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Steve Vander Ark's new Lexicon to the Harry Potter books publishes January 12, 2009

Muskegon, Mich.—RDR Books has announced the January 12 publication of Steve Vander Ark's new Lexicon to the Harry Potter novels.

This unauthorized guide to the popular novels by author J.K. Rowling is a 400 page companion work perfect for the curious reader who wants to know more about this remarkable series. Extensive new commentary, which does not appear on Vander Ark's Harry Potter Lexicon website (<http://www.hp-lexicon.org>), adds to the fun of using this reference work.

"Steve Vander Ark's Harry Potter Lexicon website welcomes more than 25 million visitors annually," says RDR Books publisher Roger Rapoport. "For years, fans who have seen the author keynote major academic conferences on the Harry Potter novels, including Sectus in London, Patronus in Copenhagen, Lumos in Las Vegas and Prophecy in Toronto, have been asking him to write an original companion work on this wonderful series. The Lexicon offers fascinating analysis, intriguing insights and a deep appreciation of Rowling's work. This new and different book has a new focus and purpose, mindful of the guidelines of the court".

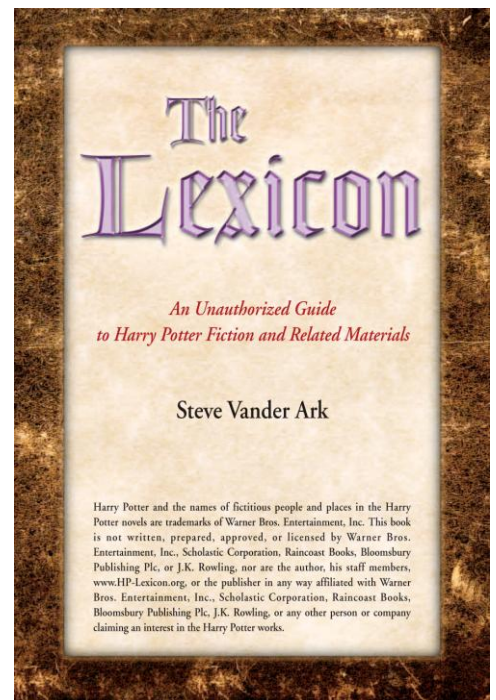
The Lexicon will be available nationally through bookstores and other retail outlets, online shops and the publisher's website, www.rdrbooks.com.

Vander Ark has been interviewed by the BBC, the Today Show, the New York Times, Time Magazine, the Associated Press, the New Yorker, the London Times and the Guardian. His interview for an A&E television special on the series appears as a bonus feature on the DVD edition of *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*.

Vander Ark has been honored by series fans who value his fascinating insights and literary analysis. The Association for Library Services for Children, a division of the American Library Association, has named the Lexicon website one of 15 "Great Web Sites For Kids." It has also been named a USA Today Hot Site.

Steve Vander Ark studied library science and media management at Grand Valley State University and worked as a school media specialist for many years in the Grand Rapids, Michigan area. The internationally respected Harry Potter Lexicon website, which Vander Ark founded in 2000, is one of the most respected, quoted and used sources of information on the Potter novels.

RDR Books, now in its 15th year, publishes adult nonfiction and children's books. RDR's list includes many award-winning titles ranging from travel literature to Judaica. RDR Books is well known for its bestselling *I Should Have Stayed Home* trouble travel series, recently featured by the Associated Press. Current top sellers include *Carbon Free and Nuclear Free* by Arjun Makhijani and *Waterwalk* by Steven Faulkner. Other titles to be published in January include *Shrinkwrapped: My First 50 Years on The Couch* by Michael Grossman and *Here, There Are No Sarahs* by Sonia Orbuch and Fred Rosenbaum.



The Lexicon by Steve Vander Ark will be published in trade paperback at \$24.95 (ISBN 978-1-57143-174-5).

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