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*'Minerva was the Roman goddess of warriors and wisdom. William McGonagall is celebrated as the worst poet in British history. There was something irresistible to me about his name, and the idea that such a brilliant woman might be a distant relative of the buffoonish McGonagall.'* – J.K. Rowling

Pottermore Presents is a collection of J.K. Rowling's writing from the Pottermore archives: short reads originally featured on pottermore.com with some exclusive new additions. These eBooks, with writing curated by Pottermore, will take you beyond the Harry Potter stories as J.K. Rowling reveals her inspiration, intricate details of characters' lives and surprises from the wizarding world.

These stories of heroism, hardship and dangerous hobbies profile two of the Harry Potter stories' most courageous and iconic characters: Minerva McGonagall and Remus Lupin. J.K. Rowling also gives us a peek behind the closed curtains of Sybill Trelawney's life, and you'll encounter the reckless, magical-beast-loving Silvanus Kettleburn along the way.

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**ambsreads says**

*“After all, you don’t have to be a sword-wielding Gryffindor to be a hero; sometimes, all it takes is having your heart in the right place.”*

*Short Stories From Hogwarts of Heroism, Hardships and Dangerous Hobbies* was a set of informative tales about characters we know and love from Hogwarts. The four characters whose tales were told in this particular novella were Minerva McGonagall, Remus Lupin, Sybill Trelawney, and Silvanus Kettleburn - all professors, or once professors - at Hogwarts.

The tales each behold information before JK Rowling provides us with more background knowledge on each professor. This list includes their name, parentage, hobbies, wand, and Hogwarts house. This small insight into the characters, especially the hobbies section, had me giggling to myself late at night.

*Characters*

## **Minerva McGonagall**

*“Minerva was also, like her mother, a gifted Quidditch player, although a nasty fall in her final year (a foul during the Gryffindor versus Slytherin game which would decide the Cup winner) left her with concussion, several broken ribs and a lifelong desire to see Slytherin crushed on the Quidditch pitch.”*

McGonagall has always been my favourite professor at Hogwarts from the first movie - this feeling transferred to the McGonagall in the books when I chose to read them for the first time. She was both fierce and inquisitive, incredibly loyal and beyond brave. Getting this close insight into who she was, through childhood, heartbreak and teaching, only made the feelings I have for the professor of transfiguration cement themselves.

I just can't get over all the new information I have learnt about the person who, in my opinion, delivered one of the best punishments in the series AKA "have a biscuit, Potter."

## **Remus Lupin**

*“Remus functioned as the conscience of this group, but it was an occasionally faulty conscience. He did not approve of their relentless bullying of Severus Snape, but he loved James and Sirius so much, and was so grateful for their acceptance, that he did not always stand up to them as much as he knew he should.”*

Of course, I'm also a Remus Lupin fan. I also found his character undoubtedly complex considering his absolute aversion to being a (view spoiler) - honestly, I'm not sure if that's even a spoiler at this stage of release but I'll mark it anyway. He was a character that I always get sad didn't get to have the relationship with Harry he deserved. Getting the greater insight into why he was (view spoiler), his relationship and his friendship with Sirius, Peter and James made me yearn for that Mauraders book that JK needs to have started writing like **yesterday**.

### **Sybill Trelawney**

*“HOBBIES:  
Practising making doom-laden prophecies in front of the mirror, sherry.”*

Wasn't an interesting tale for me to read. I was glad for the short length considering I was never more of a Sybill fan, agreeing with Hermione's harsh opinions and comments towards the particular class Sybill taught - divination.

### **Silvanus Kettleburn**

*“Kettleburn was an enthusiastic and occasionally reckless man whose great love of the often dangerous creatures he studied and looked after led to serious injuries to himself and, occasionally, others. This fact led to no fewer than sixty-two periods of probation during his time of employment at the school (a record that still stands).”*

Silvanus was a character I didn't remember being mentioned. I was confused for most of his short story, but was honestly amused. I found myself laughing at certain points, like the quote provided above.

### *Overall*

I'm just glad to know more about the Harry Potter world AND be reading more of JK Rowling's writing.

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## Mohammed Arabey says

Finally, the extra writings by our QUEEN OF MAGIC collected in a professional edited ebook.

