

An Inspirational Character

Rustle, Rustle the pages of the dog-eared book are turned swiftly and without mercy. I anxiously scan the next page to see what happens next, when my heart falls to my stomach seeing another tragedy waiting for my hero. Even though he is a great number of people's hero my favorite character is Harry Potter, for his boundless courage and friendship, his ability to overcome tragedy, and for his defeat of a great evil. You might think I'm just another face in his sea of fans, but I'll tell you my reasons for being there.

Imagine you are looking into soulless red eyes, looking into the eyes of your parents' murderer, the monster that tried to kill you. Would you have the heart of a lion or the might of a mouse? Harry Potter most certainly does not possess the latter. His Gryffindor courage provokes him to join the fray when others back down, but in that lion's also holds the heart of a great friend who will defend his fellows against any of the fearsome foes he faces.

You dream a haunted dream, you feel the cold of a breaking heart in your ribcage, as you hear your mother's last blood-curdling scream, as you see your godfather fall away into death, and as you see your mentor fall through

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the night sky like a lifeless ragdoll. Harry saw and heard all of this happen and relived it all in his nightmares, but unlike some characters who would have just stayed off the horse, he got back on. Sure the memories drove a knife into his heart but he persevered and continued along the pathway of his destiny in spite of them.

The red eyes have returned, but now you know you are looking into them for the final time, be it his death or yours, someone will fall. He strikes as you do but you already know you've won, your enemy, your destiny are both defeated, and it sinks in as you watch him fall like a puppet with his strings cut. The cheers erupt like a volcano but Harry doesn't truly hear them, for he and his world are finally free from the dark cloud of fear and evil. Free from the monster who killed so many innocents.

So I guess you can say I'm still that face in the crowd of Harry Potter maniacs but I'm proud of that, because my favorite character has a lion's share of friendship and bravery, the inner strength to face his tragic life and the overwhelming ability to face down great evil. When it comes to story book characters he is the cream of the crop. He and his fantastic books will always be my favorite.