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A well-known author J. K. Rowling is the author of a successful series of books. She uses the initials J. K. because her publishers thought that a book by a woman might not appeal boys.

Rowling was born in 1965 and brought up in England and South Wales. After she finished university, she got a job in London.

In 1990, while she was travelling from Manchester to London, her train was held up and during the four-hour delay she got the idea of writing about a young wizard. In 1991 she went to Portugal, where she had a job teaching English, and she the manuscript for the first

Harry Potter book with her. She returned to Britain in 1993 and carried writing it.

Rowling completed Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone in 1995. Twelve publishers turned it down before Bloomsbury agreed to publish it. The decision was apparently by the young daughter of the company's chairman, who loved the first chapter of the book.

In 1995 Bloomsbury advised Rowling that she had little chance making money writing children's books. Today she has a fortune of around \$1 billion. Rowling believes that people who have a lot of money should sure they use it responsibly. For this reason, she has given millions of dollars to charitable causes.

