Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban Shop Guide

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NOTICE: This guide is sanitized and spoiler-free for your protection.
Part 1 - Introduction
This guide is for the Game Boy Advance version of "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban." While the game itself isn't bad - it's a nice simple RPG with puzzle dungeons, and it doesn't require much thought - it has a very bad shopping interface. To make up for that, this guide lists the items for sale in Fred and George's Shop, their prices, the stat boosts they provide, and any other miscellaneous information that may apply.
Some of these items are dropped by bosses or can be found in treasure chests. All, however, can be bought in Fred and George's Shop, which is located in the southeast corner of the seventh floor of Hogwarts.
In five of the seven item categories, there are five dragon-hide items. To save space and to save typing, I've listed just the dragon name. It should be obvious enough.

General equipment tip:

- For Belts, Gloves, Boots, Hats, and Cloaks, Hungarian Horntail Dragon-hide equipment is easily the best. However, it's unlikely you can afford them your first time through. So buy what you can afford - you'll pick up a lot of items in chests and as rewards for completing quests and defeating bosses.

2.1 - Belts

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Tips:

- Early in the game, the Leather Belt is fine for Hermione, but the Ordinary Belt is fine for the guys. Ron can't afford the Rope's agility penalty, and Harry doesn't have any other inexpensive option.
- Don't even bother with the Swedish Shortsnout belt. For that matter, don't bother with the Chinese Fireball belt either it's only 75 sickles more for the Hungarian Horntail belt, which gives an extra agility point.

2.2 - Charms

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CHARMS]	Price		Def.	.	Agi.	. 1	M.Dei	Εl	Wearer	1
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Pocket Watch		245		+3		-2		+4	-	Harry	
Quidditch Wrist Guards		275		+4		+2		+5	-	Ron	
Eagle Feather Quill		500		+5		-2		+7	-	all	
Crystal Ball		635		+6		+2		+8	-	all	
Dragon Liver		900		+6		-2		+8	-	all	
Rabbit Fur Gloves		925		+6		+2		+8	-	all	
Spellotape		1150		+0		-2		+30	-	Hermione	
Golden Snitch	-	1230		+12		+2		+10	-	Harry	
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Tips:

- The Golden Snitch is the best possible Charm for Harry. Before you get it, go Crystal Ball with him. (You can get it free as a quest reward before the end of the game, so you don't have to actually buy the snitch.)
- Do not buy the Dragon Liver. It has the same Defense and M.Defense bonuses as the Crystal Ball and Rabbit Fur Gloves, but with an Agility penalty the other two lack.

- And on that note, there's really no reason to buy the Rabbit Fur Gloves, either, since they provide exactly the same stat bonuses as the Crystal Ball, which costs almost 300 sickles less.
- Hermione has excellent agility, so she can definitely afford to equip the Spellotape. It has an agility penalty of -2, but with an M.Defense bonus of +30 and her naturally high agility, she can take it. Before buying it (or getting it as a reward), a Crystal Ball is fine.
- Ron's kind of out of luck in the Charm department. Early on, buy Quidditch Wrist Guards (he needs that agility bonus), or just hold off until you can afford a Crystal Ball for him; it's the best he can use.

2.3 - Gloves

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GLOVES	P	rice	Def.	Agi	. M	.Def	Wearer	
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Mittens		30	+1	+0		+0	all	
Leather Gloves		105	+2	-1		+0	Hermione	
Quidditch Gloves		140	+2	+0		+0	Harry	
Potions Gloves		200	+3	+0		+0	Ron	
Swedish Shortsnout		250	+4	+0		+0	all	
Common Welsh Green		310	+5	-1		+0	all	
Romanian Longhorn		390	+6	+2		+0	all	
Chinese Fireball		500	+7	+3		+0	all	
Hungarian Horntail		550	+9	+4		+0	all	
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Tips:

- The Quidditch Gloves for Harry are a good bet, but Ron's Potions Gloves are so close in cost to the first dragon-hide set that you may as well hold out for another fifty sickles.
- Skip the Common Welsh Green Dragon-hide Gloves. For 80 sickles more, you get another defense point and a net total of 3 agility points.
- Since Hungarian Horntail gloves are so close in price to and yet so much better than Chinese Fireball gloves, don't even bother with the Chinese Fireball.

