

On Cho

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I'm not a Potter scholar or even much of a fan: I haven't bothered to read volumes six and seven. Nevertheless, I'll offer these opinions on fans' reaction to Cho Chang. Scholars and fans may disagree.

Numerous fans dislike of Cho Chang is based on her actions in volume five where she is regarded as being too emotional, having a poor choice of friends, and exhibiting poor sportsmanship. Others defend her actions as understandable because of what she has experienced, and they point out that other characters act as badly or worse.

We consider a different point of view in a sketch that is suggestive instead of comprehensive, leaving things open ended.

The bigger question is why is Cho weepy, Viktor absent, Cormac vile, and Lavender ditz. Because they threaten the cohesion of the Trio, Harry's primary support group without which a hero cannot function.

Along these lines, this explains why Ron is so slow with Hermione. An intense relation between them would mean Harry is no longer their primary focus.

Indulging in even wilder speculation, Cho threatens to come between Harry and Molly – not Ginny, but Molly who is ready to become the mother he never had.

Becoming even wilder, Cho may generate internal conflict within the reader. She is a desirable female who genuinely cares about Harry, and she can save him from the smothering Molly, but the reader knows on some level that he dare not abandon the Trio for her.

Since we mentioned Ron, we may as well conjecture that the antipathy that some feel for Ron may also be the result of internal conflict. Readers desire a more ardent lover for Hermione, but realize this would be a disaster for the hero.

I await feedback.