

Parental Roles in the Magical World of Harry Potter: Nurturing and Support in the Absence of Biological Parents

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Abstract: The novel "Harry Potter" by J.K. Rowling explores the profound impact of various mother and father figures on the protagonist, Harry Potter, who has lost his parents. This paper explores the impact of mother and father figures in Harry Potter's life. Remus Lupin serves as a compassionate guardian, offering support and a sense of belonging. Molly Weasley embodies the maternal figure, providing love and stability. Sirius Black, an absent father figure, symbolizes love and sacrifice. Albus Dumbledore serves as a wise mentor, offering guidance and moral teachings. Collectively, these figures shape Harry's understanding of family, loyalty, power, and responsibility. The paper highlights the transformative power of nurturing relationships and the enduring influence of love, guidance, and mentorship.

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I. Introduction

The story of Harry Potter, as penned by J.K. Rowling (Rowling, 1997), captivated readers worldwide with its enchanting narrative and vivid characters. At the heart of this magical tale lies the tragic loss of Harry's parents, James and Lily Potter, who were murdered by the dark wizard Lord Voldemort when Harry was just a baby. The absence of his biological parents sets the stage for a compelling exploration of the roles played by various characters in Harry's life (Fransisca & Mochtar, 2017), as they step forward to provide him with the nurturing and support typically bestowed by a mother and father. By analyzing the lessons from the influences of such character over the development process of Harry, this paper also highlight important values that we can adopt to strengthen the sustainable development of our teaching and learning practices, within and beyond the context of our schools (Hoang et al., 2020).

Background on Harry Potter's case of losing his parents

The untimely demise of Harry's parents casts a long shadow over his life, thrusting him into a world where he must navigate not only the perils of growing up but also the dangers that arise from his connection to the wizarding world. As an orphan, Harry faces unique challenges, bereft of the parental guidance and love that many take for granted

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(Lockwood, 2010). The loss of his parents becomes a driving force, shaping his journey throughout the series and fueling his desire to uncover the truth behind their deaths.

Importance of parental figures in a child's life

The significance of parental figures in a child's life cannot be overstated. They serve as the foundation upon which children build their sense of identity, security, and emotional well-being (Meuwissen & Englund, 2016). Parents provide guidance, nurturing, and support, shaping their children's values and beliefs while helping them navigate the complexities of the world. In the absence of biological parents, surrogate parental figures can play a pivotal role in filling this void and ensuring a child's healthy development (Brockenbrough, 2012).

The Harry Potter series explores the diverse roles of surrogate parents in Harry's life and their impact on his development.

The Harry Potter series delves deep into the intricacies of surrogate parenting, presenting readers with a rich tapestry of characters who step forward to fulfill the roles traditionally held by a mother and father. These surrogate parents assume various roles, from compassionate guardians to maternal figures, absent fathers to wise mentors, each leaving an indelible mark on Harry's character and shaping his growth. This essay will examine the nuanced roles played by characters such as Remus Lupin, Molly Weasley, Sirius Black, and Albus Dumbledore (Rowling, 1997, 1998), shedding light on their impact on Harry's journey and the lessons he learns from their guidance.

By exploring these surrogate parental relationships, we gain insight into the ways in which love, guidance, and support can be found and nurtured beyond the confines of biological ties. Through these characters, Rowling highlights the importance of forming meaningful connections and the profound influence that caring individuals can have on a child's life, even in the absence of a traditional nuclear family structure.

As we delve into the individual character analyses, we will discover the intricate web of relationships that surround Harry, providing him with the emotional scaffolding necessary for his growth and survival. These surrogate parents offer him solace, protection, and invaluable life lessons, showcasing the power of unconditional love and the transformative impact it can have on a young individual who has experienced the profound loss of their biological parents.

In the subsequent sections of this essay, we will explore the roles played by Remus Lupin, Molly Weasley, Sirius Black, and Albus Dumbledore as surrogate parents in Harry's life. By examining their interactions, motivations, and the lessons they impart, we will unravel

the complexities of their relationships with Harry and uncover the profound ways in which these characters shape his journey and influence his character development.

As we embark on this exploration, I invite you to join the journey to unravel the tapestry of surrogate parenting that exists within the pages of the Harry Potter series, understanding the profound impact these characters have on Harry's life, and appreciating the power of love and support in shaping a young person's path.

