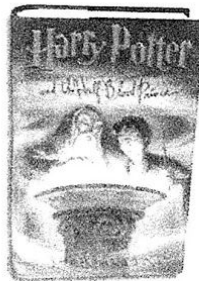




Destinations & Diversions

Eager fans can book a 'Potter' break

Diehard Harry Potter fans who want to be the first in North America to nab a copy of the boy wizard's latest adventure when it hits stores at midnight July 15 might want to scoot on up to St. John's, Newfoundland.



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Not about to let this marketing opportunity disappear, The Fairmont Newfoundland has conjured up a Hocus-Pocus Package (\$160, double), which includes a voucher for *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* when it goes on sale at midnight at the local Chapters bookstore — a half-hour ahead of the East Coast, thanks to the province's unique time

zone. The package is available July 15-16 and 22-23 (800-441-1414; fairmont.com).

In Cambridge, Mass., the Charles Hotel's Harry Potter VI deal includes a copy of the book delivered at midnight via room service (\$299; 800-882-1818 or charleshotel.com). And at the Affinia 50 Hotel in New York, festivities will feature a movie marathon and a wizard bearing the books at midnight (\$399 with breakfast; 866-233-4642 or affinia.com).

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