



The paragraphs in this biographical profile about J.K. Rowling have been scrambled. Read the composition and put the paragraphs in order.

Rowling finished the book in 1995, but it was rejected by 12 publishers before a then-small company called Bloomsbury published it in 1997. In 1998, the book was published in the United States as *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. It wasn't long before the book was winning awards and rising to the top of the bestsellers lists. Rowling went on to write and publish the second book in the series in 1999, and then several more in the seven-book series between then and 2007. Today, she's one of the bestselling authors of all time.

Born in Gloucestershire, England, in 1965, Rowling was a good student who wanted to study English in college, yet after graduating from high school, she followed her parents' wishes and studied French at Exeter University. Following her graduation from Exeter, Rowling worked as a bilingual secretary. On a train trip during this time, Rowling got the idea for a book about a boy named Harry Potter, an orphan who learns he is a wizard and enters a school of wizardry and witchcraft. Rowling began writing the book whenever she found time, before quitting her job at age 26 and moving to Portugal to work as an English teacher.

If you don't know who J. K. Rowling is, you must be from another planet. Her Harry Potter books have been translated into over 70 languages and are sold in about 200 countries. They have been turned into popular movies. Although Rowling has earned over one billion dollars for her work and has been called a genius by many, life wasn't always easy for her.

In Portugal, Rowling continued working on the book. While there, she married a Portuguese journalist. However, after the birth of their daughter, Rowling moved to Edinburgh, Scotland, where she continued to write. She lived off social security, and went to a café with her daughter every day to work on her Harry Potter book.