II. Remus Lupin: The Compassionate Guardian

Among the many characters who assume a parental role in Harry's life, Remus Lupin emerges as a compassionate guardian figure. Introduced in "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" (Cuarón & Kloves, 2004), Lupin quickly establishes himself as a trusted mentor and protector for Harry. As a werewolf, Lupin himself has faced discrimination and challenges, which imbues him with a unique empathy and understanding that he extends to Harry.

Remus Lupin's character is introduced to readers as the new Defense Against the Dark Arts teacher at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. From their initial encounter on the Hogwarts Express, Lupin's demeanor is marked by kindness, intelligence, and a genuine interest in Harry's well-being. As a werewolf, Lupin carries the burden of a condition that is often misunderstood and feared. This shared experience of being ostracized from society allows him to empathize with Harry's struggles and creates a bond based on mutual understanding.

Lupin's nurturing and protective nature toward Harry

Lupin's interactions with Harry are marked by a genuine sense of care and concern. He recognizes the burdens that Harry carries and strives to alleviate them by providing emotional support and guidance. From their first meeting, Lupin demonstrates a nurturing nature, creating a safe space where Harry can openly discuss his fears and uncertainties. This is evident in their conversations during private tutoring sessions and the time spent together in Lupin's office.

Lupin's nurturing nature is particularly evident when he takes the time to teach Harry the Patronus Charm, a complex spell that requires immense focus and emotional control. The sessions are not merely about learning the spell but also about building Harry's confidence and helping him conquer his fear of the Dementors. Lupin's patient and understanding approach empowers Harry to believe in his own abilities and face the darkest aspects of his past.

Emotional support and guidance provided by Lupin

Lupin's impact on Harry extends beyond classroom lessons. He becomes a steadfast source of emotional support, offering guidance and wisdom. Lupin's own experiences with loss and isolation enable him to empathize with Harry's struggles and provide a listening ear. Through their conversations, Lupin helps Harry navigate his complicated emotions, particularly those surrounding the loss of his parents.

One poignant moment occurs when Lupin shares with Harry his own memories of James Potter, revealing a deeper understanding of the bond between father and son. Lupin's willingness to share his personal connection with Harry's father offers a sense of solace and connection, assuring Harry that he is not alone in his grief.

Lupin's guidance is not limited to emotional support; he also imparts valuable life lessons to Harry. During the climactic scene in the Shrieking Shack, Lupin explains the concept of true bravery to Harry. He highlights the importance of making choices based on love and compassion rather than succumbing to fear and hatred. This pivotal moment shapes Harry's understanding of courage and influences his decision-making throughout the series.

The influence of Lupin's love on Harry's self-confidence

Lupin's unwavering belief in Harry's abilities helps bolster his self-confidence. Lupin sees the potential within Harry, even when Harry doubts himself, and encourages him to embrace his unique strengths (Tiwiyanti, 2017). Lupin's love and faith in Harry's character serve as a catalyst for Harry's own growth and development. By acknowledging and appreciating Harry's qualities, Lupin empowers him to confront his fears and face his challenges head-on.

One of the most significant examples of Lupin's influence on Harry's self-confidence occurs when Lupin entrusts him with the Marauder's Map. The map allows Harry to navigate Hogwarts undetected and reveals Lupin's trust in Harry's maturity and judgment. This act not only demonstrates Lupin's confidence in Harry but also fosters a sense of responsibility and self-assurance within him.

Lupin's role as a compassionate guardian figure not only provides Harry with emotional support but also serves as a reminder that love and understanding can transcend societal prejudices. Lupin's empathy and nurturing nature exemplify the qualities of a father figure, instilling in Harry a sense of security and trust that he desperately needs.

The transformative power of compassion

Remus Lupin's portrayal as a compassionate guardian figure in Harry's life showcases the transformative power of love, empathy, and understanding (Cuarón & Kloves, 2004).

Lupin's nurturing and protective nature provide Harry with a safe space to grow and heal from the wounds of his past. Through their interactions, Lupin offers invaluable emotional support and guidance, helping Harry navigate his complicated emotions and develop a strong sense of self-confidence.

