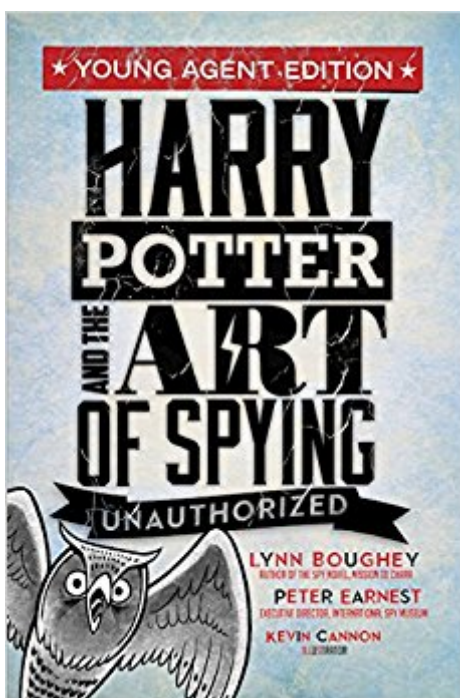


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# Harry Potter And The Art Of Spying: Young Agent Edition



## Synopsis

Harry Potter. Rubeus Hagrid. Severus Snape. What do they have in common? Well, yes, they're all wizards, but just as importantly, each of them is an accomplished spy. And while we Muggles may not be able to use magic in our own adventures, we can learn a lot from the wizarding world in terms of secret-agent techniques! The book you hold in your hands will teach you the ways of the world-class spy, with Harry Potter and all his friends (and enemies) as your guide. Along the way, Potter-themed activities start you on the way to becoming a spy yourself. Do you solemnly swear that you are ready for adventure and to become a spy? If so, you've come to the right place--your Hogwarts course in espionage awaits!

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"In light of recent events regarding the release of the 'Torture Report' by America's Central Intelligence Agency, [my] trust of the people [in charge] is at a rather low point. Fortunately, I am not alone in working to answer the tough questions, [by examining] the work of spy novelist Lynn Boughey, and Peter Earnest, thirty-six-year CIA veteran and executive director of the International Spy Museum, in their companion guide, *Harry Potter and the Art of Spying*. *Harry Potter and the Art of Spying* examines our hero's growth as a young recruit to a top secret covert operative from his tenure at Hogwarts. [The authors] make the case that Harry is a damn good secret agent. The Art of

Spying begins with a chapter-by-chapter analysis of Harry Potter and the Order Of The Phoenix, the fifth book in J.K. Rowling's seven book saga. While it may seem odd to immediately jump right in to book five without first examining the previous four entries, the concept works rather well. The first 38 chapters (yes, 38) are littered with footnotes and endnotes, as well as personal quips from the authors; in many ways it reads more like a fun lecture than an actual textbook. [In the second half of the book, the authors delve into spy topics one-by-one, employing all seven books.] The Art of Spying explores more than just the characters, [such as a special emphasis on Snape as a double agent]. What really makes this worth reading is the detail into the actual world of Harry Potter. The Aurors, the Dementors, the Ministry itself, etc. all have a role to play. Each agency has its own rich history, and it is certainly refreshing to see a companion book that delves deeper into the witching well. Included in the pages are expansive glossaries, annotations, and appendixes that are worth looking to for further information. The text itself is very easy to read and it is written in a clear, concise manner." - --theindiemine.com, 12-22-14 --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

Lynn Boughey is a lawyer with more than thirty years of practice in North Dakota. Lynn's love of books and reading began at a very young age, and continues to this day. Lynn is North Dakota's first Truman Scholar, a Congressional scholarship begun in 1977. A graduate of Grinnell College and Hamline University School of Law cum laude, Lynn also taught at the college level for over sixteen years, primarily in the areas of political science, international studies, criminal law and procedure, and terrorism. Author of Mission to Chara, a spy novel published in 2000, Lynn is presently working on a three-part murder-mystery legal thriller, Murder at the Second Constitutional Convention. Lynn is a member of the Association of Former Intelligence Officer (AFIO) and the Defense Orientation Conference Association (DOCA). Lynn continues to practice law in North Dakota and lives in Montana with his fourteen-year-old twin daughters. Peter Earnest has served as the Founding Executive Director of the International Spy Museum since it opened in 2002. Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, his father was an American vice-consul and his mother, an English woman of Irish background. As a young boy Peter loved performing magic and he continues his lifelong interest in magic and magicians. Following graduation from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. and a stint in the Marines, Peter began his thirty-six-year CIA career, which included more than twenty-five years in the agency's Clandestine Service. A member of the CIA's Senior Intelligence Service, he was awarded the agency's Intelligence Medal of Merit for superior performance throughout his career. In his final posting, Peter also served as the agency's principal spokesman,

working to share information more openly with the media and the public. After retiring, Peter served as President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers (AFIO). Frequently interviewed by the media, he is also the author of several books relating to tradecraft, including *The Real Spy's Guide to Becoming a Spy* and *Business Confidential: Lessons for Corporate Success from Inside the CIA*. He is married to Karen Rice, has four daughters, and lives in McLean, Virginia.

Wonderful! The authors expertly analyze the Harry Potter series, with special emphasis on Book 5: *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, in light of the many aspects of espionage and intelligence-gathering work. For fans of the series, it adds nuances of understanding and significance to the story; as a guide to intelligence work, it provides a lot of information and guidance. The book talks about and demonstrates the use of critical thinking and logic, which is would be beneficial for many readers, especially younger ones. There are also interesting discussions of the ethics of various methods and tactics explained. Some of the advice given is useful for personal, household and family security as well, beyond the usual 'national security' uses. All-in-all a book that is both enjoyable and useful.

This book is an excellent companion book to go with the Harry Potter collection... Part 1 goes hand in hand with *Order of the Phoenix*. Part 2 is stand alone. We love Harry Potter and welcome all additions to the experience. Great read for teenagers and up!

This was far better than I was expecting. Loads and loads of information. Well presented and entertaining. *Harry Potter and the Art of Spying* by Lynn Boughey, is great fun! Of course any Harry Potter fan will love it, but so with spy novel and thriller fans. Recommended. Four stars.

If you enjoyed the Harry Potter series of books, and you like "spy" novels, then you really should read this book. It takes you through the books and looks at them from the point of a spy.

Detailed explanation of spy craft: perfect for a Harry Potter fan!

An interesting re-cap of the Potter series, with a focus on the spying aspects. A good read that moved along at a brisk pace. I enjoyed the tie ins to the recent 'muggle' world.

Fun information with HP and techniques used by muggles.

This was an interesting book that I suspect was written for young adults, even though I don't remember seeing that in the description. It reads like a textbook with parallels drawn to real world events, authors' experiences and other sidebars. I started it after rereading the Harry Potter books a third time so the storyline of each was fresh in my memory. The authors are obviously fans and did a very good job of analyzing OP from the point of view of an intelligence officer or security expert, but there were a few small errors, like confusing the pensieve with Tom Riddle's diary in one place and mistaking the number of visiting schools during the Tri-Wizard Tournament in another.

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