



**JOANNE ROWLING**

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She was born at the 31<sup>th</sup> of July  
1965 in England

Occupation: *Novelist*

Education: *Bachelor of Arts*

Alma mater: *University of Exeter*

Genres: *Fantasy*

Notable work: *Harry Potter  
series*

Children: *2 daughters, 1 son*



**Joanne Rowling  
was born in Yate,  
near Bristol, a  
few miles south  
of a town called  
Dursley.**





# CHURCH COTTAGE, TUTSHILL

**It is  
Rowling's  
childhood  
home**



**GRADUATED FROM EXETER UNIVERSITY.**





**SHE IS A FORMER  
ENGLISH TEACHER.**





**In 1988, Rowling wrote a short-essay about her time studying Classics entitled "What was the Name of that Nymph Again? or Greek and Roman Studies Recalled", it was published by the University of Exeter's journal *Pegasus***





**SHE WRITES ALL OF  
HER BOOKS IN  
LONGHAND, RATHER  
THAN WITH A  
COMPUTER.**





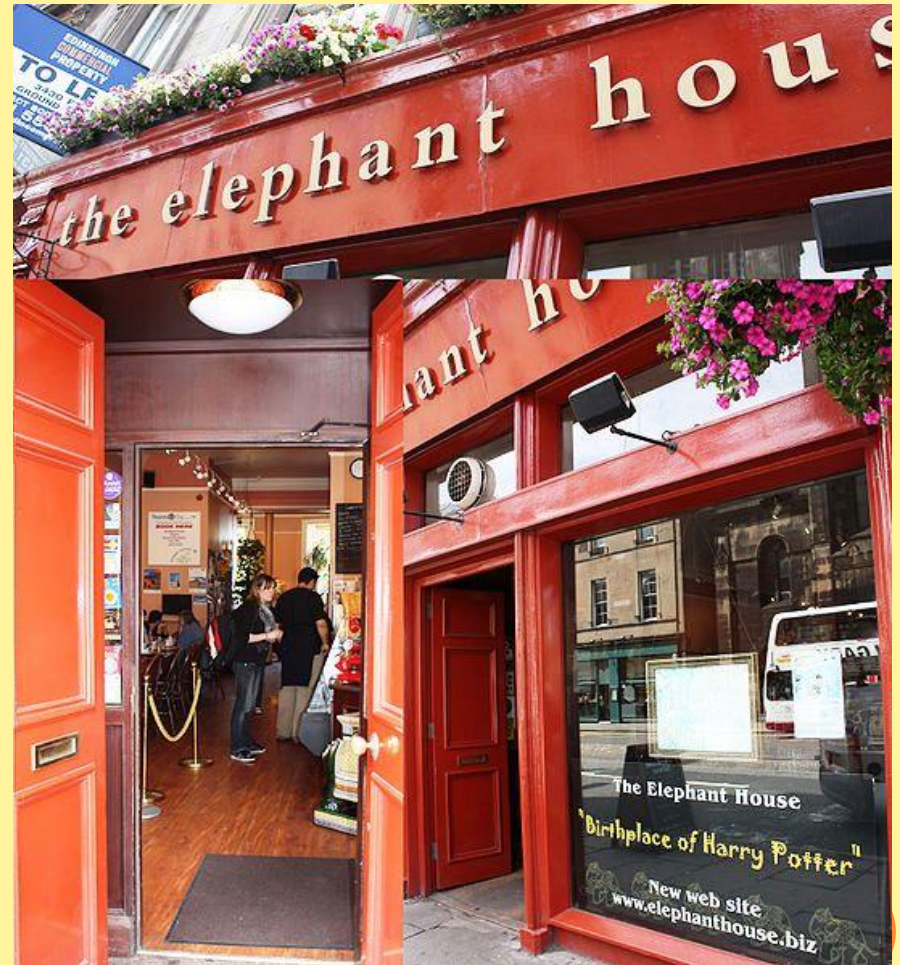
# «J.K.R.»

When the first "Harry Potter" novel was published, the publisher asked her to use initials rather than her first name, because boys would be biased against a book written by a woman. Since she only had one given name, they then asked her to make up another initial; she took "K." from her favorite grandmother, Kathleen.