Lupin's influence extends beyond the classroom, as he imparts important life lessons and instills in Harry a deep understanding of love, courage, and the power of choice. By sharing his own experiences of loss and discrimination, Lupin forges a bond with Harry based on empathy and shared struggles.

Overall, Lupin's presence in Harry's life serves as a testament to the transformative impact that a compassionate and understanding parental figure can have on a child's development. Through Lupin's guidance and love, Harry learns not only to embrace his own strengths but also to navigate the complexities of his world with courage and compassion. Lupin's role in Harry's life exemplifies the importance of finding solace and support in unexpected places and highlights the enduring power of love and understanding in shaping a young person's journey.

III. Molly Weasley: The Maternal Figure

In the wizarding world, Molly Weasley embodies the quintessential maternal figure. She exudes warmth, love, and a fierce protective instinct, making her an essential pillar of support for Harry. From the moment Harry enters the Weasley household, Molly assumes a motherly role, providing him with a stable and loving home environment.

Molly Weasley's character is introduced in "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" (Rowling, 1997) as the matriarch of the Weasley family. Her kind and nurturing nature is immediately evident in her interactions with her own children and extends naturally to Harry, whom she welcomes into her home with open arms. Molly's presence in Harry's life serves as a source of stability and love, filling the void left by the loss of his own parents.

Molly's role in providing a stable and loving home for Harry

Molly Weasley's home becomes a sanctuary for Harry, a place where he experiences the love and care that he has been deprived of since the loss of his parents. In the Weasley household, Harry finds not only a physical shelter but also a sense of belonging and acceptance. Molly ensures that Harry is treated as a part of the family, ensuring he receives the same care and attention as her own children.

Molly's role as a mother figure is particularly evident in her unwavering commitment to creating a warm and nurturing environment for Harry. She goes above and beyond to

make him feel included and loved, providing him with homemade meals, hand-knit sweaters, and a listening ear (Rowling, 2000). Molly's genuine concern for Harry's well-being is apparent in her constant efforts to ensure he is cared for and protected, even amidst the chaos of the wizarding world.

The significance of Molly's protective instincts

Molly Weasley's protective nature is evident in her interactions with Harry. She fiercely defends him against anyone who poses a threat, be it physical or emotional. Molly's motherly instincts are on full display during the Battle of Hogwarts, where she confronts and defeats the powerful Bellatrix Lestrange to protect her children, including Harry (Rowling, 2007). Her willingness to lay down her life for Harry exemplifies the depth of her love and her unwavering commitment to his well-being.

Molly's protective instincts also extend beyond direct confrontations. She consistently places Harry's safety as a top priority, such as when she insists on accompanying him to Diagon Alley and providing him with a protective Howler during the Triwizard Tournament (Rosser, 2007). Molly's actions demonstrate her fierce determination to shield Harry from harm and ensure his well-being, cementing her role as a maternal figure in his life.

The Weasley family's acceptance and emotional connection with Harry

Molly's role as a mother figure is further reinforced by the acceptance and emotional connection, he experiences within the Weasley family. The Weasleys embrace Harry as one of their own, treating him with love, kindness, and inclusivity. Molly's influence, combined with the familial bonds forged with Ron, Hermione, and the other Weasley siblings, offers Harry the stability and emotional connection that enable him to thrive in the face of adversity.

The Weasley family's acceptance of Harry is exemplified through the countless shared experiences, inside jokes, and family traditions that he becomes a part of. Molly's efforts to create a sense of belonging for Harry within the family allow him to develop lasting relationships and a support network that becomes instrumental in his journey. The emotional connections Harry forms with the Weasleys and their unwavering loyalty exemplify the impact of Molly's maternal guidance on his life.

The transformative power of love and acceptance

Molly Weasley's portrayal as a maternal figure in Harry's life demonstrates the transformative power of love, acceptance, and a nurturing environment. Her unwavering commitment to his well-being and her unconditional acceptance solidify her position as a pillar of strength and support. Molly's role in providing a stable and loving home for

Harry creates a sense of belonging and security that he desperately needs. Her protective instincts and unwavering determination to shield him from harm exemplify the depth of her love and the lengths she will go to ensure his safety. Through her actions, Molly teaches Harry the importance of familial bonds and the enduring impact of a mother's love.

