

Harry Potter sells first edition of Harry Potter book

Vocabulary

to brandish

to proclaim

to convince

to threaten

Article

A rare first edition of a Harry Potter novel has been sold for £27,500 - by Harry Potter.

He was given Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone by his "flabbergasted" father in 1997, when he realised it was about a wizard with his son's name.

His sister, Katie Sign said: "I remember Dad bursting through the front door after work brandishing a book, proclaiming 'you'll never believe what I've got!'".

The hardback copy, one of only 500 in the first print run, includes a number of misprints including the word "wand" appearing twice on page 53 and "Philosopher's" misspelled on the rear cover.

Mr Potter said he has spent the time since the book first came out having to convince people Harry Potter really is his name.

"People just don't believe me. When I was a young footballer, a referee threatened me with a red card for saying my name was Harry Potter," he said.

"When I met my wife, Philippa on holiday in Greece, she didn't believe me either."

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Quiz

1. Why did Mr. Potter's father proclaim, "You'll never believe what I've got!"?
2. What has Mr. Potter been doing ever since the first book was released?

Discussion

1. Have you ever read the Harry Potter books? What did you think of them?
2. Is your name common? What are some popular names in your country?
3. Have you ever bought or sold anything in an auction?
4. If you were a witch or a wizard, what spells would you cast?