

Harry Potter sells first edition of Harry Potter book

Vocabulary

to realize

a wizard

to convince

to threaten

Article

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

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

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 was Mr. Potter's father surprised?
2. What has Mr. Potter been doing since the first book came out?

Conversation

A: I think that's everything. Now, just sign your name here, please.

B: Sure. Don't laugh, though, this is my actual name.

A: Harry Potter? Wait... your name is really Harry Potter?!

B: Yep, that's me, but I can't do magic so don't ask.

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?