



Today in History

June 26, 1997

▲ **Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone**, the first of seven phenomenally successful books by J.K. Rowling about a schoolboy wizard, was published

1974: The scannable barcode was first used in a U.S. supermarket

1989: A Soviet nuclear submarine was crippled off the coast of Norway

1992: Denmark won soccer's European Championship, having been invited to replace the banned Yugoslavia team only 10 days before the start

2000: Two rival teams of scientists announced jointly that they had deciphered the structure of the human genome