Book 1

Title: Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone

Author: J.K. Rowling

Year of first publication: 1997

Number of pages: 223

Summary: Harry is a boy whose parents are killed by a bad wizard, named Lord Voldemort. Voldemort has tried to kill Harry, but he fails. That’s why Harry lives with his Aunt Petunia and his Uncle Vernon. One day Harry gets a letter, but Uncle Vernon forbad him to read the letter. But there came more and more letters. So they run away to a small house on a rock in the sea. Suddenly there was a big, hairy man called Hagrid. Hagrid told Harry he’s a wizard. Finally receives Harry his letter, it was a letter from Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Hagrid took Harry to Diagon Alley, where he could buy all his school supplies. He went to Kings Cross Station, where a train would bring him to Hogwarts. On board he meets Ron Weasley. They become good friends. At Hogwarts, are for houses, called Gryffindor, Ravenclaw, Slytherin and Hufflepuff. Ron and Harry are both sorted in Gryffindor. Harry enjoyed his lessons en he learns to fly on an broom. He is placed in the Gryffindor Quidditch Team as a Seeker. Harry and Ron become friends with Hermione, after they saved her from a troll. With Christmas, Harry gets an invisibility cloak from an unknown person. He is explores the castle. He finds a mirror wherein he sees his family. Dumbledore saw this and told Harry not to search the mirror again. Harry, Ron and Hermione discover that the Philosopher’s Stone is hidden in the school. They also discover that Voldemort is trying to steal it. Together they try to stop him. But first they have to pass a lot of protections, like enchanted keys, a life-sized game of wizard chess, where Ron sacrifice himself and different sized bottles with potions. Harry goes to the next room, while Hermione goes back to help Ron. Harry is surprised to see Professor Quirrel instead of Professor Snape. Professor Quirrel tries to steal the stone for Voldemort. So that Voldemort gets his body and his powers back. Quirrel uses Harry to find the stone. Quirrel tries to grab the stone from Harry, but he fails. If Quirrel touches Harry, he get burns. After a long struggle, Harry passes out. After three days he woke up in the Hospital Wing. Professor Dumbledore told him that Quirrel is dead, that Voldemort is gone and that the stone is destroyed. The school year is over and it looked like Slytherin won the house cup, but in the end turned it out that Gryffindor won. During the summer holidays he goes back to the Dursleys, but he doesn’t tell them that he isn’t allowed to use magic outside school.

My opinion: I love the Harry Potter series, because it’s a funny story. That there is a world where you can learn spells, make potions and can fly on a broomstick. There are a lot of characters and the characters are funny described.

Book 2

Title: The Fault in Our Stars

Author: John Green

Year of first publication: 2012

Number of pages: 313

Summary: Hazel Grace Lancaster has thyroid cancer since she was thirteen. Her mom an her doctor decide she is depressed an wants her to go to a cancer Support Group. On a afternoon at the Support Group, she meets Augustus ‘Gus’ Waters. Gus has an amputated leg because of cancer. They become friends. Gus gives Hazel his favourite book ‘The Price of Dawn and Hazel gives him her favourite book An Imperial Affliction. Augustus loves AIA, just like Hazel. And just like Hazel he wants to know what happens to all the characters, cause the book ends in the mid of a sentence. Augustus and Hazel mails the author of AIA, Peter van Houten. He won’t send the answers to their questions over the mail. So Gus uses his wish to go to Amsterdam with Hazel. It turned out to be different then they thought. Peter is cranky drunk, who won’t give answers on their questions. Even they didn’t get answers, it was very romantic. Back in America finds Hazel out that Gus has again cancer and this time it’s more malicious than ever before. Gus was admitted to hospital. Gus invites Hazel and Isaac on his pre – funeral, where Hazel and Isaac gives eulogies. An extremely sick Augustus died soon after his pre –funeral. Before Gus died he had written a letter to Peter van Houten. He showed up at Gus funeral. First she didn’t want to see Peter, but he explains that Gus was written a sequel to AIA and that Gus wanted him to write an eulogy for Hazel. Hazel reads the letter. “What else? She is so beautiful. You don’t get tired of looking at her. You never worry if she is smarter than you: You know she is. She is funny without ever being mean. I love her. I am so lucky to love her, Van Houten. You don’t get to choose if you get hurt in this world, old man, but you do have some say in who hurts you. I like my choices. I hope she likes hers.

