



# J.K. ROWLING

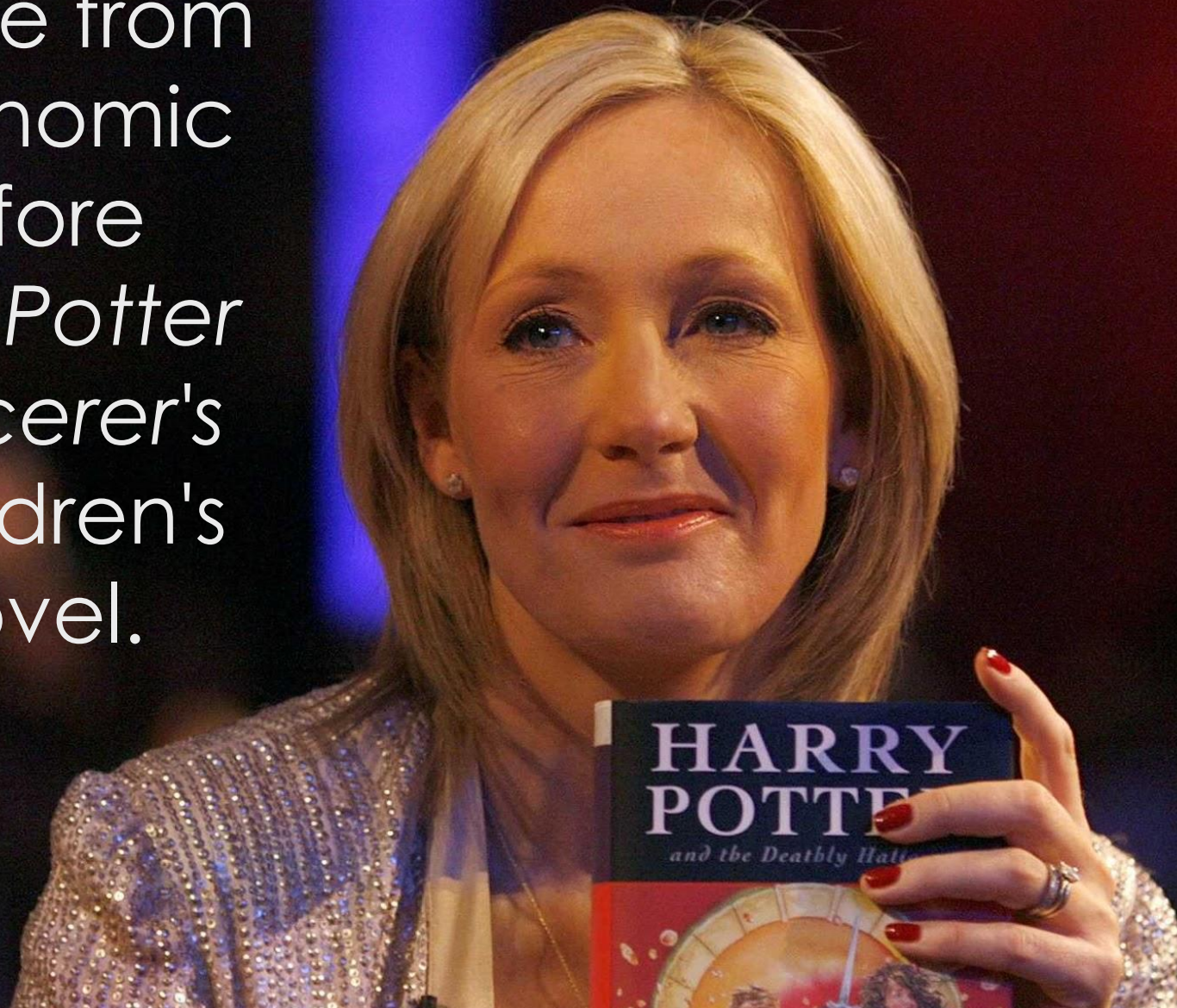
BRITISH NOVELIST



Joanne Rowling, best known as J.K. Rowling, was born on July 31, 1965, in Yate, England. She adopted her pen name, J.K., incorporating her grandmother's name, Kathleen, for the latter initial (Rowling does not have a middle name).