Furthermore, Molly's influence extends beyond her individual actions. The Weasley family's acceptance and emotional connection with Harry offer him a sense of belonging and a support network that becomes an integral part of his journey. Molly's influence, combined with the familial bonds forged with the Weasley siblings, provides Harry with the stability and emotional connection necessary to thrive in the face of adversity. Molly Weasley's portrayal as a maternal figure highlights the enduring influence of love, acceptance, and a nurturing environment in shaping a young person's character. Her role in Harry's life exemplifies the transformative power of a mother's love and serves as a reminder of the importance of creating a safe and loving home for a child in need.

IV. Sirius Black: The Absent Father

Sirius Black, Harry's godfather, assumes a significant role as a surrogate father figure in Harry's life. Sirius's deep connection to Harry's parents and his own experiences of imprisonment and isolation shape his relationship with Harry. Although physically absent for much of Harry's life, Sirius's impact on his character development is profound.

Sirius Black's character is introduced in "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" (Cuarón & Kloves, 2004) as an enigmatic figure with a complex past. As one of Harry's father's closest friends, Sirius carries a deep sense of responsibility and loyalty towards James and Lily Potter. Despite his physical absence, Sirius becomes a symbol of Harry's connection to his parents and serves as a guiding force in his journey.

The challenges and limitations of Sirius' role in Harry's life

Sirius's role as a father figure is complicated by his fugitive status and the constraints of his circumstances. For a significant portion of the series, Sirius is confined to a hideout, limiting his direct interactions with Harry. The inability to provide consistent guidance and support poses challenges in fulfilling a traditional fatherly role. Nonetheless, Sirius's influence remains significant, as he becomes a symbol of Harry's connection to his parents and his heritage.

Sirius's absence also creates a sense of longing and yearning in Harry. The desire for a father figure and the need for guidance and support is palpable throughout the series. Harry's yearning for a paternal presence is amplified by the discovery of his godfather's

existence, fueling a deep emotional connection and a desire for a relationship that was denied to him.

Sirius' impact on Harry's understanding of family and loyalty

Sirius Black's presence in Harry's life offers him a unique perspective on family and loyalty. As the only person who can share firsthand stories and memories of James and Lily, Sirius becomes a conduit for Harry to understand his parents' legacy and his own identity (Ward, 2005). Sirius's unwavering loyalty to his friends and his determination to protect Harry strengthen Harry's sense of familial bonds and reinforce the importance of standing by loved ones, even in the face of adversity.

Sirius's influence is evident in their interactions, particularly in "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" (Putri, 2022). When Harry is chosen as a competitor in the Triwizard Tournament, Sirius becomes a voice of reason and encouragement. He offers guidance, reminding Harry of the importance of loyalty and staying true to oneself. Sirius's unwavering belief in Harry's abilities helps him navigate the challenges he faces, reinforcing the values of family, loyalty, and love.

The lasting influence of Sirius' love and sacrifice on Harry's character

Sirius's tragic demise in "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" (Rowling, 2003) amplifies his impact on Harry's development. The loss of yet another parental figure leaves a profound void in Harry's life. However, Sirius's love and sacrifice leave an indelible mark on Harry's character (Gale, 2015). Sirius's unwavering belief in Harry's innocence and his willingness to give his life for him underscore the transformative power of selfless love, imparting in Harry the importance of sacrifice and the strength to carry on in the face of profound loss.

The impact of Sirius's love and sacrifice is most evident in "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" (Rowling, 2007). Harry carries Sirius's memory and legacy with him as he confronts Voldemort and makes choices that will determine the fate of the wizarding world. Sirius's influence shapes Harry's understanding of love, sacrifice, and the power of familial bonds, ultimately driving him to fight for what he believes in and protect those he loves.

Despite the limitations imposed by his circumstances, Sirius's role as a surrogate father figure highlights the enduring impact of love and sacrifice on a child's character development. Through his unwavering loyalty, his understanding of familial bonds, and his ultimate sacrifice, Sirius shapes Harry's understanding of family, love, and the power of selflessness.