I do, Augustus.

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My opinion: It’s a beautiful book. It has beautiful characters. It has a beautiful story. Two kids who have cancer fall in love, but don’t want to fall in love, because they are a grenade, they would explode someday. But they do. And it’s a great story with an great but sad end.

Book 3

Title: The Hunger Games

Author: Suzanne Collins

Year of first publication: 2008

Number of pages: 374

Summary: It starts in Panem. Panem has 12 districts and a Capitol. Long ago there were 13 districts. As reminder for the rebellion they conceived The Hunger Games. This means that every year a boy and a girl between 12 and 18 years old have to go to the Arena, where they fight between life and death. On the day of the reaping is Primrose chosen against all odds. Katniss volunteers herself as tribute, because she knows that her sister wouldn’t survive. The chosen boy is Peeta Mellark. On the night before the Games they have to give an interview. In this interview tells Peeta that he is in love with Katniss for several years. Katniss feels betrayed, because they didn’t involve her with this plan. Peeta closes an alliance with the Professionals. At the start Katniss thinks that he does this to win. Although, when she is in danger Peeta saves her. This ensures that Peeta is no longer with the Professionals. In the mean while meets Katniss Rue. They make a plan to destroy the food supply. Rue misleads them, while Katniss blows up the food supply. When she is there, she sees Fox face who jumps to the camp and grabs something of the pile. Katniss sees that the stock is protected with mines. With her bow and arrow she succeeds to bring it to explode. She is just in time between the bushes, when they came back. They are very angry. They expect that the one who blow up the stock is dead. Later that night they see nobody in the air. They project photos in the air of those who are deceased. They know that the perpetrator survives. Katniss goes back to the place where she agrees with Rue, but Rue isn’t there. A guy is capturing Rue in a net and kills hear with a spear, on which Katniss kills him. At Rue’s request sings Katniss a song when she is dying. That night the Game makers change a rule. From now on two players can win, if they’re from the same district. Katniss goes to look for Peeta. She finds a camouflaged but badly wounded Peeta. She brings him to a cave where she takes care of him. Through their love they get a lot of sponsors. Peeta's life still hangs by a thread as the Game Makers announce a banquet. They distribute things that every tribute needs most. Katniss want to get the medicines, but Peeta refuses her to go. Katniss decides to go secretly. She tries to grab the medicine but Clove stops her. Clove is about to kill Katniss if Thresh saves her. Thresh kills Clove. He doesn’t kill Katniss, because of Rue. When she comes back, Katniss smears Peeta in with the healing ointment. Katniss and Peeta are looking for food. Peeta thinks he finds eatable berries. They hear the canon shot what means someone is dead. Katniss is scared to death, because she thinks its Peeta. When they find each other, they see it is Fox face.

She has eaten from the berries, called Night lock. You’re dead within a second from eating Night lock. Around 12 o'clock in the afternoon it suddenly becomes dark. There jump wild dogs, which are actually genetically mutated killing machines from the bushes, causing them to run. They climb on the Cornucopia, where Cato the last remaining tribute also is. He threats Katniss by almost strangle Peeta. In the meanwhile frees Peeta one arm and makes a cross on Cato’s free hand. Katniss shoots an arrow in the cross, whereby Cato fells down from the pain. Cato is partly eaten by the wild dogs. In the end shoots Katniss an arrow to him to help him out of his misery. After which they get the communication that only one player can win. Katniss finds that Peeta must win and Peeta thinks the same about her. Katniss decides that they both eat Night lock, which kills them both. So that there is no winner. In order to prevent that there is no winner they turn back the rule again. Katniss and Peeta win The Hunger Games. Back in the Capitol they are crowned by President Snow.

My opinion: You want to know what’s going on in Panem. You want to read an know more and more about Katniss, Peeta and the other characters. It’s an exciting book. Even though it is sometimes a bit bloody, there are also funny and cute moments