

Scholastic and J.K. Rowling File Lawsuit Against The Daily News

NEW YORK, June 18, 2003 - Scholastic and J.K. Rowling today filed a lawsuit in the Federal Court for the Southern District of New York against The Daily News seeking damages for the unauthorized on-line and print publication of excerpts and details from the not-yet-released Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix. The lawsuit seeks damages in the tens of millions of dollars for claims including copyright infringement and under state law.

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix is scheduled to be released at 12:01 AM on June 21, 2003.

It is Scholastic's and author J.K. Rowling's wish that all readers, especially children, have the opportunity to experience Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix at the same time on June 21st. We sincerely hope that this unfortunate situation will not spoil the surprise for millions of children around the country who have been eagerly awaiting the book.

We are taking all reported breaches of the June 21st on-sale date seriously and we are investigating them with a view to possible legal action. We intend to strongly enforce the terms of our on-sale agreements with retailers and distributors.

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