

# J.K. ROWLING



A GRAPHIC NOVEL  
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J.K. ROWLING'S LIFE STORY BEGINS WHEN PETE ROWLING AND ANNE VOLANT FELL IN LOVE.

THEY MET AT KING'S CROSS STATION IN LONDON, ENGLAND.

THEY WERE BOTH IN THE NAVY AND ON THE WAY TO THEIR NEW ASSIGNMENTS WHEN PETE SAT NEXT TO ANNE ON THE TRAIN.

JOANNE ROWLING, OR JO FOR SHORT, WAS BORN JULY 31, 1965 AT COTTAGE HOSPITAL IN YATE, ENGLAND.

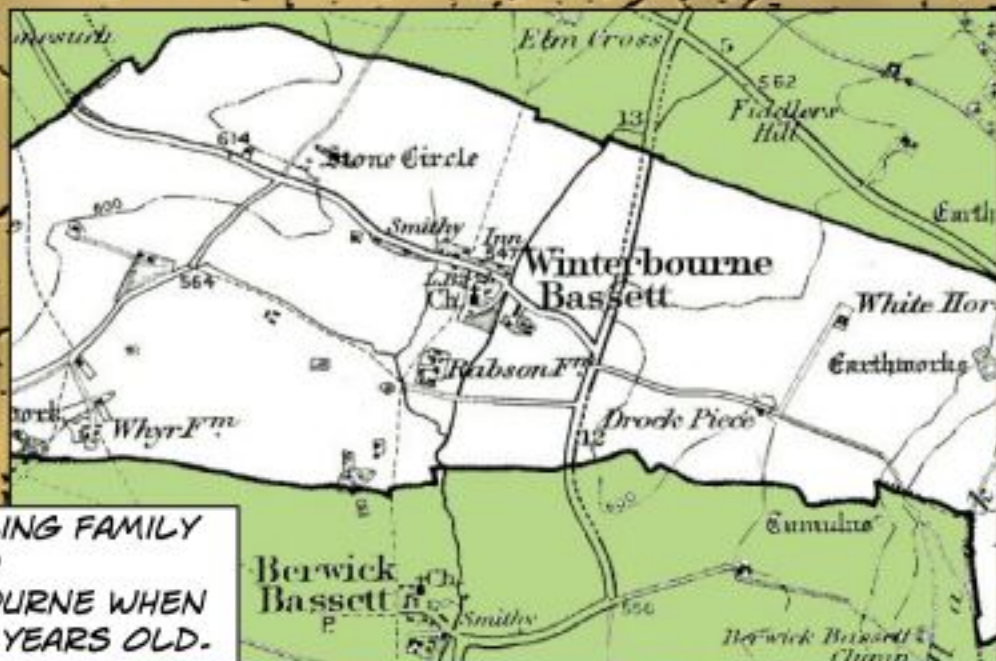
HER SISTER, DIANE WAS BORN 2 YEARS LATER.







THE ROWLING FAMILY MOVED TO WINTERBOURNE WHEN JO WAS 4 YEARS OLD.



JO WENT TO ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL.

SHE WROTE HER FIRST STORY AT THE AGE OF SIX CALLED "RABBIT"

THEY MOVED TO TUTSHILL, ENGLAND WHEN SHE WAS 9 YEARS OLD. THEIR NEW HOME WAS NEXT TO CEMETERY.

THAT YEAR WAS DIFFICULT FOR JO BECAUSE HER GRANDMOTHER KATHLEEN ROWLING DIED.

SHE ALSO STRUGGLED AT HER NEW SCHOOL BECAUSE SHE WAS AFRAID OF HER TEACHER AND WAS PUT IN THE "STUPID" ROW OF STUDENTS, BUT NOT FOR LONG.

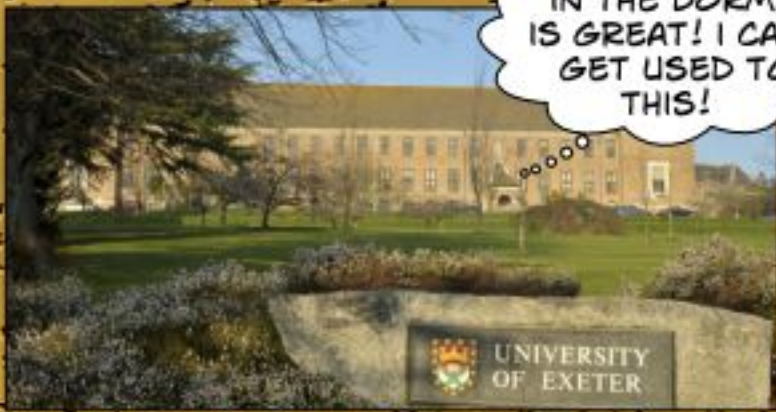
SHE DID GREAT IN SCHOOL. SHE LOVED TO READ AND WRITE.