The enduring impact of an absent father figure

Sirius Black's portrayal as an absent father figure demonstrates the lasting impact that love, loyalty, and sacrifice can have on a child's character development. Despite his physical absence for much of Harry's life, Sirius becomes a symbol of connection to Harry's parents and a guiding force in his journey. The challenges and limitations of Sirius's role are overshadowed by his influence on Harry's understanding of family, loyalty, and the transformative power of love.

Sirius's impact on Harry's character extends beyond his physical presence. His legacy serves as a reminder of the importance of standing by loved ones, even in the face of adversity, and the strength that can be found in familial bonds. Sirius's love and sacrifice shape Harry's understanding of selflessness and inspire him to fight for what he believes in. Sirius Black's portrayal as an absent father figure highlights the enduring impact of love, loyalty, and sacrifice in shaping a child's character (Skipper & Fulton, 2020). His role in Harry's life exemplifies the transformative power of familial bonds and serves as a reminder that even in the absence of a traditional father figure, love and guidance can come from unexpected sources, leaving a profound and lasting impact on a child's journey.

V. Albus Dumbledore: The Wise Mentor

Albus Dumbledore, the esteemed headmaster of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, assumes a vital role as a wise mentor figure in Harry's life. Known for his wisdom, intelligence, and understanding of the complexities of the wizarding world, Dumbledore becomes a guiding force for Harry, offering guidance, knowledge, and crucial life lessons.

Dumbledore's character is introduced in the first book of the series, "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" (Rowling, 1997), as a revered figure in the wizarding community. As the headmaster of Hogwarts, Dumbledore embodies the qualities of a mentor: wisdom, compassion, and a deep understanding of the challenges that Harry faces. Throughout the series, Dumbledore's role evolves, and his influence on Harry's journey becomes increasingly profound.

Dumbledore's role in providing guidance and wisdom

Dumbledore's most prominent role as a mentor figure is evident in his consistent provision of guidance and wisdom to Harry. From their first meeting, Dumbledore establishes himself as a trusted advisor, helping Harry navigate the intricacies of the wizarding world and the challenges he encounters. Dumbledore's guidance extends beyond academic matters, encompassing moral dilemmas, personal growth, and the understanding of the greater wizarding world.

Dumbledore's wisdom is exemplified through his thought-provoking speeches and insightful conversations with Harry. Through their discussions, Dumbledore imparts invaluable life lessons, encouraging Harry to make his own choices, confront his fears, and embrace the power of love and friendship. Dumbledore's guidance becomes a compass for Harry, helping him navigate the complexities of his journey and make informed decisions (Bixler, 2011).

The significance of Dumbledore's role in Harry's understanding of power and responsibility

One of the central themes in the Harry Potter series is the exploration of power and responsibility. Dumbledore plays a crucial role in shaping Harry's understanding of these concepts. As a mentor figure, Dumbledore imparts wisdom about the dangers and temptations of power, urging Harry to exercise restraint and make responsible choices.

Dumbledore's own past experiences, including his youthful fascination with the Dark Arts and the regrets he carries, offer valuable lessons for Harry. Through Dumbledore's guidance, Harry learns that true power comes from selflessness, compassion, and a commitment to doing what is right (Cole, 2016). Dumbledore's teachings about the responsibility that comes with power serve as a moral compass for Harry, allowing him to navigate the challenges he faces with integrity and empathy.

The complexities of Dumbledore's character and the lessons learned from his mistakes

Dumbledore's character is complex, and his role as a mentor is not without flaws. Throughout the series, it becomes evident that Dumbledore has made mistakes and harbors secrets. However, these imperfections serve to humanize him and provide valuable lessons for Harry (Blackford, 2011).

One of the most significant lessons Harry learns from Dumbledore's mistakes is the importance of trust and transparency. Dumbledore's withholding of information and his reluctance to reveal certain truths to Harry prove to be detrimental. Through these experiences, Harry learns the importance of honesty, open communication, and the consequences of keeping secrets.

Dumbledore's shortcomings also highlight the complexity of moral decision-making. His past associations and personal sacrifices offer lessons about the shades of gray that exist in the world. Harry learns that even the wisest mentors can make mistakes and that forgiveness and understanding are essential aspects of personal growth.

