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J. K. Rowling



Joanne Rowling was born in England in 1965. As a child, she enjoyed writing fantasy stories and reading them to her younger sister.

In 1990, Joanne lived in London where the original idea for Harry Potter came to her on a train that was delayed for four hours. Then, she moved to Scotland with her daughter in 1993. Life was difficult there because she didn't have a job. She put all her effort into finishing the first Harry Potter book. In 1997, seven years after she first got the idea, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone was finally published. Joanne used the name J.K. Rowling: the "K" stands for "Kathleen" which was her grandmother's name.

The book quickly became popular. She wrote six more Harry Potter books. The final book, 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows', was published in 2007 and became the fastest-selling book ever.

Joanne's books are about a boy named Harry Potter who grows up in the normal world. At eleven years old, he discovers that he is a wizard and attends a magical academy called Hogwarts. Here he learns about a dark wizard and with the help from his best friends, he tries to destroy this wizard.



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In 2001, Joanne was awarded a special prize from the Queen for writing such popular children's books. She is the UK's best-selling living author. Joanne went from being very poor, to being the world's first billionaire author. However, she is not a billionaire anymore because she donates much of her money to charity.

Today, the Happy Potter series has been translated into 65 languages and each book was also made into successful movies.

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