

READING Young and talented

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SOUL SINGER

CAN A SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD SING THE BLUES? CAN A WHITE GIRL SING SOUL? JOSS STONE KNOWS SHE CAN.

Joss was born in a small village in Devon in the south of England, but she now lives and works in Los Angeles. She was a shy schoolgirl with a fantastic voice, but now she is a famous soul singer.

Joss could sing very well when she was a little girl. Her parents were very surprised. Her mom says "No one in our family can sing—only Joss. I can't sing a note!" At school, her friends couldn't understand her music. Joss says, "I love soul music, but they don't. They prefer pop."

Her first album, "The Soul Sessions" was very successful. Joss was only 16. Her second, "Mind, Body & Soul" was also a hit. Now she sings all over the world. Last year she was in 16 cities, including San Francisco, Chicago, Toronto, Los Angeles, and Mexico City. She was also in the movie Eragon. She was a witch called Angela! Joss is young, rich, famous, and very talented.

¿PUEDE UN NIÑO DE DIEZ AÑOS CANTAR BLUES? ¿PUEDE UNA NIÑA BLANCA CANTAR ALMA? JOSS STONE SABE QUE PUEDE.

Joss nació en un pequeño pueblo de Devon, en el sur de Inglaterra, pero ahora vive y trabaja en Los Ángeles. Era una colegiala tímida y con una voz fantástica, pero ahora es una famosa cantante de soul.

Joss podía cantar muy bien cuando era niña. Sus padres quedaron muy sorprendidos. Su mamá dice: "Nadie en nuestra familia sabe cantar, solo Joss. ¡Yo no puedo cantar ni una nota!" En la escuela, sus amigos no podían entender su música. Joss dice: "Me encanta la música soul, pero a ellos no. Prefieren el pop".

Su primer álbum, "The Soul Sessions", fue un gran éxito. Joss tenía sólo 16 años. Su segundo, "Mind, Body & Soul" también fue un éxito. Ahora canta en todo el mundo. El año pasado estuvo en 16 ciudades, incluyendo San Francisco, Chicago, Toronto, Los Ángeles y Ciudad de México. También estuvo en la película Eragon. ¡Era una bruja llamada Ángela! Joss es joven, rica, famosa y muy talentosa.

1. Why is she famous?

a) because **she is** a famous writer

b) because **she is** a famous singer

2. Where was she born?

a) **she was** born in devon – England

b) **she was** born in california

3. Where does she live?

a) She lives **s** in Los Angeles

b) She lives in San Francisco

4. What could or couldn't she do when she was very young?

a) She could sing very bad

b) She could sing very well

5. When was she first successful?

a) When she was 16 years old

b) When she was 15 years old

6. Why were her parents surprised?

a) They were surprised because "no one in Joss' family can sing – only Joss"

b) They were surprised because "no one in Joss' family can sing – only her grandmother"

7. What were her first two albums called?

a) They were "The soul sessions" & "Mind, Body & Soul"

b) They were "The Seul sessions" & "Mind, Boby & Seul"

8. Where was she last year?

a) She was in 20 cities

b) She was in 16 cities

9. Does she act in the movies?

a) Yes, she does

b) No, she doesn't

FANTASY WRITER

CAN A FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD WRITE A NUMBER ONE BESTSELLER?

CAN HIS BOOKS SELL MORE THAN "HARRY POTTER"?

CHRISTOPHER PAOLINI SAYS, "YES, THEY CAN!"

Christopher was born in Southern California, but he now lives with his family in Paradise Valley, Montana, in the countryside near the tall Beartooth Mountains. Christopher loves the mountains. He writes about them in his books,

Christopher can't stop writing. This is surprising because when he was very young he couldn't read very well. His parents were his teachers, and finally one day—"It was magic," he says, "I could read. I could see pictures in my head. I could write my own stories." His parents were very surprised when his first book became a number one bestseller. It was a fantasy called *Eragon* and it was published when Christopher was just 15. His next book, *Eldest*, was also very successful.

Christopher tours the world to talk about his books. Last year he was in Canada, the UK, Spain, Germany, France and Italy. His book *Eragon* is now a movie and Christopher is famous.

ESCRITOR DE FANTASÍA

¿PUEDE UN NIÑO DE QUINCE AÑOS ESCRIBIR UN BESTSELLER NÚMERO UNO?

¿PUEDEN VENDER SUS LIBROS MÁS QUE "HARRY POTTER"?

CHRISTOPHER PAOLINI DICE: "SÍ, PUEDEN!"

Christopher nació en el sur de California, pero ahora vive con su familia en Paradise Valley, Montana, en el campo cerca de las altas montañas Beartooth. A Christopher le encantan las montañas. Escribe sobre ellos en sus libros,

Christopher no puede dejar de escribir. Esto es sorprendente porque cuando era muy pequeño no sabía leer muy bien. Sus padres fueron sus maestros, y finalmente un día... "fue mágico", dice, "Podía leer. Podía ver imágenes en mi cabeza. Podía escribir mis propias historias". Sus padres se sorprendieron mucho cuando su primera El libro se convirtió en un éxito de ventas número uno. Era una fantasía llamada *Eragon* y se publicó cuando Christopher tenía sólo 15 años. Su siguiente libro, *Eldest*, también tuvo mucho éxito.

Christopher recorre el mundo para hablar de sus libros. El año pasado estuvo en Canadá, Reino Unido, España, Alemania, Francia e Italia. Su libro *Eragon* es ahora una película y Christopher es famoso.

1. Why **is he** famous?

a) because **he is** a famous writer

b) because **he is** a famous singer

2. Where **was he** born?

a) **he was** born in Devon – England

b) **he was** born in California

3. Where **does he** live?

a) **he lives** in Montana

b) **he lives** in California

4. What **could or couldn't he** do when **he was** very young?

a) **he couldn't** read very well

b) he **could read** very well

5. When **was he** first successful?

a) When **he was** 16 years old

b) When **he was** 15 years old

6. Why **were his parents** surprised?

a) **They were** surprised because when his first book became a number two bestseller

b) **They were** surprised because when his first book became a number one bestseller

7. What **was his first book** called?

a) It was a fantasy called Eragon

b) It was a fantasy called Eragon

8. **We was he** last year?

a) **he was** in Canada and Europe

b) **he was** in EEUU and Asia

9. **Does he** act in the movies?

a) Yes, **he does**

b) No, **he doesn't**