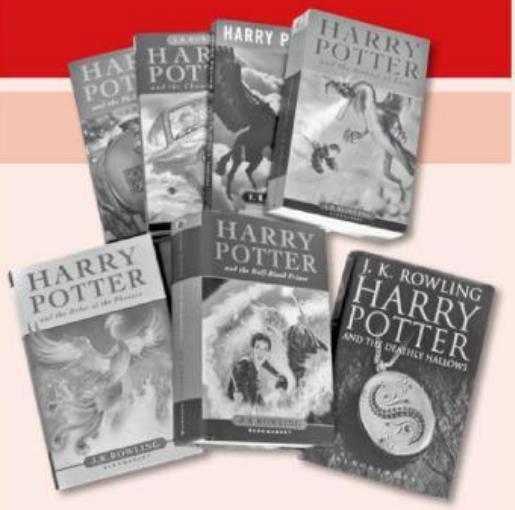
Reading

Celebrity Profile

J.K. Rowling (b. July 31, 1965)



With an estimated fortune of over $900 million, J.K. Rowling is one of the world's richest authors. The Harry Potter series is one of the world's best-selling book series. To date, it has sold well over 500 million books. Harry Potter is a series of seven fantasy novels written by Rowling. The books are about the adventures of the teenage wizard Harry Potter–the [1] _____ of the stories– and his best friends, Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger. All three are students at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, and this is where the story is mainly [2] _____. The main [3] _____ concerns Harry's battle with the evil wizard Lord Voldemort. He is the [4] _____ of the series, and he's the person who killed Harry's parents.

The first [5] _____, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* (the British title), was released on June 26, 1997. It quickly became a [6] _____ and since then, the books have become very popular all over the world. Publishers have translated the series into over 80 languages, and the last four titles became the fastest-selling books in history.

Some people think that the series is children's literature, but according to Rowling, the main topic is death. There are also many other more 'adult' [7] _____ in the series, such as love and prejudice.

All the books were made into movies, and the series has made more money than any other so far. There are also lots of things which you can buy relating to the book and movie series, like clothes, posters, and toys. The Harry Potter brand is worth more than $25 billion.

1 Read the text and complete it with the words in the box.

set	villain	best-seller	hero
novel	~~fantasy~~	plot	themes

2 Read the text again. Answer the questions.

Who were the Harry Potter books written by?
They were written by J.K. Rowling.

1 What type of book are they?

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2 Where are the books mainly set?

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3 When was the first book released?

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4 What record do the last four books hold?

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5 What, according to J.K. Rowling, is the biggest theme of the books?

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6 How many of the books were made into movies?

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