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FROM RAGS TO RICHES

Despite mounting evidence that it's becoming increasingly difficult to build such wealth, these incredible stories are proof that it is possible to overcome life's toughest challenges and create something better for yourself. This list includes just a handful of the many "rags-to-riches" stories out there.



J.K. Rowling _____ live in a small apartment with her daughter. She _____ have a job, she was jobless. She _____ always spend much of her time writing a novel in a coffee shop with her daughter sleeping next to her. Now, she's worth over US \$1 billion.

Laliberté _____ play accordion. He _____ eat fire. He _____ walk on stilts for money. He _____ live in Quebec. Today, Laliberté is the CEO of Cirque du Soleil, a professional poker player and space tourist, with a total worth of \$2.5 billion.



Oprah Winfrey _____ live with her grandmother. She _____ wear dresses made out of potato sacks. After being molested by two members of her family and a family friend, she ran away from home at age 13. At 14, her newborn child died shortly after he was born. She went back to live with her mother, but it wasn't until her mother sent her to live with her father that she turned her life around. She got a full scholarship to college, won a beauty pageant — where she was discovered by a radio station — and the rest is history. The Oprah name became an empire, and according to Forbes she is worth \$2.7 billion.

