

J.K. Rowling reveals Harry Potter's career, Hogwarts' headmaster and more (with video)

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Meredith Vieira interviews J.K. Rowling on "Today."

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For anyone who finished the final Harry Potter book, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" wondering, perhaps, what Harry's career ends up being, who Victoire is, who ends up being the headmaster at Hogwarts, J.K. Rowling has all the answers.

And she's sharing them.

"It would have been humanly impossible to answer every single question that comes up," she told Meredith Vieira Thursday on "Today," "Because, I'm dealing with a level of obsession in some of my fans that will not rest until they know the middle names of Harry's great, great grandparents."

She didn't share that level of detail, but she offer some closure, revealing that both Harry and Ron Weasley "revolutionized the Auror Department" at the Ministry of Magic. Harry, she added, makes occasional stops at Hogwarts to lecture in the Defense Against the Dark Arts class.

Hermione Granger, who was asked by the compromised minister of magic in book 7 whether she intended to become a lawyer, does just that, rising through the ranks in the Department of Magical Law Enforcement.

As many might have guessed by the oh-so-French name, Victoire is the first child of Bill and Fleur (implying there are more).

Rowling imagines Luna Lovegood fulfilling a worldwide wanderlust and -- having once flat out denied the possibility -- now admits that Luna and (professor) Neville Longbottom could in fact have a romantic connection.

And having also noted in earlier interviews, the character she claims she intended to kill in book 5, "The Order of the Phoenix" was Ron's dad, Arthur Weasley.

"I couldn't bear to kill him," she admitted.

And for those readers who found chapter 34, when Harry enters the forrest to face Voldemort once and for all, difficult to read, Rowling understands. It was extremely difficult to write, she says -- the most difficult of all the chapters in the seven books.

"I had this enormous explosion of emotion and I cried and cried and cried," she said.

And while ending the series was also sad, it was also a bit of a relief. "It was this amazing cathartic moment -- the end of 17 years' work," Rowling said of finishing the series, adding that Harry will "always be a presence in my life, really."

Rowling has said previously that she is content taking a break for now, but that eventually writing a Harry Potter encyclopedia is likely.

The interview airs Thursday and Friday on NBC with a final segment airing on Sunday's "Dateline" during an hour-long Harry Potter special.

If you missed the first installment of the Rowling interview on "Today," you can find it at [the MSNBC Web site](#).

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