

Author JK Rowling turns 50

Born in England on July 31, 1965, JK (Joanne Kathleen) Rowling is best known for Harry Potter, the world's best selling book series which has sold over 400m copies worldwide



Harry Potter

Eight movies earned over **\$7 billion** worldwide

Rowling owns rights to all Harry Potter e-books – sold via her own **Pottermore.com** website

✍️ WRITING CAREER

Harry Potter and the...

Copies
sold

Philosopher's Stone*	1997	107m
Chamber of Secrets	1998	60m
Prisoner of Azkaban	1999	55m
Goblet of Fire	2000	55m
Order of the Phoenix	2003	55m
Half-Blood Prince	2005	65m
Deathly Hallows	2007	50m

✍️ Companion books

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them	2001	0.5m
Quidditch Through the Ages	2001	0.5m
Harry Potter Prequel†	2008	–
The Tales of Beedle the Bard	2008	–

✍️ Adult books

The Casual Vacancy	2012	5m
The Cuckoo's Calling‡	2013	–
The Silkworm‡	2014	–
Career of Evil‡	Oct 20, 2015	–

✍️ Scriptwriting

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

The adventures of **Newt Scamander**, in magical reimagining of 1920s New York

*First of three movies
due: Nov 18, 2016*

✍️ TOP-EARNING AUTHORS

12 months to Jun 2014

James Patterson	\$90m
Dan Brown	\$28m
Nora Roberts	\$23m
Danielle Steel	\$22m
Janet Evanovich	\$20m
Jeff Kinney	\$17m
Veronica Roth	\$17m
John Grisham	\$17m
Stephen King	\$17m
Suzanne Collins	\$16m
JK Rowling	\$14m

2004: Forbes magazine lists Rowling as first author to become U.S.\$ billionaire

*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone in U.S. †Short story – contribution to anthology What's Your Story: The Postcard Collection ‡Under pseudonym Robert Galbraith (sales figures unavailable)

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