

## **Discussion Questions for *Harry Potter & Imagination* by Travis Prinzi**

1. Did you like the book?
2. Did you learn anything new about the Harry Potter series from the book? If you did, tell us what you learned.
3. Prinzi opens the book by asserting, “Fairy Tales matter.” Do you agree? Why or why not?
4. Several times in the book, Prinzi reminds us of a quote by Plutarch used by J.K. Rowling in a commencement speech at Harvard in 2008: “What we achieve inwardly will change outward reality.” Prinzi thinks this is one of the key concepts from the Harry Potter series. Do you agree? Why or why not?
5. Did Prinzi make any assertions that you disagreed with? If so, what?
6. What do you think of Prinzi’s chapter “Christ in the Forest” and his frequent comparisons of Harry to Jesus?
7. In “The Sacking of Snape, the Shapeshifter,” Prinzi discusses whether Snape is a hero. Do you think Snape is a hero?
8. The author also discusses the bad boy/antihero in this chapter. Are you attracted to the bad boy or girl/antihero? Why or why not?
9. Were there parts of the book you found particularly interesting or uninteresting?
10. In “The Witching World,” Prinzi says that some women find the Harry Potter series sexist and think that there are not enough strong women characters. What are your thoughts on this?
11. Are there any questions you would like to ask, or other things you’d like to discuss?