

 Joanne Rowling is one of the most famous modern British authors. Her series of fantasy books about Harry Potter brought her fame and made millions of people happy. All "Harry Potter" books were adapted into films that had a great success. J.K.Rowling was born on July 31, 1965 in Yate, England



 She had a difficult childhood because her mother was often ill so young Joanne had to take care of herself and her sister as well. Nevertheless, she started writing fiction at the age of 9 and read her stories to the sister. Joanne greatly admired Jessica Mitford (English author and journalist) whose biography inspired her to become a writer. Rowling wanted to resemble her idol.

 After graduating from the University, Rowling moved to London where an idea of writing a novel about a magical school came to her. She continued writing the first book about Harry Potter when she moved to Portugal to work as a teacher of English. The "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" was finished in Edinburgh but nobody wanted to publish it at first.





 Several months later the rights to her book were bought by a US publishing house that gave her a great amount of money so that she could continue writing. Since then J.K.Rowling wrote 7 books about Harry Potter and several novels connected to a magical world: "The tales of Beedle the Bard", "Fantastic beasts and where to find them", "Quidditch through the Ages".