And in this one dwell **the brave at heart**.

**Stories about heroism and hardship.** From McGonagall's grief to **Lupin's** lifelong beastly affliction..

To the crazy hobbies of **Sybill Trelawney & Silvanus Kettleburn**.

*If there's one thing these stories prove, it's that heroism comes in all shapes, sizes and varieties – whether it's Remus Lupin giving his life to save the wizarding world or Silvanus Kettleburn hurling Flobberworms at Death Eaters from his attic. After all, you don't have to be a sword-wielding Gryffindor to be a hero; sometimes, all it takes is having your heart in the right place.*

### ----- Menirva McGonagall

Her chapter and life pre-Hogwarts was great insightful and deep.

And the **symmetry between her story and her mother** was so touching and sad..specially her decision between "Wand or Love" which would be locked away..

*And I cracked with laughter in the William McGonagall unexpected too funny 'tragic' poem.*

And then followed calculatedly perfect with a piece on **Animagi** was more than perfect and professional.

### ----- Remus Lupin

I didn't expected it'd be that sad, I thought the editor was exaggerating but I get teary when I witness with him the lose of all the people who count in his life..

Also I loved how Rowling clear the messy insults between him and Harry in the Deathly Hallows.

Followed, as good as the editing goes, by a piece on **Werewolves**.. and I loved Rowling's thoughts of the relation Blood illnesses and werewolves, both similar in the stigma..the fear.

### ----- Sybill Trelawney

Though her story isn't much about Bravery, rather her crazy Hobby.. but it was fun nonetheless..

And not long since Rowling can't think much of her pre-Hogwarts life..

And the editing was perfect to connect her story into this book, by the converse connection between her and McGonagall

And followed by again by a writing on "**Naming Seer**" it's not much but reminded me with this funny scene..

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**Silvanus Kettleburn**

And if you -like me- wondering who's the hell is him, well you didn't pay attention to the names of Book Three.

I'll give you a hint...his retirement gave a huge chance to Hagrid.

Why is he here? Not only for his Crazy Dangerous hobby which also was his job..

..But his act of heroism is sure appreciated here.. in a very funny way.

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**\*\* Finally \*\***

Although you may have read these stories before on Pottermore, I really hate reading it all there and wanted it only as a book.

*Though I still wish it all become one Huge "Hardcover book- The Long waited **Encyclopedia**"*

But really the editing and connecting the stories and the articles that followed every story was totally marvelous and charming and made a good feeling of it as actual book. and the design and the chapters art are fun too..

And I loved all the 4 stories/chapters of it...some made me laugh, some gave me teary eye. All of hardship..

So as they promoted it..**It's a a mix of previously released Pottermore content and brand new material, all of which is penned by Rowling. But it's really collected, organized and bound in one, digital book..just so well..**

can't say more..

BUT plz Pottermore shop.. let us re-link our purchased ebook from the site to Kindle..as before.

Mohammed Arabey  
7 Sep. 2016

(view spoiler)

This one mostly for the 'Lion House' if you know what I mean..

..from the description;

*This volume offers a glimpse into stories of heroism, hardship and dangerous..*

*It will focus on two of the Harry Potter stories' most courageous and iconic characters: Minerva McGonagall and Remus Lupin. J.K. Rowling also gives us a peek behind the closed curtains of Sybill Trelawney's life, and you'll encounter the reckless, magical-beast-loving Silvanus Kettleburn along the way."*

Though I'm not into the spin off short story, but come on...it's J.K Rowling..

**This is one of three of new series of eBooks from J.K. Rowling and Pottermore will offer the “Stories of Hogwarts,” and they’ll include never-before-seen content.**

**The three eBooks appear to be a mix of previously released Pottermore content and brand new material, all of which is penned by Rowling.**

**I'm really glad it will be collected, organized and bound in one, digital book...**

**And i am more glad for more deep inside look into the life of my very favorite Minerva McGonagall**

Mohammed Arabey

17 Aug. 2016

Can't wait really for September 6, 2016...the release of these books :) (hide spoiler)]

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## **Bradley says**

Another nostalgia read, but unlike the ones that came before it, it's a bit more simple than the rest.

