Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire by J.K. Rowling

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The fourth book in the Harry Potter series, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire is a fantasy book like all the rest. After reading the earlier books in the series, I read this one.

Harry leaves his aunt and uncle for the magical world early this year, for he is going to see the Quidditch World Cup—the sport of the magical world—with his best friend Ron and his family. After the cup, Death Eaters, the followers of Voldemort show up and create terror, which is a major event because they haven’t been seen since his downfall.

Later, at Hogwarts, the Triwizard Tournament is announced, a tournament where three wizards from three different wizard schools compete against each other to see who is the best with vast prizes for victory. A Triwizard Tournament had not been hosted in a long time because of the many deaths it caused. To keep it more safe, only 6th years and up were allowed to compete. To enter, participants would write their name on a piece of paper and put it in the Goblet of Fire, which would give three names, one from each school, to compete. From the school of Durmstrang, Viktor Krum was chosen. From the school of Beauxbatons, Fleur Delacour was chosen. Finally, from Hogwarts, Cedric Diggory was chosen... and Harry Potter.

Four names, two from Hogwarts, came out of the Goblet. Harry is only in his fourth year. He did not put his own name in but very few believe him. After much debate by the heads of the three competing schools Harry is allowed to compete. But who put his name in? Why did they do it? What will come of it? Is it connected to the appearance of the Death Eaters? Read to find out.

The main character of the book, Harry, is a predictable main character who is static throughout the book and series which takes away from him, and there were certainly better characters in the book. In part, there are some similarities to other books I have read, the writing level and scope is distant from almost all of the books I have read. This is my favorite book of the series and probably of all time. I especially recommend it to fantasy readers. The cover shows all of the competitors in the Triwizard Tournament which is vital to the story.

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