

Character Reference: Hedwig

Animal: Owl

Series: Harry Potter



Hedwig is a Snowy Owl (*Bubo scandiacus*) given to Harry Potter (for his 11th birthday) by faithful friend Hagrid during the first Harry Potter Book - *The Philosopher's Stone*.

Hedwig becomes Harry's one and true friend until her last act from saving Harry from Death Eaters during the escape of the seven Potters (as Harry became of age to cast magic outside of Hogwarts) during the opening of *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince*.

Hedwig was a loyal owl (quite regal and dignified) who obeyed Harry's instructions, would deliver letters (especially to his friends and of course Sirius). The connection between Harry and Hedwig helped both characters through some of the loneliest times when Ron and Hermione weren't around, like during most summers when back at the Dursley.

Hedwig, while most would consider a lesser character, plays a pivotal role as a companion, friend and trusted loyal pet to Harry throughout the books and the movies.

Read the books and let me know what you think about this awesome animal and the role she plays.

Hedwig YouTube clip -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTfBbJxv5Ew>