

Final installment brings seventh heaven

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After waiting nearly four years for the fifth, *The Order of the Phoenix*, and two years for the sixth *Harry Potter* book, *The Half-Blood Prince*, fans were not certain when the seventh book would surface. However, on Feb. 1, author J.K. Rowling announced the final installment release date: July 21.

With the title's release on Dec. 21, *Deathly Hallows*, rumors have been flying. The sixth novel sold over 7.2 million copies just in 2005. To put that in perspective, *The Half-Blood Prince* sold more copies in a day than *Da Vinci Code* sold in one year. The final book is expected to sell even more.

WH Smith, a United Kingdom based bookstore, is said to have sold 13 copies a second on the Saturday that *Half-Blood Prince* was released. This beat the previous record of eight copies a second, held by *The Order of the Phoenix*. *Deathly Hallows* is expected to smash previous *Harry Potter* records.

Spoiler Warning:
Although the title was released a mere two months ago, plot rumors have been taking over the web since the first person finished the sixth novel. From Mugglenet to *Harry Potter* Lexicon, from hook-ups to death speculations, there is no stopping the crazed fans from deciphering the most meager aspects of each novel, frantically trying to find a hint to the conclusion of this worldwide phenomenon.

Before we even get started, let's debunk the untrue rumors about the final installment. First of all, Dumbledore is dead. The beloved character has physically left the novel and is not in hiding or coming back nor is Dumbledore related to Harry. Harry is also not related to Salazar Slytherin OR Voldemort and Neville IS NOT the son of Peter Pettigrew. Petunia is not a Squib, Crookshanks is not an Animagus, and the Sorting Hat is not a Horcrux. Lastly, the prophecy does not in any way refer to Neville nor does Harry have to kill Neville.

Luckily, there's also a long list of facts about the seventh book that

Rowling has revealed. The last word in the seventh book is scar. In fact, the last chapter has already been written. It wraps up the life of all of the characters that are still alive. Also, two people who Rowling did not previously plan to die do in the seventh book.

We will also be told who R.A.B., the initials found in the locket that was supposed to be a Horcrux is. She will also tell us something important about Petunia Dursley as well as Lily Potter. Dolores Umbridge and Viktor Krum return and we'll find out where Snape's loyalties lie.

In the final installment, Harry will visit Godric's Hollow, where his parents were murdered. The two-way mirrors that Sirius gave him will also come into play again. However, there will not be any more Quidditch matches!

Now that the truth and lies have been verified, what about the real rumors? Although the rumors fly from the practically impossible to the utterly absurd, there seem to be three theories that persist. The first theory is whether Snape is really good or evil.

Although the first assumption is that Snape is evil, different possibilities have been discussed. In order to look at this from all sides you have to keep in mind that we know from *The Order of the Phoenix* that both Dumbledore and Snape are highly skilled in legimens, the act of reading someone's mind.

The theory is that Dumbledore was able to tell Snape to murder him in order to save Malfoy. Another piece of evidence supporting this theory is Dumbledore's attitude toward Snape at that moment. Dumbledore begged Snape to save his life, a very uncharacteristic action for Dumbledore which could have been done to make Snape realize Dumbledore had more to say.

Another popular theory is that R.A.B. is Regulus Black. Rowling has said that R.A.B. is not a new character and he is the only character many people can think of with those initials is Black. It is also very peculiar that Voldemort murdered Regulus himself. It is a possibility that because

Black tried to stop
Voldemort
from

splitting his soul, Voldemort found it worthwhile to murder Black himself. Black's motives, however, are not known.

The most controversial theory is whether Harry is the seventh horcrux. However, the evidence against this theory is substantial. One piece of evidence is the prophecy which clearly states that either "must die at the hand of the other." But if Harry must die in order to kill Voldemort, it is impossible for the prophecy to be fulfilled.

