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Summary:

Mr and Mrs Dursley, of number 4, Privet Drive, were proud to say that they were perfectly normal, thank you very much. The Dursleys had everything they wanted, but they also had a secret, and their greatest fear was that somebody would discover it. They didn't think they could bear it if anyone found out about the Potters. Mrs Potter was Mrs Dursley's sister, but they hadn't met for several years, in fact, Mrs Dursley pretended she didn't have a sister, because her sister and her good-for-nothing husband were as unDursleyish as it was possible to be. The Dursleys had a nice, normal day.



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When they woke up the next day, Mrs Dursley went outside to get the milkbottles, but she found a boy on the doorstep. That was Harry Potter, the son of Mrs Dursley's sister. Nearly ten years later had passed since the Dursleys had woken up to find their nephew on the front doorstep, but Privet Drive had hardly changed at all. Only the photographs on the mantelpiece really showed how much time had passed. Yet Harry Potter was still there, asleep at the moment, but not for long. His Aunt Petunia was awake and it was her shrill voice which made the first noise of the day. At breakfast something unusual happens. Harry went to get the post. Three things lay on the doormat: a postcard, a bill and a letter for Harry, and it was perfectly adressed, so it couldn't miss:

Mr H. Potter

The Cupboard under the stairs

4 Privet Drive

Little Whinging, Surrey

Harry went back to the kitchen, and was on the point of unfolding his letter, when it was jerked sharply out of his hand by Uncle Vernon. Harry can't have it, and Uncle Vernon has burned it for some reason. The next weeks about 200 letters arrive. And finally, at Harry's, the sender comes to him.

It's Hagrid, the keeper of the keys at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Harry finds out that his parents didn't die in a carcrash, but were killed by the most bad wizard in the world: Voldemort. (also known as You-Know-Who or He who must not be named) His aunt and uncle lied to him for 10 years, because they didn't want a wizard in the family.

Hagrid takes Harry to London, because there's Diagon Alley, where witches and wizards get their stuff. It turns out that Harry's parents have left him a small fortune, so he can buy his schoolstuff.

On September the first, Harry's going to London again, to platform nine and three-quarters. The 'Hogwarts Express' leaves from there to Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry.

At Hogwarts he's sorted in one of the four houses (Griffyndor, Ravenclaw, Hufflepuf and Slytherin). He gets two very good friends, Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger. He likes it a lot at Hogwarts, and he is chosen to play Quidditch, a wizard sport played on broomsticks. With his friends, he gets to know more and more about the Philosopher's Stone, and with that stone, you can live as long as you want and get as much money as you want. They found out about the protection of the stone. They think a professor at Hogwarts, Snape, Potions master, is after the stone. And then, when Albus Dumbledore is away for the Ministry of Magic, Snape goes through the trapdoor. He's almost near it, so they go after him. They have to pass a lot of protections, charms and even a troll. Then, Harry's alone, because Hermione and Ron are going to get the Headmaster, Albus Dumbledore.

But when he arrives at the stone, it isn't Snape who's after the stone, but professor Quirrel, Defence against Dark Arts teacher. He on Voldemort's side and has to get the stone for him, so Voldemort can get his power back. (Voldemort wanted to kill Harry when he was little, but it didn't work, and in a mysterious way, he lost all his power)

But Albus Dumbledore arrives just in time, to help Harry. Harry's nearly to be killed, but when he is in the hospital wing, he's feeling a bit better. At the end of the school year, he's brought back to London with the Hogwarts Express.