HER FAVORITE BOOKS INCLUDED: THE LITTLE WHITE HORSE, BLACK BEAUTY, AND LITTLE WOMEN.



SERVICE

LIVING IN THE DORMS IS GREAT! I CAN GET USED TO THIS!







AMNESTY  
INTERNATIONAL

AFTER COLLEGE, JO WORKED AT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL DOING RESEARCH FOR TWO YEARS.

AFTER THAT, SHE WORKED AS A SECRETARY IN MANY DIFFERENT OFFICES.



DURING HER FREE TIME, JO LOVED GOING TO CAFE'S TO WRITE.

ONE DAY IN 1990, ON A TRAIN RIDE TO LONDON FROM HER HOME IN MANCHESTER, THE IDEA OF A BOY WIZARD WITH ROUND GLASSES CAME TO HER.

THE TRAIN BROKE DOWN FOR 4 HOURS, AND DURING THAT TIME ALL THE IDEAS OF A STORY ABOUT A BOY WIZARD CAME TO HER.



HE WILL HAVE TO GO TO A SCHOOL FOR WIZARDS.







THE HERO OF THE STORY, KNOWN AS THE "BOY WHO LIVED" - HARRY POTTER. THE LAST NAME "POTTER" WAS INSPIRED BY TWO CHILDHOOD PLAYMATES WITH THE LAST NAME. HARRY AND JO SHARE THE SAME BIRTHDAY.



RON WEASLEY, HARRY'S BEST FRIEND, WAS INSPIRED BY HER HIGH SCHOOL FRIEND SEAN HARRIS.

# CHARACTERS



HERMIONE GRANGER IS THE CHARACTER MOST SIMILAR TO JO. HER NAME WAS INSPIRED BY A CHARACTER FROM SHAKESPEARE'S "A WINTER'S TALE."



ALBUS DUMBLEDORE, HOGWART'S HEADMASTER



PROFESSOR SEVERUS SNAPE WAS INSPIRED BY MRS. MORGAN, THE TEACHER THAT PLACED JO IN THE "STUPID" ROW.



HAGRID, HARRY'S AND HOGWART'S PROTECTOR





JO'S MOTHER, ANNE, DIED OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS (MS) AT THE AGE OF 45, JO WAS 25 YEARS OLD.



AFTER HER MOTHER'S DEATH, HARRY POTTER'S CHARACTER AND THE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS PARENTS BECAME MORE MEANINGFUL TO JO AS SHE WROTE.

THE CHAPTER "THE MIRROR OF ERISED" DEMONSTRATES JO'S FEELINGS AFTER LOSING HER MOTHER.



THE THING I DESIRE THE MOST IS TO SEE MY PARENTS AGAIN



AFTER HER MOTHER'S DEATH, JO MOVED TO PORTUGAL



LET'S PRACTICE SOME ENGLISH PHRASES.



SHE FOUND A JOB THERE, TEACHING ENGLISH.

HER STUDENTS WERE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 8 AND 62.

SHE CONTINUED TO WORK ON "HARRY POTTER" DURING HER FREE TIME.

SHE FELL IN LOVE WITH JORGE ARANTAS, A JOURNALISM STUDENT.

THEY GOT MARRIED ON OCTOBER 16, 1992.

THEIR DAUGHTER, JESSICA, WAS BORN ON JULY 27, 1993.

SOON THEY STARTED HAVING PROBLEMS IN THEIR MARRIAGE, AND SHE LEFT 4 MONTHS AFTER HER DAUGHTER WAS BORN.







JO LEFT PORTUGAL WITH HER DAUGHTER AND WENT TO EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND TO BE CLOSE TO HER SISTER.