# THE ELEPHANT HOUSE

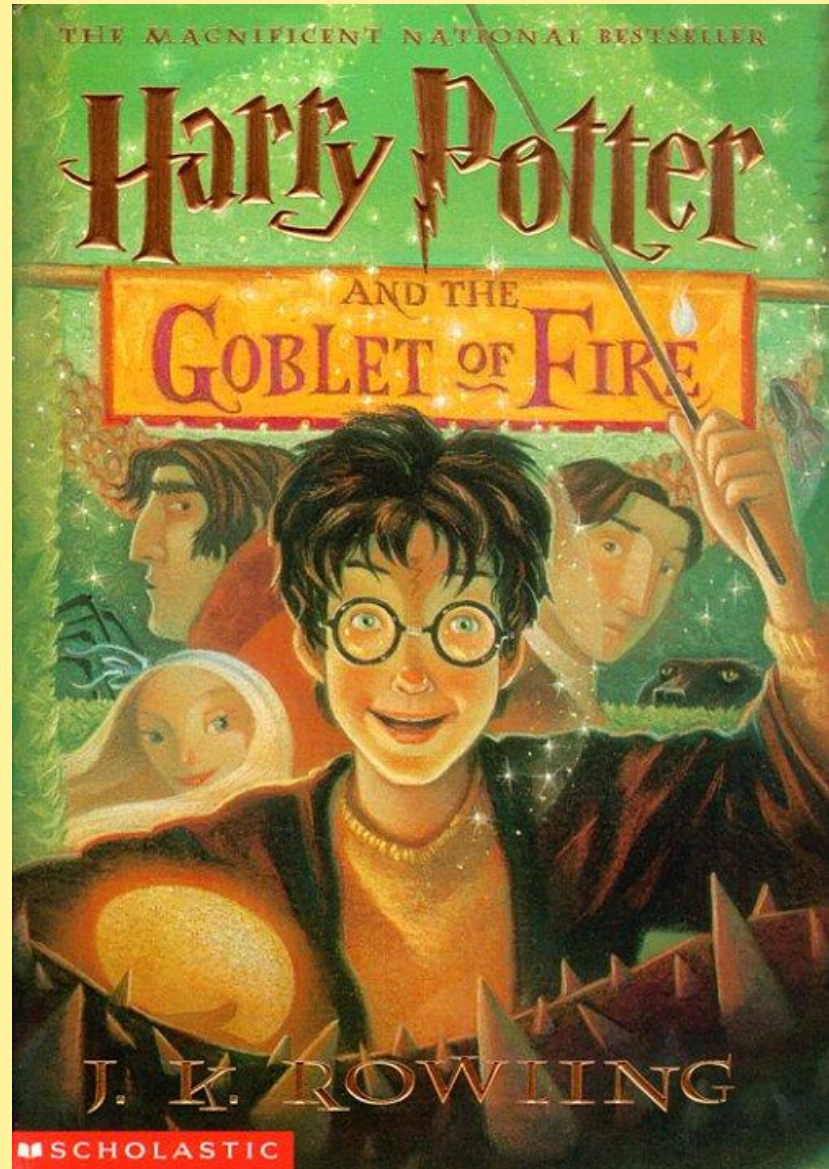
**"The Elephant House" –  
one of the cafés in  
Edinburgh in which  
Rowling wrote the first  
*Harry Potter* novel**



Harry Potter



**HER BOOK, "HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE", WAS THE TOP-SELLING BOOK OF 2000, WITH 7 MILLION HARDCOVERS SOLD.**



***Harry Potter* is now a global brand worth an estimated  
£7 billion (\$15 billion)**



**Harry Potter**

**In October 1998, Warner Bros. purchased the film rights to the first two novels for a seven-figure sum**



**Harry Potter**

The image shows the title 'Harry Potter' in a highly stylized, three-dimensional font. The letters are rendered in a metallic, blue-silver color with sharp, faceted edges, giving them a crystalline or gem-like appearance. The font is set against a solid black background. The letters are slightly offset from each other, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall aesthetic is magical and cinematic, characteristic of the Harry Potter film series.



**Rowling had gained some creative control on the films, reviewing all the scripts as well as acting as a producer on the final two-part installment, *Deathly Hallows***





***Forbes* has named Rowling as the first person to become a U.S.-dollar billionaire by writing books, the second-richest female entertainer and the 1,062nd richest person in the world**





**She was awarded the O.B.E. (Officer of the Order of the British Empire) in the 2000 Queen Elizabeth II's Birthday Honors List for her services to literature and received it from one of her fans, Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales.**





**Rowling, once a single parent herself, is now president of the charity Gingerbread (originally One Parent Families)**





**In 2006,  
Rowling  
contributed a  
substantial sum  
toward the  
creation of a  
new Centre for  
Regenerative  
Medicine at  
Edinburgh  
University**



**In September 2008, on the eve of the Labour Party Conference, Rowling announced that she had donated £1 million to the Labour Party**







**She believes that  
poor and  
vulnerable families  
will fare much  
better under the  
Labour Party than  
they would under a  
Cameron-led  
Conservative Party**



**As a resident of Scotland,  
Rowling is eligible to vote  
in the 2014 referendum on  
Scottish independence, and  
intends to vote in favour of  
the union**





**Over the years, some religious people have decried Rowling's books for supposedly promoting witchcraft; however, Rowling identifies as a Christian**





**Rowling has received honorary degrees from St Andrews University, the University of Edinburgh, Napier University, the University of Exeter, the University of Aberdeen and Harvard University, for whom she spoke at the 2008 commencement ceremony. In 2009 Rowling was awarded the Légion d'honneur by French President Nicolas Sarkozy**



