#### Long ago, it is said, Death created the Deathly Hallows. The Elder Wand; The Resurrection Stone; and The Cloak of Invisibility, together, make the beholder a master of death. It is important therefore that these legendary objects never fall into the wrong hands such as those of He Who Must Not Be Named.

The Deathly Hallows

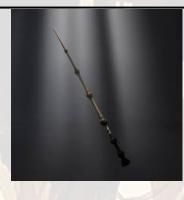


# The Creation

The legend of the Deathly Hallows can be found in *The Tales of Beedle the Bard.* The story goes that the Deathly Hallows were created by Death as both prize and punishment for the three brothers: Antioch, Cadmus and Ignotus Peverell. They had cheated him by using magic to cross a treacherous river which he had expected to take their lives.

### The Elder Wand

Fashioned by Death from an elder tree on the banks of the river crossed by the three brothers, the Elder Wand is the most powerful wand in existence. Arguably the most sought after Deathly Hallow, it is said to be unbeatable in combat. It was requested by the eldest Peverell brother, Antioch, in his search for power. The Elder Wand takes on a new master whenever it is'won' from its previous owner, giving it a bloody history.





#### The Resurrection Stone

In the tale, Death plucks a stone from the river to give to the second brother and awards it the power to bring back the dead. Cadmus Peverell longed for his lost love who was taken before her time. However, the Resurrection Stone only brings back the dead in the form of an echo, more solid than a ghost, but not a living body. It often drives its owner mad with longing.

## The Cloak of Invisibility

The third and final item to make up the Deathly Hallows is the Cloak of Invisibility. In the tale, it is given to the third brother, Ignotus who seeks to hide from Death. The cloak makes the user entirely invisible. It is said that the brother evaded Death for many years until he shed the cloak and gave it to his son. Harry Potter, a living descendant of the third brother was later given the cloak by Albus Dumbledore.



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