2.4 - Boots

BOOTS		Price		Def	.	Agi. M	.Def	Wearer
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Sneakers	-	30		+2		-2	+0	all
Leather Boots		135		+2		-3	+0	Hermione
Galoshes		225		+2		-1	+0	Ron
Quidditch Boots		320		+4		-1	+0	Harry
Swedish Shortsnout		470		+6		-3	+0	all
Common Welsh Green		775		+7		+0	+2	all
Romanian Longhorn		1000		+7		+0	+3	all
Chinese Fireball		1225		+7		+0	+5	all
Hungarian Horntail		1350		+10		+5	+5	all

Tips:

- Skip Swedish Shortsnout. Agility penalty = bad.
- If you buy Common Welsh Green Dragon-hide boots, don't bother putting up the

- money for Romanian Longhorn and instead take Chinese Fireball or Hungarian Horntail on your next upgrade.
- However, if you skip Common Welsh Green and go straight to Romanian Longhorn, skip over Chinese Fireball as well and upgrade directly to Hungarian Horntail when you get the chance.
- Ron and Harry are fine with their own cheap equips until you can afford good Dragon-hide. However, leave Hermione in Sneakers until dragon-hide time. Why would you want to spend 135 sickles on boots for Hermione that are actually WORSE than the cheapest footwear option?

2.5 - Hats

HATS	Price Def. Agi. M.Def Wearer
Cap	25 +1 +1 +0 all
Black Pointed Hat	110 +2 +1 +1 Hermione
Rear Admiral's Hat	160 +3 +0 +1 Ron
Quidditch Helmet	225 +4 -1 +2 Harry
Swedish Shortsnout	315 +4 -1 +3 all
Common Welsh Green	450 +5 -2 +3 all
Romanian Longhorn	600 +6 -2 +4 all
Chinese Fireball	780 +7 -3 +5 all
Hungarian Horntail	1100 +7 +3 +5 all

Tips:

- The Black Pointed Hat is very good for Hermione right up until you can buy her a Hungarian Horntail hat (or until the game hands you something better than the Black Pointed, but don't actually waste money on hats for her between those two). If you feel you must absolutely buy her a hat in between, go with Romanian Longhorn.
- Ron's Rear Admiral's Hat is also a great choice right up until Hungarian Horntail time. Once again, if you feel you must absolutely buy hats in between, pick up Romanian Longhorn.
- But leave Harry with the Cap, unless you're having problems, in which case, get him a Swedish Shortsnout hat instead of the Quidditch Helmet it's only an 80 sickle difference for an extra M.Def. point.
- Don't bother buying the Chinese Fireball hat at all; it's the same as the Hungarian Horntail in terms of Defense and M.Defense, but the six-point agility difference between the two is worth the 320 extra sickles.

2.6 - Cloaks

CLOAKS			Agi. M.Def	
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School Robe	80	+3	+0 +0	all
Quidditch Robe	190	+5	+0 +4	Harry
Winter Cloak	255	+7	-3 +8	Hermione
Potions Robe	320	+10	-3 +10	Ron
Swedish Shortsnout	450	+12	-3 +10	all
Common Welsh Green	780	+17	+0 +12	all
Romanian Longhorn	1000	+20	+3 +15	all
Chinese Fireball	1230	+22	+3 +18	all
Hungarian Horntail	1350	+25	+3 +20	all

Tips

- The massive Defense and M.Defense bonuses from Hermione and Ron's special equipments are worth the agility penalty.
- Once again, do not buy Swedish Shortsnout Dragon-hide equipment. It's only marginally better than Ron's Potions Robe. Hold out at least until you can afford Common Welsh Green instead.

2.7 - Miscellaneous

MISCELLANEOUS			Description
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Chocolate Frog		5	Adds cards to collection
Wiggenweld Potion		30	Restores 20 Stamina Points
Grand Wiggenweld Potio	n	60	Restores 50 Stamina Points
Pepperup Potion		40	Restores 20 Magic Points
Grand Pepperup Potion		80	Restores 50 Magic Points
Antidote		30	Cures Poison
Anti-Paralysis Potion	1	20	Cures Paralysis

Tips:

- Chocolate Frogs: Many (but not all) of the cards used for Harry's special moves are available by buying Chocolate Frogs and even if you're just trying to complete the sets, some cards are available ONLY through the shop. It's a good way to stock up or simply to complete parts of your collection, since each completed category unlocks a chest in the card collector's room, and one chest contains three dragon-hide robes, and another has a Golden Snitch and a level-up, and another has two level-ups.
- Obviously, the Grand versions of both potions are a much better deal (2.5 times the healing at only twice the price of the regular version), but until your max HP hits 100 or so, the regular versions are fine. If you're only 30 HP short of max, it's silly to waste 60 sickles' worth of potion.
- Definitely stock up on Pepperups early not every enemy can be dealt with by spamming Flipendo for 0 MP.
- Don't bother with Antidotes, as Poison has almost no effect. However, pick up a few Anti-Paralysis Potions now and then if you don't have a small supply of them from treasure chests and random battles. You only need five or ten, just as an insurance policy; there's only one plot battle where having one or two is almost essential, and the rest are just in case a random enemy paralyzes a character and you don't have the HP or the patience to wait for it to wear off.

Part 3 - Other Stuff

3.1 - Disclaimer

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http://boards.gamefaqs.com/gfaqs/gentopic.php?board=919439

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