So what is it? Short stories about our favorite side characters? Minerva, Moony?

Well, sadly, no. These are character sketches. Mini-bios. You might learn some things about the characters that you may not have known, and that may be a given, but there's no real story involved. Just character sketches and their places in HP's life. Nice to have, but not especially fantastic.

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## **Nasia says**

(Πολ? αντικειμενικ?) Remus Lupin :'-(  

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## **Alejandro says**

**Got deeper in Harry Potter's world here!**

*This is the first ebook (in a series of three, so far) collecting short stories written by J.K. Rowling for the*

*Pottermore website.*

In this first book, you'll get seven short stories focused in the themes of heroism against great menaces, hardship in challenging lives and dangerous hobbies in a world full of real magic.

Thanks to these wonderful narratives, you'll get to know beyond of what you may got in the original *Harry Potter's* book series, various unforgettable characters (and even one that you may need a moment to remember!).

Minerva McGonagall, Remus Lupin and Sybill Trelawney, all three have key relevant roles in the magical saga of *Harry Potter*, and certainly you got to know them fair well, but in this book, you'll get access to their past lives, before the beginning of *Harry Potter's* saga, and if you read carefully, with attention, you'll be able to deduce important details of other mentioned related characters.

Oh, you'll have Silvanus Kettleburn too! What? Didn't you remember him?! Shame! Shame on you! And you have the cynicism of calling yourselves fans of *Harry Potter*?!!

I'm teasin' you!

Don't worry! I didn't remember who the heck was he neither!

If you remembered him, congratulations, your owl with a prize surely is on the way already.

However, if you were like the rest of us, poor muggles, it's quite understandable if you didn't remember this character since he isn't have an active role in the saga and he's just mentioned at the beginning of *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*.

You'll feel their heartbroken trials, their moments of doubt, their tragic twists, but above all, their courageous heroism, since they may not be perfect (who is?) but they had indeed their...

***...hearts in the right place.***

Along with the priceless backstories of those wonderful characters, you'll be able to get in detail of the related topics of Animagi, Werewolves and Naming Seers.

Definitely this is a must-read for any *Harry Potter* fan!

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**Duane says**



J.K. Rowling gives us a more in-depth look, a mini-history if you will, of a few of the beloved characters from the Harry Potter stories. Professor Minerva McGonagal steals the show in this group. This phenomenal world created by Rowling is loved by millions across the globe and it's never tiresome reading about it. Obviously a must read for all Harry Potter fans.

This is the first volume of a 3 volume series.

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### Jayson says

**(B) 75%** | More than Satisfactory

*Notes:* Keying on stigmas of intermarriage and disease, it draws profiles in point form, like Pensieves of memories narrated.

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### Kai says

*"You don't have to be a sword-wielding Gryffindor to be a hero, sometimes all it takes is having your heart in the right place."*

The second part in the *Pottermore Presents* series is at least as interesting as the first one. We get to know Minerva McGonagall, Remus Lupin, Sybill Trelawney and Silvanus Kettleburn a little (or a lot) more. Most of it is information I already had, so I had set my hopes in Professor Kettleburn. I'm afraid I only got one page, though. Nevertheless this is pure gold for every Potterhead and doesn't make JKR's mind and writing any less spectacular.

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### Sushi says

From an 18-year old Minerva McGonagall in love to the loneliness of Remus Lupins' childhood, we get a teasing peek at the the real lives of some of our favorite witches and wizards. The first two chapters(which make up a majority of the book) were entertaining, but the last ones felt like a mere formality to fill up pages with info dumping. It succeeded in making me nostalgic, so **3.5 stars**.

JKRs thoughts on each of these characters after the actual chapters were surprisingly thought-provoking.(especially Lupins'-you'll know what I mean when you read it for yourself)

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### P says

“To be a hero; sometimes, all it takes is having your heart in the right place.”

I really enjoyed this book. OMG ! I haven't expected before that this book will remind so much of the Harry Potter series. Rowling, how could you do this to me ? You made me miss my childhood so damn much it hurt with this excruciatingly short book. I want more of it. I REALLY want to know about other characters, such as Sirius Black, Albus Dumbledore and notorious Gellert Grindelwald.