THIS WAS A VERY DIFFICULT TIME FOR JO. SHE DIDN'T HAVE A JOB AND HAD TO GO ON WELFARE TO FEED HERSELF AND HER DAUGHTER.

HER SISTER ENCOURAGED HER TO CONTINUE WRITING.

SHE SPENT HER TIME WRITING AT NICOLSON CAFE

BY THE END OF 1994, SHE HAD PROGRESSED ON HARRY POTTER AND STARTED WORKING.

IN JANUARY OF 1995, SHE GOT ACCEPTED TO MORAY HOUSE TO EARN HER DEGREE IN EDUCATION.



HARRY POTTER WILL BE IN THE HOUSE OF GRYFFINDOR



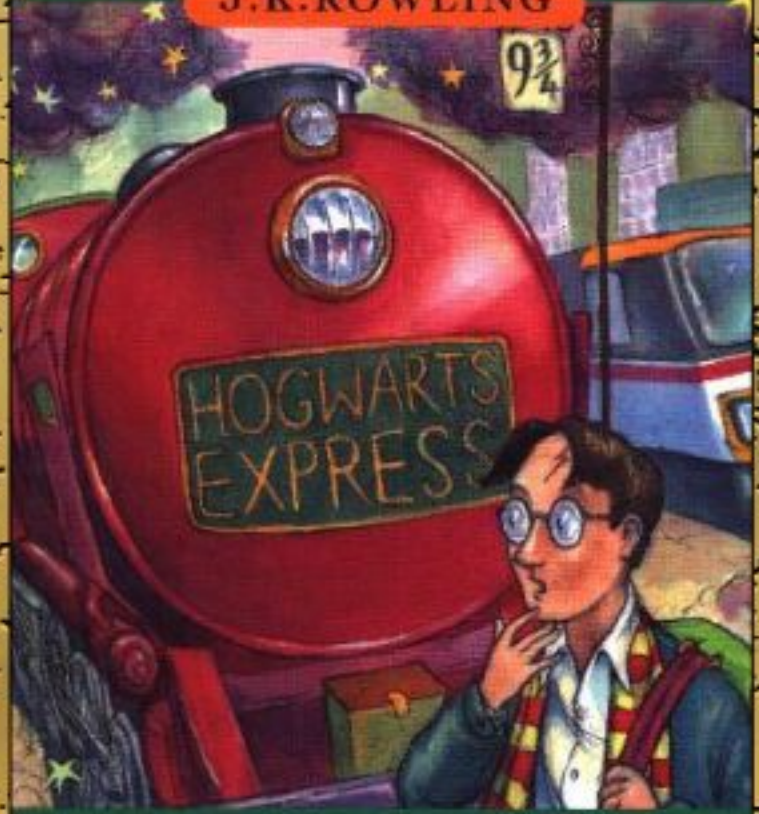
"HARRY POTTER AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE" WAS COMPLETED IN 1995.



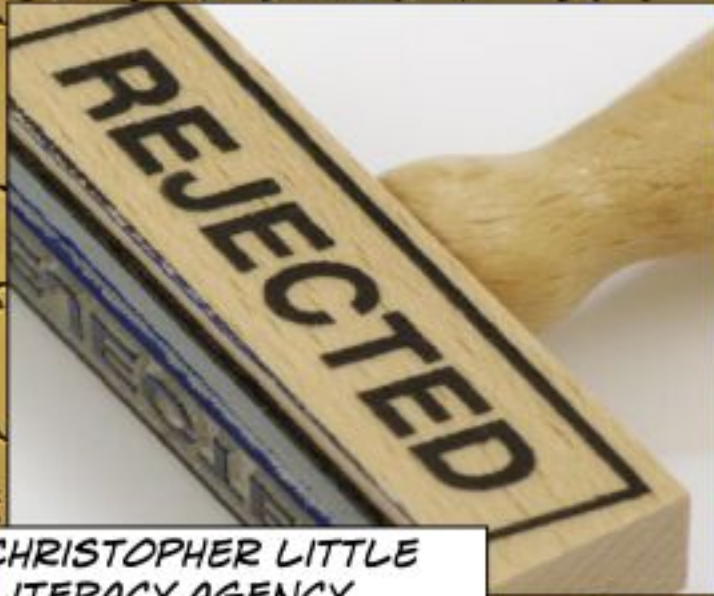
# HARRY POTTER

*and the Philosopher's Stone*

J.K. ROWLING



WINNER OF THE 1997 SMARTIES GOLD AWARD



CHRISTOPHER LITTLE LITERACY AGENCY BECAME JO'S AGENT.