The long-lasting influence of a wise mentor

Albus Dumbledore's portrayal as a wise mentor figure showcases the enduring influence that guidance, wisdom, and moral teachings can have on a young person's character development. Dumbledore's role in Harry's life extends beyond mere academic instruction, providing him with guidance, wisdom, and crucial life lessons (Kay, 2018). Through Dumbledore's mentorship, Harry learns about the complexities of power, the responsibilities that come with it, and the importance of making responsible choices. Despite Dumbledore's imperfections and the mistakes he makes, his character serves as a guiding force for Harry, helping him navigate the challenges of his journey and shaping his understanding of trust, transparency, and moral decision-making.

Ultimately, Dumbledore's role as a mentor exemplifies the transformative power of guidance and wisdom in shaping a young person's character. His influence goes beyond the pages of the series, leaving an indelible mark on Harry's development as a leader, a friend, and a moral compass for the wizarding world.

VI. Conclusion

Overall, the portrayal of various characters in the Harry Potter series as mother and father figures showcases the transformative power of love, guidance, and mentorship in shaping Harry's character and his journey. Each character brings unique qualities and influences that contribute to Harry's growth, resilience, and understanding of familial bonds.

Remus Lupin serves as a compassionate guardian, offering Harry emotional support, guidance, and a sense of belonging. Lupin's presence in Harry's life teaches him the importance of empathy, acceptance, and the power of personal connections.

Molly Weasley embodies the maternal figure, providing Harry with a stable and loving home environment. Her unwavering care, protective instincts, and acceptance of Harry as part of the Weasley family emphasize the importance of familial bonds, nurturing relationships, and the transformative power of love.

Sirius Black, despite his physical absence, becomes an absent father figure for Harry. Through his connection to Harry's parents and his guidance, Sirius imparts important lessons of loyalty, love, and sacrifice. His influence underscores the enduring impact of love and the power of selflessness in shaping Harry's character.

Albus Dumbledore assumes the role of a wise mentor, offering guidance, wisdom, and moral teachings. His mentorship helps Harry navigate the complexities of the wizarding world, understand power and responsibility, and make informed choices. Despite his

flaws and mistakes, Dumbledore's influence leaves an indelible mark on Harry's character development.

Collectively, these characters represent different facets of parental roles, filling the void left by the loss of Harry's parents. Through their love, guidance, and mentorship, they shape Harry's understanding of family, loyalty, power, responsibility, and moral decision-making. Their presence in his life serves as a guiding force, providing him with the tools and support necessary to confront challenges, grow, and ultimately fulfill his destiny.

The portrayal of these characters as mother and father figures emphasizes the significance of love, acceptance, and guidance in a young person's life. It highlights the transformative power of nurturing relationships, the importance of familial bonds, and the profound impact of mentorship on character development.

The Harry Potter series serves as a testament to the enduring influence of parental figures, whether biological or chosen. It reminds us of the power of love, compassion, and guidance in shaping the lives of young individuals. Through the portrayal of these characters, J.K. Rowling emphasizes the importance of creating nurturing environments, fostering emotional connections, and providing guidance to support the growth and development of young minds.

As readers, we are reminded of the impact that parental figures, mentors, and guides can have on our own lives. The lessons imparted through the characters in the Harry Potter series resonate with us, encouraging us to embrace love, loyalty, wisdom, and the responsibility that comes with power.

In the end, the Harry Potter series reminds us that in the face of adversity, the presence of nurturing parental figures and wise mentors can provide the foundation for growth, resilience, and the discovery of one's true potential. Through the love, guidance, and mentorship of Remus Lupin, Molly Weasley, Sirius Black, and Albus Dumbledore, Harry Potter's journey becomes a testament to the transformative power of parental roles and the enduring influence they hold.

In a world filled with challenges and uncertainties, the portrayal of mother and father figures in Harry Potter reminds us of the enduring power of love, guidance, and mentorship. It emphasizes the profound impact that nurturing relationships can have on an individual's character and their ability to navigate life's complexities (Hoang, 2020). As we reflect on the rich tapestry of characters in the Harry Potter series, we are reminded of the timeless wisdom that resonates within their stories. The influence of these mother

and father figures serves as a testament to the transformative power of love, acceptance, and guidance in shaping the lives of young individuals. The lessons we learn from these characters extend far beyond the pages of the books, offering us valuable insights into our own lives and relationships.

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