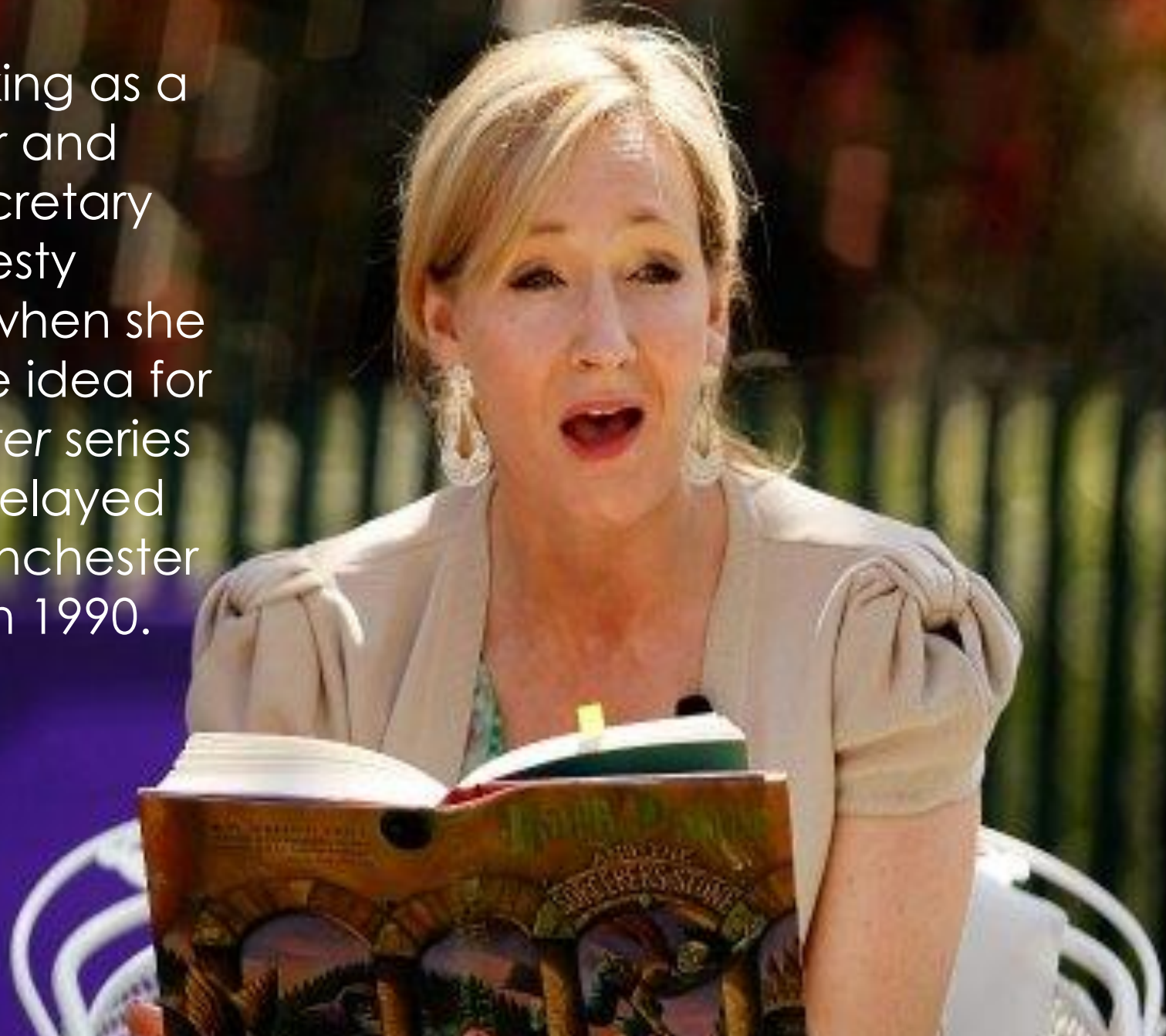


Rowling came from humble economic means before writing *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, a children's fantasy novel.





She was working as a researcher and bilingual secretary for Amnesty International when she conceived the idea for the *Harry Potter* series while on a delayed train from Manchester to London in 1990.







Rowling has lived a "rags to riches" life story, in which she progressed from living on state benefits to multi-millionaire status within five years. She is the United Kingdom's best-selling living author



In 2004, *Forbes* named Rowling as the first person to become a U.S.-dollar billionaire by writing books.

*Forbes* ranked Rowling as the 48th most powerful celebrity of 2007, and *Time* magazine named her as a runner-up for its 2007 Person of the Year, noting the social, moral, and political inspiration she has given her fans.



The 2008 *Sunday Times Rich List* considered Rowling the twelfth richest woman in the United Kingdom.

In October 2010, Rowling was named the "Most Influential Woman in Britain" by leading magazine editors.





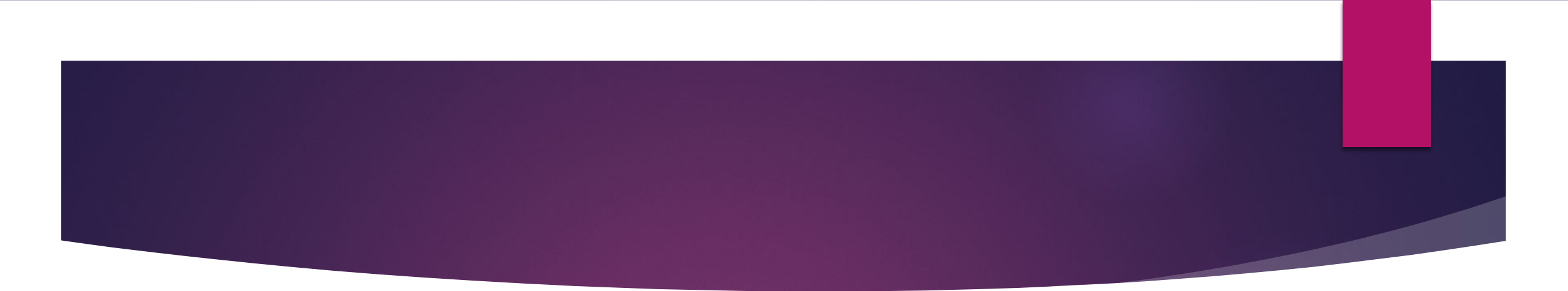
She has supported charities including Comic Relief, One Parent Families, Multiple Sclerosis Society of Great Britain and Lumos (formerly the Children's High Level Group), and in politics supports the Labour Party and Better Together.



# Harry Potter series

- ▶ *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* (26 June 1997)
- ▶ *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* (2 July 1998)
- ▶ *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* (8 July 1999)
- ▶ *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* (8 July 2000)
- ▶ *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* (21 June 2003)
- ▶ *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* (16 July 2005)
- ▶ *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* (21 July 2007)





*I admire JK Rowling because she is a woman who achieved their dreams, even against the odds, and because in the future I would like to publish one of my novel.*

*Thanks!*