IT WAS REJECTED BY 12 PUBLISHERS BEFORE IT WAS FINALLY PICKED UP BY BLOOMSBURY.

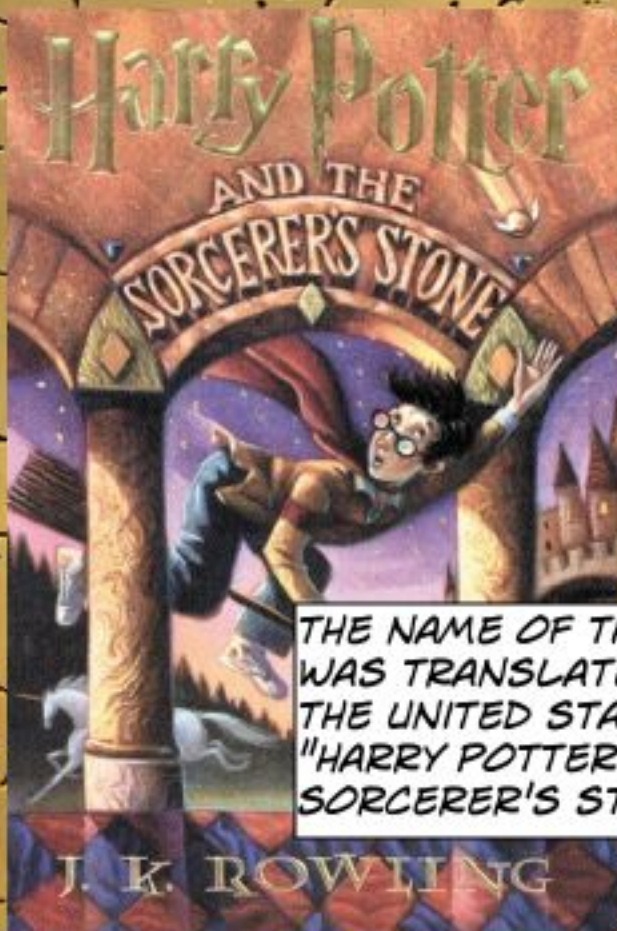


BLOOMSBURY RECOMMENDED THAT SHE CHANGE HER NAME SO THAT THE BOOK COULD BE MORE APPEALING TO BOYS, SO SHE BECAME J.K. ROWLING, ADDING THE K FOR HER BELOVED GRANDMOTHER, KATHLEEN.

THE FIRST HARRY POTTER BOOK HIT BOOKSTORES ON JUNE 26TH 1997.



"HARRY POTTER AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE" BECAME A SUCCESS. SCHOLASTIC BOUGHT THE RIGHTS TO PUBLISH THE BOOK IN THE UNITED STATES FOR \$105,000 IN 1998.



THE NAME OF THE BOOK WAS TRANSLATED IN THE UNITED STATES TO "HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE."



