## J.K. Rowling: The Author Who Kept Writing

Joanne Rowling is a famous author today. She is also very successful and rich. But she wasn't always famous, successful and rich. When she was a little girl in England, she started writing when she was five or six years old. She said that the first story she wrote was about a rabbit named *Rabbit*.

She kept writing. She tried to go to Oxford University, but she couldn't. She decided to go to another university. After university, she was working, but she wanted to do something different. She decided to write a book. But there was a problem.

Her mom passed away when Joanne was only 26 years old. She left England and went to Portugal to teach English. In Portugal, she got married and had a daughter. She and her husband had problems. She left Portugal and went back to live in England with her daughter. She tried to take care of her daughter, but it was difficult. She didn't have a job or a lot of money. At this time in her life, she got depressed.

Her situation made her depressed. She didn't have a lot of options, but she decided to keep writing. She wrote a book about a boy named Harry who went to a special school. When she finished writing it, she took it to a company that sold books. They told her they didn't want to sell her book. She tried again and again. Joanne tried to get 12 book companies to sell her book, but none of them wanted to sell her book.

Finally, she found a small company that wanted to sell her book. The company thought she needed a different name. They didn't think boys were going to want to read a book by a woman. So she took the name of her grandmother, Kathleen, and called herself, J.K. Rowling.

Her book sold a lot and she became famous, rich and successful.

Today, J. K. Rowling is also very generous and gives back to people in need. She gives to various organizations. She also keeps writing.

Quite an interesting story for a woman who had problems but kept trying again and again until she finally got what she wanted!