This book psyched me up for the coming Fantastic Beasts movie. I'm so excited for it because I will have a chance to watch it next week. OMG ! Talking about this novella, or guldebook, I loved the first part which is talking about Minerva McGonagall. You have no idea how much I miss her that I was watching Downton Abbey and thought, for a second, that she was still the professor from Hogwart. Oh ! Please write this kind of story again in the near future.

“After all, you don't have to be a sword-wielding Gryffindor to be a hero; sometimes, all it takes is having your heart in the right place.”

For the rest of this book, it's so amazing and genuinely a work of J.K. Rowling, not like Harry Potter and the Cursed Child.

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**Paige Bookdragon says**

J.K Rowling just keeps on slaying us after all these years.

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**Cait • A Page with a View says**

Lupin is one of my absolute favorite characters, so I loved this look into his life. Both he and McGonagall had super depressing lives, though... like this was really, really sad?

BUT I still loved all of these short stories. (The bit about lycanthropy being a metaphor for AIDS was odd, but she does explain it a bit differently in the story than what people are quoting/passing around Twitter. I'm still not too sure about it, though).

I did think it was clever how JK Rowling is using this page time to subtly address some fan criticism throughout the years (like how Lupin didn't necessarily stop James & Sirius from bullying Snape). She gives a lot more insight into some beloved characters here but keeps it all in a lighthearted, brief format that makes it a really fast read.

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### **Emily (Books with Emily Fox) says**

I needed a pick me up after the last couple books I've read and this was perfect!

It gave me all the feels!!

It was nice to learn more about Professor McGonagall and Lupin.

Really short but enjoyable! It's also my favorite of the three e books!

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### **Nnedi says**

First thing I've loved by Rowling since the Harry Potter series. Just really a joy to read all this backstory.

Yes, yes, yes, I know you can get this for free on the Pottermore site, but 1. I like books. 2. I don't like reading things online. 3. I like financially compensating authors whom I love with my money (yes, even the mega-selling ones).

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### **Fahime says**

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### **Maria Clara says**

Primero: son fan de Harry Potter y me ha encantado volver a leer sobre su mundo; en este caso, sobre tres de sus profesores.

Segundo: sólo le he puesto 3 estrellas porque no es ningún relato, son apuntes sobre la vida de esos personajes.

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## April (Aprilius Maximus) says

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## Trish says

This is a little collection of extra information on some very well-known and beloved or hated characters from the world of Harry Potter. As is the case with many authors, J.K. Rowling had much more information about many characters than she could place in the seven books. After the official website (Pottermore) went online, she had a place where to post these snippets and it was truly great to see how well-thought-out everything was.

This ebook contains 4 chapters:

- 1) Minerva McGonagall / Animagi
- 2) Remus Lupin / Werewolves
- 3) Sybill Trelawney / Naming Seers
- 4) Silvanus Kettleburn

Since Minerva McGonagall is my favourite character in the book, this was an instant win for me. However, part of the chapter was also her identity as an Animagus (and other Animagi we know of) including a description of how to become one.

Remus Lupin was definitely the most emotional chapter since the character went through so much. To see the connectedness of all (which was already very strongly shown in the novels), was a true delight because it proves that Rowling took her time to actually create a world.

Trelawney has always been one of those characters I could have lived without. Or so I thought. I realized at some point that the small parts are just as big as the others and even if we don't like someone like Trelawney, there is always a human side. In this case, I hated her phony nature and that she was almost as much of a fraud as Lockhart. However, in many ways, the fact that she does indeed have the gift of a seer but cannot control it, makes her tragic and better than Lockhart.

Since I've been a member of Pottermore ever since its beta version (I was a tester), I already knew a lot of the information given here. However, the author also included some actually NEW writing that definitely is a nod to the Fantastic Beasts movies. It is noteworthy that all the information felt sort of natural. That is to say, upon reading it, it didn't feel like added to sell more ebooks but it actually gave me the impression that Rowling had had these tidbits forever.

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## Nayra.Hassan says

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**Archit Ojha says**

And in this way, J.K.Rowling brings me back again to Hogwarts!

What an exciting read it was.

Minerva and Lupin did everything to give me a nostalgic feeling.

I must read more from the series.

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