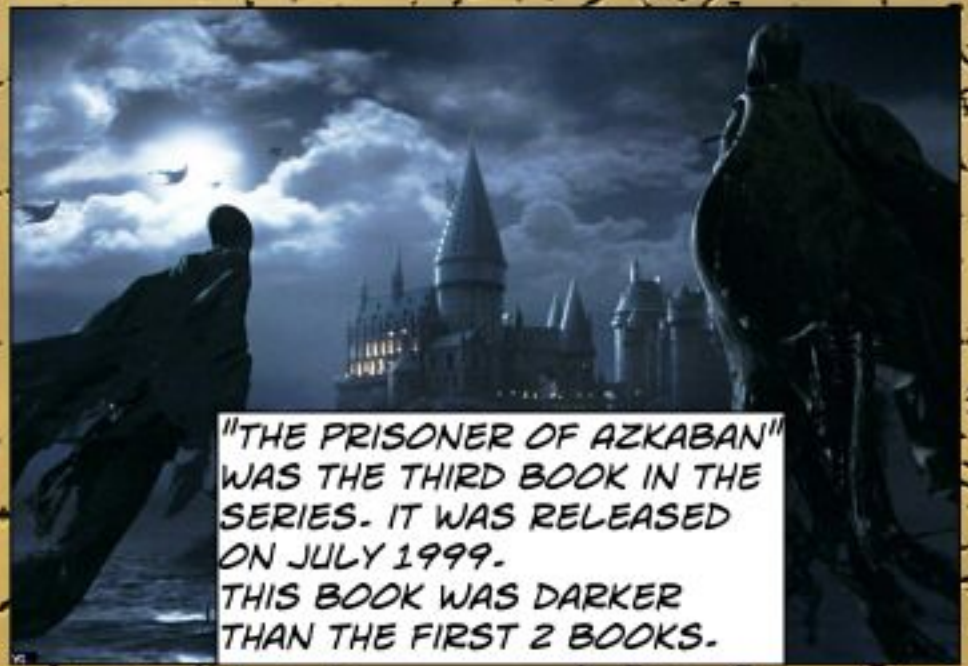
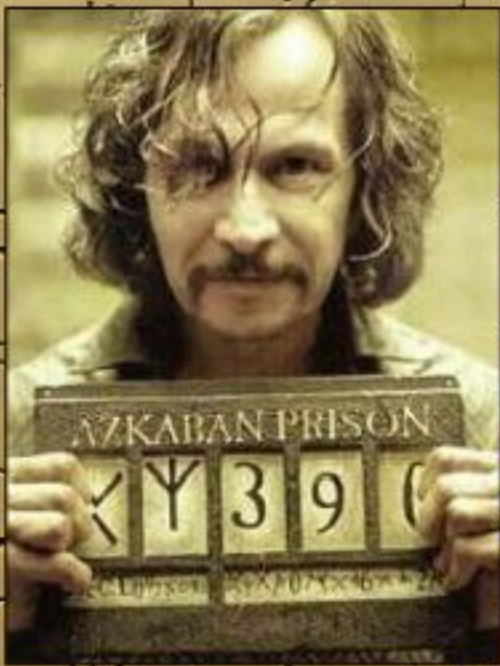
IN 1999, J.K. ROWLING SIGNED A \$1 MILLION MOVIE DEAL WITH WARNER BROTHERS.

THE WORLD PREMIERE WAS ON NOVEMBER 2001.

J.K. ROWLING BECAME ONE OF THE RICHEST WOMEN OVERNIGHT. THE FIRST HARRY POTTER MOVIE EARNED OVER \$300 MILLION DOLLARS. EVERYONE WAS EAGER FOR THE REST OF THE BOOKS.

SHE WAS SO OVERWHELMED THAT SHE HAD WRITERS BLOCK WHILE TRYING TO COMPLETE THE SECOND BOOK, "HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS." IT WAS RELEASED ON JULY 2, 1998.





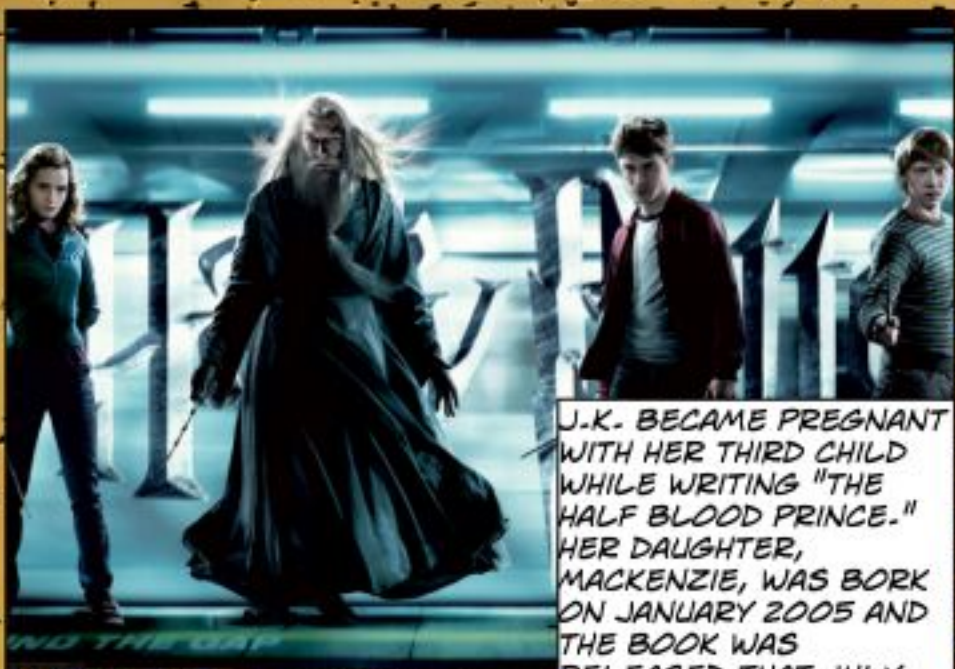
"THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN" WAS THE THIRD BOOK IN THE SERIES. IT WAS RELEASED ON JULY 1999. THIS BOOK WAS DARKER THAN THE FIRST 2 BOOKS.



