

Orange is The New Black: A Letter to Piper and Review

How OITNB Memoir Changed Me

You've all probably heard of the hit Netflix series Orange Is The New Black, but, did you know its based on a true story?

The original story is written by Piper Kerman, who went to a woman's prison for a year. Piper, of course, went to jail on a drug crime. Unlike the show she hates her ally in crime "Alex" or in real life Nora, for what she did to her and Larry wasn't a d***. There are a lot of the same details, though, like Red, or in the book Pop, you defiantly grew attached to her and gained a lot of respect for that Russian women. Pensatucky is there too, and Crazy Eyes. I won't spoil it though because I want you guys to read it.

Anyways, the book is moving. I had my mind set that people in prison deserved to be there and should rot away. After reading the book I understood that they had a life story and they just made mistakes. I felt horrible for these women because the prison system is jacked up. I cried, I laughed, and I wished I could do something for them.

This book not only changed my view on the women's prison, it changed my life. I now want to learn more about prisons to help people and see what I can do, I want to change them. I want something better to be done. Don't get me wrong, I think rapists and murder's are in there for a reason and a good reason but petty drug crimes and addicts are a different story.

Here is the letter:

Dear Piper Kerman,

You are a brave women for sharing your story with others, and a brave human-being for enduring so much. What the system did to is unjust even if you did break the law, the system is corrupt and not right. I cried when you got sent to the Chicago MCC and wasn't able to go back to Danbury, that place was horrid. I cried when you got released, I cried many times.

The system needs to be changed and I would like to help with that, either by writing or making a difference somehow or recommending your book.

For Pop: I wish her as many years as freedom she can get, this women deserves it for taking so many girls under her wing and making her stay to help others. I wish her the best in the world.

For the others: I wish you all the best. No matter who you are, you deserve it. XX

Also, if there's anything you need (especially books ;)) let me know, I follow your wish list! And if you know anyone behind bars who needs help, let me know and I'll write them and try to send books when I have money!

Wishing you the best,
Jenna VanHoof XX

Here is the link to buy the book: https://www.amazon.com/Orange-New-Black-Womens-Prison/dp/0385523394/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1485588989&sr=8-1&keywords=orange+is+the+new+black+book

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Harry Potter and The Cursed Child Book Review



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My first impression was "Oh my goodness another Harry Potter book! My childhood is back!"

Which had me at total glee, excitement and nostalgia, then the second impression hit...

My second impression "Oh...it's a script, its actually really short."

Putting all that aside and tipping my hat off to the Queen of

writing, JK Rowling. This was still a fabulous read, it is what I would expect from her even though it was a script and short. Do I think it would have been better if it was an *actual book*? I think I would have enjoyed each the same but I was still disappointed nonetheless it was so short.

When Albus and Scorpius were first introduced to us in Deathly Hollows I never imagined they would be such good friends. I did imagine Albus getting into Slytherin just not him and Malfoy's kid being friends. It was a nice turn of events to mend old wounds in Harry's childhood.

I got this book about a week after it came out, I started reading it as soon as possible. When I started reading it, I was instantly taken back to my childhood but this time it was Albus and Scorpius.

I felt bad for Albus always having to live under the great "Harry Potter" and then being put in Slytherin. I have nothing against Slytherin but his whole family being in Gryfindor makes it hard for him. His big brother and all his friends teased him for being in Slytherin and also teased him for his only friend being a Malfoy. Albus seemed like he always drew the short straw and all his plans drew short, they were thoughtful but they did not think of consequences.

The one person I felt worse for though was Scorpius. Scorpius already had the "Death Eater" parent who sided with Voldemort and his mother dying to top it off. Then there were also having rumors of maybe being Voldemort's love child, like who would want that? Both of their lives were hard.

At the same time I couldn't help but think of the utter stupidity of Albus thinking of messing with time. I could always imagine McGonagall shaking her head (in a motherly fashion of course) and telling them how stupid it is. Then I imagine Hermione shaking her head because of the time turner she owned and confiscating one as the Minister of Magic.

The end made me tearful due to it being an ending of the Harry Potter saga. I wish for more, though, we got Fantastic Beast and Where to Find Them. The ending made me tear up, also, because Albus finally connected with his dad.

What did any other Harry Potter fans think of the book?

Have a book recommendation? Or even a manga, graphic novel or comic?

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