

Every Harry Potter fan knows Fawkes, the phoenix who rescues Harry in Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. Phoenixes have remarkable powers. They are immortal. When they die, they are reborn from the ashes. Their tears contain magical healing powers. They are also large, beautiful birds with colorful feathers. The legend of the phoenix dates back to ancient civilizations. Several Greek historians referred to it. Herodotus called the phoenix a "sacred bird" that only appears once every five hundred years. Ancient Persian, Roman, and Chinese texts also refer to the phoenix.