British classics had landed on the tables, it also came up with two non- British dishes: 'Blancmange' seems to be a strange kind a European origin and 'Bouillabaisse' a French origin. All the meals served become a rich and regular part of Hogwarts and it is no doubt it is a wonder for Harry during his first meal in the school in *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* and is not easy-breezy to forget.

The most inspired British traditional menu for the people of Hogwarts is The Sunday Roast, which is one of the traditional weekly meals in London and in the Castle and is often compared to the Christmas meal. It stands as a major influence in English world. The Sunday Roast is completed with its sub-courses of Potato Roast crisp, Beef roast is a signature dish of England in other words can be noted as 'the Roast Beef of Old England', Yorkshire Pudding an English side dish from North of England and Brussels Sprouts. A customary preparation is underdone during the Christmas fest where we see Flaming Pudding along with Turkey roast including Brussels that are large leaf green

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vegetable took Mediterranean region as its native but then first appeared in the Northern Europe of Thirteenth Century, Potato roast and Bread Sauce. Tart is more adorable by Harry and by his friends and Treacle Tart is British traditional dessert seasoned over with Golden Syrup and Black Treacle. Rowling prepares the menu for Breakfast dine with Sausages, Roast Beef, Tomatoes fried, and with Steaks, Trifle is a cuisine dessert made with fruits. Tart enclosing with a Fruit pudding covering up with hot Steam of Custard Sauce. The British aromatic Syrup Treacle is relished and refined with Sugar Cane. Since it is the Molasses it probably appears in either form of Golden light or of Black dark. Everywhere in the book it is the wand and spells that refreshes the place of Hogwarts in each aspect specifically when it comes to the Great Hall. Throughout the table we find Steaks, Puddings, Jellies, Fresh Salad, Sandwiches, Meat balls, Bacons, Ice Creams, Stew Goulash, Pie's, Oranges, Apples, Chicken roast, Pumpkin juices, Hamburgs, few amount of Sea foods and Water are seen on the table. Water is rarely seen when Harry drinks in his room and nowhere.

Alcohols are quite kept hidden because people of England does not have a greater intension over consuming alcohol and few sequence are revealed in two of her books *The Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* and in *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*. Social drinks are arranged in Hagrid's home and are not seen in the breakfast seat.

Shifting on to the feast and events of Hogwarts, it usually begins with a Start of Term feast which is considered to be the first launch seen in *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, *The Chamber of Secrets*, *The Prisoner of Azkaban*, *The Goblet of Fire*, *The Order of Phoenix* and in *The Half Blood Prince*. It is the ceremonial feast of the castle taking place in the Great Hall. Food in the Start of Term feast is Yorkshire pudding, Pork Chops, Sausages, Bacon and Steak, Peas, Carrots, Gravy, Treacle Tart and Peppermint Hamburgs. Harry's mouth is found wide open since it is his first feast and he had never enjoyed the pleasure of eating such delicate and delicious cuisines.

By the time of Triwizarding Tournament, Halloween arrived. The Great Hall is festooned by large enough Pumpkins, Juices, Bats, Orange Streamers, Black Cauldrons and Coloured Candies of Goblet. The ceiling is engulfed with thousands of bats. Professor Dumbledore arranges for the skeleton dance during the feast. It is a highly envisioned feast by the students who would look forward each year. The Halloween party is seen in *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, *Chamber of Secrets*, *Prisoner of Azkaban* and the *Goblet of Fire*. After all the parties and championship tournament the season for home has arrived along with Christmas. It's the first time; the Hall dressed up with splendour of tall Christmas trees in dozens and tables packed with Crumpets is a Griddle Cake. The Christmas Cakes, Roast Turkeys, Chipolatas, Cranberry Sauce is a relish made of cranberries served on Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner. All these are arranged for the students as a mid-day meal.

The Yule Ball party is started as a part of the Tournament arranged for students. "All the Gryffindor had learned to treat food anybody else offered them with extreme caution, in case it has a canary cream concealed in the centre, and George confided to Harry that he and Fred were now working on developing something else" (Rowling 262). Tables were decorated with Stew, Goulash,

Snacks representing Durmstrang and Beauxbatons. The Great Hall nearly also includes the Apparition lesson classes to be held here for the sixth-year students, Ordinary wizarding level examination for the fifth-year students, Nastily exhausting wizarding tests for seventh year students and finally comes up the End of Term feast.

The Great Hall is enchanted with good memories of the school including colourfully flavoured cuisines which is considered to be the Classic Cuisines of British Society and Rowling has created her own Traditional frame charts for the Hogwarts people. The researcher has found that the author has given feast to our eyes and appeases our appetite.

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