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Harry Potter and the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual: Muggle Disorders in the Wizarding World

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ABSTRACT J.K. Rowling has created a wizarding world almost entirely devoid of mental health issues and treatment. Nonetheless, Harry

Potter offers four clear representations of Muggle psychiatric disorders that match the official diagnostic criteria. The most obvious is dementor-induced depression and the ability of both chocolate and the Patronus Charm to neutralize their effects. Rowling shows familiarity with both the published symptoms of clinical depression and its treatment. The Patronus Charm, with its reliance on substituting positive memories for distressing ones, resembles cognitive behavior therapy, a treatment for depression Rowling herself received. The happy memories Harry uses to summon his Patronus are those of successful escapes and his social support network, both factors known to mitigate depression. Additionally, the incapacitation of Frank and Alice Longbottom resembles advanced dementia of Alzheimer's type; their son Neville shows behavioral traits that might be expected both in the son of an Alzheimer's patient and in a boy raised by a grandmother. Alastor "Mad-Eye" Moody's name and actions suggest he is a prototype of post-traumatic stress disorder, while Winky the house-elf embodies Stockholm syndrome. The sympathetic portrayal of characters with psychological disorders may enhance moral development and promote understanding of mental illness.

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Harry Potter. Illness and disease in the magical world. What kind of healthcare is available. Differences in treatment and medical technology. Why we can't assume that wizards are more advanced than muggles in terms of healthcare. On the surface the wizarding world looks more developed than the muggle world because magic can solve problems that muggles face on a daily basis such as transportation and communication, but it is wrong to assume that magic is ultimately superior to everything we have in the muggle world. Magic may bring huge improvements in our quality of life, but modern muggle medicine may also bring huge improvements in wizarding society. Nonetheless, Harry Potter offers four clear representations of Muggle psychiatric disorders that match the official diagnostic criteria. The most obvious is dementor-induced depression and the ability of both chocolate and the Patronus Charm to neutralize their effects. Rowling shows familiarity with both the published symptoms of clinical depression and its treatment. The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, Orlando. Orlando, Florida, United States. Diagon Alley. Our Muggle version, even if it is not so magical, reproduces perfectly the well-known pentagonal, golden and purple package and contains a delicious chocolate frog and a wizard card which exhibit a 3 dimensional movement! <https://shop.wbstudiotour.co.uk/>. But what about beverages? Fortunately, Harry Potter's legacy does not only remain in the literary saga, as it has transcended into other spheres so closed to reality, such as the practice of Quidditch, the preparation of different meals that appear in the books or the creation of thematic parks.