

# This Is Not Harry Potter

Hank Green

Something just occurred to me as I was reading  
another book I'd heard was the next big thing  
I thought what would I give, if it could be true  
If I could ever feel again the way I felt when I read you  
I'd pay a million galleons  
Or Dress up like I go to Beauxbatons  
I'd tattoo my head with a lightning bolt  
I'd pawn my wand and firebolt

But no matter how many good things I'm told  
Everything I ever read turns out to be leprechaun gold

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to read more young adult fiction  
I keep coming up dry  
it's like water water everywhere and not a drop to drink  
my frustration and my agony have pushed me to the brink  
I keep tilting back the glass but I never taste the water  
it seems no matter what I read I think "this is not Harry Potter."

I was pretty impressed with Frankie Landau Banks  
but compare saving the world with a few epic pranks  
There is no monopoly on non-human people  
there's faerie's buggers talking cats and Mac Mac Feegle  
And thirteen little blue envelopes  
Was fantastic but my sneakoscope  
would be flashing and spinning if I said  
That it was the best book I've read  
And you gotta know that this is no joke  
That I also read books that my own brother wrote

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And in the darkest hours, of my darkest nights  
I found myself curled up with twilight  
And I couldn't help but wonder as I ravenously read  
can you Avada Kedavra the undead  
'cause Edward Cullen totally has it comin'  
and if he saw Voldemort he'd better start runnin'  
cause there's not much that the Dark Lord and I  
could agree on but I think that we would both hate that guy  
Sir Nicholas de Mimsy Porpington  
Is a character name that, all by itself, is better than breaking dawn

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President Snow is no Voldemort  
Diagon Alley is cooler than Ankh-Morpork  
And Lyra Silvertongue is Mrs. Coulter's daughter  
That's a good plot twist but it is not Harry Potter.