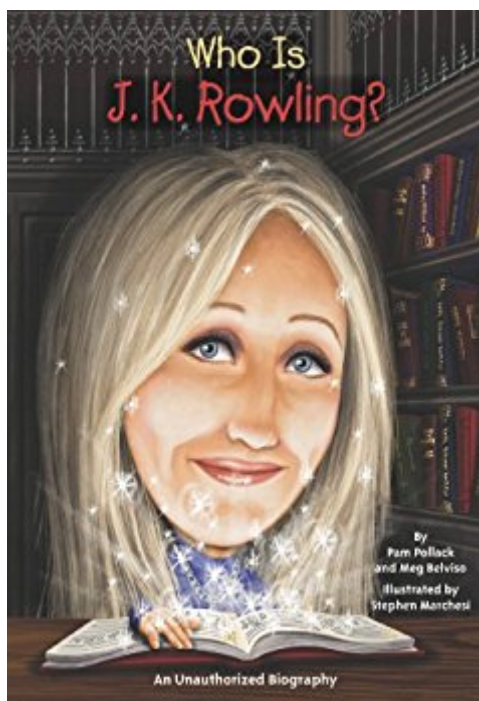


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# Who Is J.K. Rowling? (Who Was...?)



## Synopsis

Everyone loves Harry Potter. Now kids can learn about Harry's creator! In 1995, on a four-hour-delayed train from Manchester to London, J. K. Rowling conceived of the idea of a boy wizard named Harry Potter. Upon arriving in London, she began immediately writing the first book in the saga. Rowling's true-life, rags-to-riches story is as compelling as the world of Hogwarts that she created. This biography details not only Rowling's life and her love of literature but the story behind the creation of a modern classic. From the Trade Paperback edition.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a thoughtful and up-to-date biography of J.K. Rowling, one that will be easily read by grade school children, yet contains enough information to be interesting to adults as well. My 9-yr-old daughter liked it and read it quickly, and I too enjoyed it. The book covers Rowling's childhood, school days and early adult decisions, pointing out events and circumstances that influenced the development of the Harry Potter stories. It moves on to the process of writing the stories and their

publication, followed by the effects that Pottermania had on her life and that of her daughter. Also, it depicts how her new-found wealth has changed her life -- her mansion residences, her charitable work and donations -- and tells of her second marriage and additional two children. The book has a number of informative inserts about related subjects, including Jane Austin, the origin of HP character names, Amnesty International, challenged/banned books, traditional herbs, and internet fan sites. It is liberally illustrated with line drawings that contribute a great deal to the story (although, if I had one quibble, it would be with the book's map of England, which does not include most of the locations mentioned in the book). I recommend this book for children and adults who wish to know more about the woman who is probably the most famous author (and certainly the most well-known among children) alive today.

"Who Is J.K. Rowling" is an entertaining and quick read at just 105 pages. The following is a micro-sampler of what is contained in this book: Chapter 2: A Flying Car (commences on page 21): Key details from Rowling's childhood are discussed, along with some of her favorite books. Chapter 5: The Slush Pile (begins on page 46): This chapter includes facts on J.K. Rowling's journey towards submitting her writings to a receptive agent. Chapter 8: Truly Magical (starts on page 85): Important information is shared on how much Rowling's family life changed as her fame started to sky-rocket even further. I thought that it was great to include some information about the houses and security detail. "Who Is J.K. Rowling" by Pam Pollack and Meg Belviso (illustration by Stephen Marchesi) is a book best for those who enjoy the Harry Potter films and/or books. It is also a great book for those who like biographies about self-made people.

My ten year-old daughter needed to do a school project on a biography so we perused many available options before settling on J. K. Rowling. We both thoroughly enjoyed this interesting read about the woman who created Harry Potter and the magical world he inhabits. I have always been a huge fan of the Harry Potter books and their enduring themes of friendship, loyalty, courage, doing what is right, and the power of love. Now, I am an equally big fan of the woman who lives those ideals. It was great to learn about what her inspirations have been and how she has used her fortune to help others. Does J. K. Rowling deserve to be included amongst this series which also includes Barrack Obama, Neil Armstrong, and Babe Ruth? Absolutely! She is an excellent role model for children to read about.

(A kids review) I bought this book as my biography for women's history month at school and I do not

regret my choice at all!! The book told me everything I needed to know about JK Rowling and it included some extra information I didn't find in any other books. I would recommend this for ONLY people that have read the Harry Potter books and for ages 7-13. I also suggest some of the other who was books.

Good high-level overview of JKR for 3rd graders and above. I read this aloud to my 9-yr old and found it an easy, quick read, all in 90 minutes :)! She followed along the whole time as I read to her, and the story was appropriately depicted and written for children, with interesting facts about JKR. Would recommend for kids looking to learn about this creative author --

My students are in a 5th and 6th grade gifted class and all really enjoy the entire series of "Who Was?" "Who Is?" and "What Was?" books for their AR (Accelerated Reader) goals. These series are all classified as nonfiction, with book level from 4.5-6.0 and they are worth 1 point.

Great little book. We buy lots of Who Was books and use them for homeschool enrichment. Short chapters, larger font, and lots of pictures make these books an easy read. This was a great addition to our collection.

Even though I am a mature (75) adult, I prefer starting my reading about famous people with young adult books. This is the best I've read so far. I just began reading the Who Is...? series and choose her first. It says everything that you need to know about Ms. Rowling in easy to understand language. It isn't bogged down with dates and folks' names we don't know. I like the insets with additional information. I'm going to buy this one and shelve it with the rest of my HP books. Thank you for an hour of entertainment and education.

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