Another piece of evidence is that Dumbledore speculates that Voldemort was going to Godric's Hollow to kill Harry, the person who is supposed to be able to kill Voldemort, and then make his final prophecy. However, when Voldemort attempts to kill Harry, Voldemort is basically diminished to nothing. That is why Dumbledore speculates that Frank Bryce was murdered in order to turn Nagini into a horcrux.

With theories overtaking the internet, these are only a few of the possible ones. With this famous series coming to a close, frenzied fan's speculations won't stop until July 21.

"While each of the previous Potter books has strong claims on my affections, *Deathly Hallows* is my favorite, and that is the most wonderful way to finish the series," Rowling said.

Pointlessness haunts American moviegoers

We'll pop your culture!

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Though retaining most of the original cast, this clunker used many sub-par plot devices to progress its redundant story.

Have you ever been walking under a bridge and seen an filthy man wrapped in a burlap sack smelling of fetid, rotten meat. That's closest analogy we can come up to describe the painfully unfunny "Lion King 1 (1/2)." The main plot was the exploits of beloved secondary characters Timon and Pumba as they careen haphazardly through the events of "The Lion King." Again Disney managed to wrangle in the original film's stars Nathan Lane, Matthew Broderick, and Cheech

Marin (god
knows
how).

Oh! That's good teriyaki

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Despite the overabundance of tanning salons, Starbucks and self defense training centers in West Linn; we haven't managed to get a good teriyaki restaurant until recently. Oh Teriyaki opened its doors earlier this year in the strip mall on Willamette Falls Drive, between Walling Way and Fairview Way; right next door to the Starbucks, the tanning salon and the self-defense training center.

The restaurant is owned locally by the Oh family which includes Halas, a senior, and Irena, a junior.

"This place is like the Senior Taco of teriyaki," Josh Halde-man, patron and senior said. "It's fairly cheap in comparison to some of the other restaurant's in town and I really like the serving sizes."

As can be assumed by the name, Oh Teriyaki serves a fare heavily based on a theme of, you guessed it, teriyaki. This includes pork, chicken, beef, vegetables and mixes of all four. The chicken, in particular, is of higher quality

than some of the lesser teriyaki joints around the area and is, dare I say, scrumptious. Each dish is served with a selection of sauces and rice.

The price ranges on meals run between \$5 and \$10 with most falling around the \$7 mark. For the amount and quality of food though, it is well worth the gouge to the wallet.

Unlike traditional places that tend to serve Asian fare which generally have closed booths with low hanging lights, Oh Teriyaki is set up with a dozen or so high tables that let you survey the entire restaurant. It's very spacey with high ceilings and wide windows that let in a lot of natural light—if its sunny out.

With fair prices, good quantities and excellent quality, Oh Teriyaki is worth the trip, no matter what part of West Linn you hail from. Of course, if you have no love for teriyaki, this may be a place you want to avoid, but after tasting the quality of their fare, maybe Oh Teriyaki can tempt your taste buds.



Speaking of animated abominations, "The Land Before Time" series has spiraled out of control within the last decade. First released in 1988, the first "The Land Before Time" was a heartwarming tale about one little dinosaurs journey to a safe haven. Then in 1994 the first of many sequels was released straight-to-video and the nightmare began. Within the last twelve years there have been eleven movies belonging to the series, this is not counting the newest release last month, the musical rendition and the forthcoming television series. The children who originally watched this movie back in '88 now have children who are watching these movies while the

parents ask how on earth has this series hasn't gone extinct yet? Like a bad case of herpes, "The Land Before Time" just keeps coming back, no matter how hard you try to stop it.

The horror of awful sequels continues to this day. No one has been able to destroy this soul-consuming beast. Maybe someday a brave soul will stand up and say, "Hey! This is exactly the same as the last three 'House Party' Movies!" Until that day we will be forced to endure such travesties as "Speed 3" or a "White Chicks 2" (aaaaahhhhhhhhhhh!), One day Hollywood must learn that their evil deeds will not go unpunished and we will rise up and we will destroy them.

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