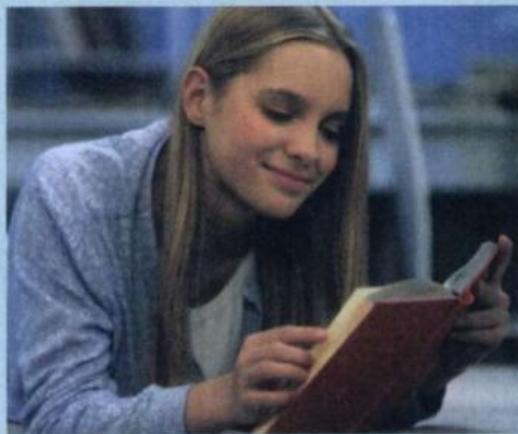


86 Books

A Fiction

J.K. Rowling is a famous British **author**. She has written a series of novels in which the **main character** is a young boy called Harry Potter, who is always in **trouble**. Rowling has also created a number of novels about a private **detective** called Cormoran Strike. He's also in trouble a lot because, like Harry Potter, he doesn't like **rules**. But in the end, like Harry, he **solves** the crime or the problem.



GLOSSARY

fiction	stories that sb writes that are not about real events OPP non-fiction
author	a person who writes books or stories SYN writer
series	a number of things of the same kind that come one after another: <i>a TV series</i>
novel	a book of fiction
main character	the most important person in a book, film, etc.
create	make sth new happen or be
detective	a person who tries to find out who did a crime; usually a police officer
rule	sth that tells you what you must or must not do: <i>school rules</i> . If you break a rule , you do sth you mustn't do.
solve	find the answer to a question or problem solution n

SPOTLIGHT *trouble*

Trouble (often singular) means difficulty, problems or worry:

▪ *I had a lot of trouble finding a job.*

If you **are in trouble**, you are in a situation which is dangerous or where you have problems, often with parents, the police or a boss.

1 True or false? Write T or F.

► A series is more than one. T

1 **Non-fiction** and **fiction** are the same thing.

2 An **author** is a **writer**.

3 A **detective** is often a policeman.

4 If you are *in trouble*, that's good.

5 The **main character** in a book is the most important person.

6 **Rules** are things that you must do and follow.

7 A **novel** is a book of real events.

8 If you **solve** something, you find an answer to a problem.

9 If you **create** something, you break it.

10 A **solution** to a problem is an answer.

2 Complete the text.

Adrian McKinty is an Irish ► **author** who has written a (1) of crime (2) The main (3) in these stories is a (4) called Sean Duffy, but he isn't a typical policeman. McKinty has (5) a character who often breaks (6) , and because of this, he's often in (7) with his bosses. But in the end, of course, he always (8) the crime.

3 ABOUT YOU AND YOUR COUNTRY Write your answers, or talk to another student.

1 A famous author from your country who writes novels.

2 A novel that this person has written.

3 A popular series on TV in your country.

4 One of the main characters in this TV series.

5 The name of a famous detective in fiction.

6 A rule that you sometimes break or have broken.



B Fact and fiction

Mary Shelley is a famous English writer from the 19th century. In the past, she was mostly famous for the novel *Frankenstein*, but in recent years, people have realized that she achieved much more. In fact, she wrote a variety of books, including novels, short stories, travel books and biographies (stories about other people's lives). During her life, she also tried to publish work written by her husband, Percy Bysshe Shelley, who died when he was only 29.

GLOSSARY

in the past	in the time before now
mostly	almost all: <i>My students are mostly Japanese.</i> SYN mainly
recent	that happened or began only a short time ago
realize	understand and know something: <i>I studied law, but I realize now that it was a mistake.</i>
achieve	do sth well after trying hard: <i>She achieved a lot in her life.</i>
in fact	often used for introducing more information
variety	a lot of different things
including	with: <i>There were 12, including me. (= 11 plus me)</i>
try	If you try to do sth, you work hard to do it: <i>I tried to call Clara yesterday, but she was busy all day.</i>
publish	prepare a book so you can sell it



4 Circle the two words that have the same sound underlined. Use the to help you.

Practise saying the words.

► past arm at

1 mine / same / mainly
2 mostly / hot / home
3 fit / realize / fine
4 achieve / child / receive

5 pull / butter / publish
6 man / variety / another
7 bible / run / including
8 recent / red / see

5 Circle the correct answer.

► *In the past* is around before now.

1 *Including* you is with you / without you.
2 If you *realize* something, you know it / don't know it.
3 If you *achieve* something, that's bad / good.
4 A *variety* is one thing / lots of different things.
5 If you *publish* a book, it is / isn't ready to sell.
6 If something is *recent*, it happened a long / short time ago.
7 *I mostly* work means the same as I possibly / mainly work.
8 You use *in fact* to give more information / an example of something.

6 Complete the sentences.

► The book isn't difficult. In fact , it's a very easy book to read, and also quite short.
1 In the p....., bookshops were closed on Sundays, but now they are m..... open.
2 I've got ten books in English, i..... this one.
3 I wanted to buy a dictionary, but I r..... I didn't have enough money.
4 The company p..... Maria's first book last year, and it is selling very well.
5 You will find a wide v..... of books on cooking in this shop.
6 He t..... many times to write a novel. Finally at the age of 36, he a..... it. Now he's a famous author.



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