J.K. ROWLING MARRIED NIEL MURRAY ON DECEMBER 26, 2001.



"THE GOBLET OF FIRE" WAS RELEASED JULY 2000. SHE TOOK A BREAK FROM HARRY POTTER BOOKS FOR A WHILE DURING THIS TIME.



SOON AFTER GETTING MARRIED, SHE BEGAN "THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX." IT WAS FINISHED THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE BIRTH OF HER SON DAVID. IT WAS RELEASED ON JUNE 2003.

J.K. BECAME PREGNANT WITH HER THIRD CHILD WHILE WRITING "THE HALF BLOOD PRINCE." HER DAUGHTER, MACKENZIE, WAS BORN ON JANUARY 2005 AND THE BOOK WAS RELEASED THAT JULY.



THE LAST BOOK OF THE HARRY POTTER SERIES, "HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS" WAS RELEASED JULY 2007, SEVENTEEN YEARS AFTER HARRY POTTER BECAME AN IDEA IN HER HEAD.

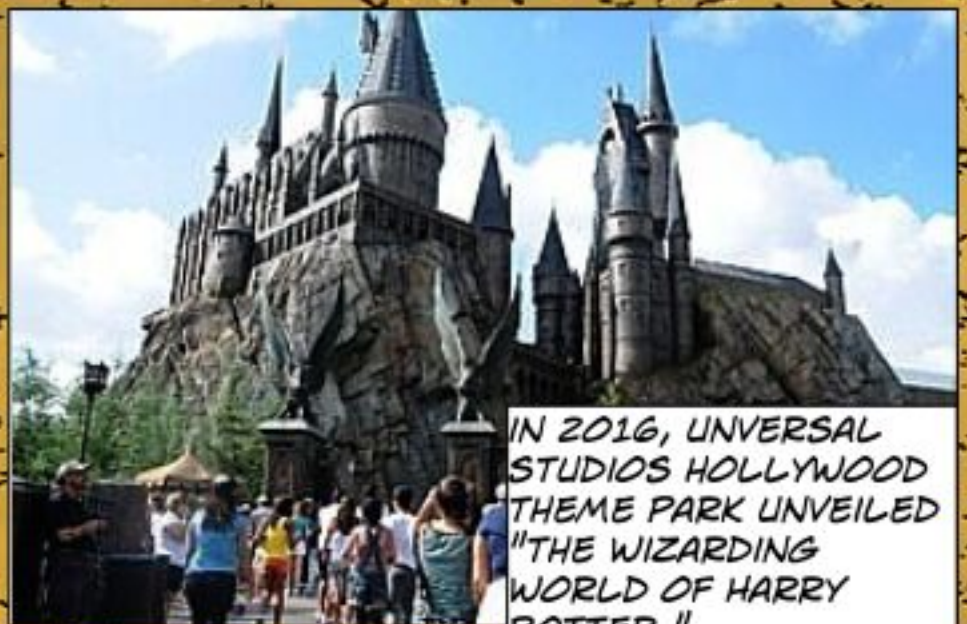


J.K. ROWLING HAS RECEIVED MANY AWARDS FOR HER LITERARY WORKS INCLUDING:

- HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSON LITERATURE AWARD
- SCOTTISH ARTS COUNCIL BOOK AWARD
- WHSMITH BOOK OF THE YEAR
- HUGO AWARD FOR BEST NOVEL



THE AUTHOR'S BOOKS HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED INTO 67 LANGUAGES AND HAS SOLD MILLIONS OF COPIES.



IN 2016, UNIVERSAL STUDIOS HOLLYWOOD THEME PARK UNVEILED "THE WIZARDING WORLD OF HARRY POTTER."



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