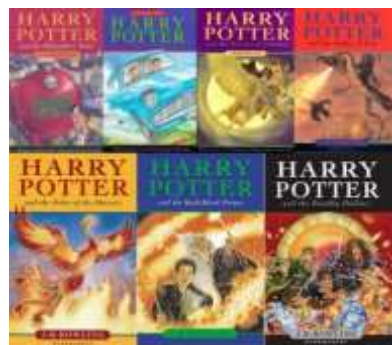


## J.K. ROWLING



*"I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book."*

### EARLY LIFE

Joanne Rowling is the author of the Harry Potter fantasy series. Her books have gained worldwide attention, won multiple awards, been made into box office hit films and have become the best-selling book series in history. Rowling attended school in Gloucestershire. She took A levels in English, French and German achieving two As and a B. She was Head Girl. She was born on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 1965.

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone was submitted to twelve publishing houses, all of which rejected it. A year later it was finally accepted by a publishing house in London; the eight-year old daughter of the chairman of Bloomsbury publishing house was given the chapter to review by her father and immediately demanded the next.

### FAMOUS WORKS

#### HARRY POTTER SERIES

The Harry Potter series of fantasy novels are made up of 7 novels. The novels chronicle the lives of a young wizard, Harry Potter, and his friends Hermione Granger and Ron Weasley, all of whom are students at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. The main stories concern Harry's struggle against Lord Voldemort, a dark wizard who intends to become immortal and overthrow the wizard governing body known as the Ministry of Magic.

- Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
- Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
- Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
- Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
- Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
- Harry Potter and the Half-blood Prince
- Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

### INTERESTING FACT

Although she writes under the pen name J.K. Rowling her name was simply Joanne Rowling. Anticipating that the largest audience of young boys might not want to read a book written by a woman, her publishers asked that she use two initials rather than her full name, as she has no middle name, she chose K after her grandmother Kathleen.



## FAMOUS QUOTES

"It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."

Albus Dumbledore

"You're a wizard Harry"

Rebus Hagrid

"It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to our enemies, but just as much to stand up to our friends."

Albus Dumbledore

## FIND OUT MORE

<https://harrypotter.bloomsbury.com/uk/jk-rowling-biography/>

## EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

1. How many Harry Potter novels did Rowling write?
2. What month was she born?
3. What job did she have at school?
4. How many novels make up the Harry Potter series?
5. Who is the dark wizard who Harry struggles against?
6. Name 3 Harry Potter novels
7. What is her actual name?
8. Recite a quote from one of her books.