

Harry Potter and me - ANSWERS

1. Harry Potter has been translated into 48 languages.
2. Only the Bible has been translated into more languages than Harry Potter.
3. The author's first book was called "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone".
4. The author of the Harry Potter books is J K Rowling.
5. The author had the idea of Harry Potter in 1990 on a train from Manchester to London.
6. The author's parents met at Kings Cross Station in London.
7. It took the author five years to finish her first Harry Potter book.
8. The school mentioned in the Harry Potter books is called Hogwarts' School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.
9. Choose from: Hat, cloak, protective gloves and a winter cloak
10. Choose from: Standard Book of Spells; A History of Magic, Magical Theory; A Beginner's Guide to Transfiguration; 1000 Magical Herbs and Fungi; Magical Drafts and Potions, Fantastic Beast and Where to Find Them; The Dark Forces: a Guide to Self Protection.
11. Choose from: 1 Wand, 1 Cauldron, 1 set of glass or crystal files, one telescope, 1 set of brass scales.
12. Students at the school can bring an owl, cat or a toad.
13. The author decided to live in Edinburgh in 1993.
14. The author's daughter is called Jessica.
15. The author was able to stay in the café for long periods of time because her brother-in-law owned the café.
16. No, Harry Potter was not accepted straight away by the publishers. It was rejected several times for being too long and, according to the publishers, the book was not politically correct (PC).
17. Bloomsbury Publishing accepted her work and gave her £2,500.
18. The author saw her book in a bookshop called Waterstone's for the first time.
19. No, she does not believe in witchcraft and 95% of the book was made up.
20. The author started to write her second Harry Potter book in 1997.
21. The American Publishers "Scholastic" bought her book and paid her an advance of £105,000.
22. The author was born in 1965.
23. Hermione can be likened to the author herself!
24. The author was 6 years old when she wrote her first book.
25. The book was called "Rabbit" and it was about a rabbit!
26. The author's childhood friend is called Shaun.
27. The author describes Ron Weasley as being "always there when you need him".
28. The author's mother died of multiple sclerosis.
29. There are 7 books in the Harry Potter series.
30. Critics say that Harry Potter books sell witchcraft and are a bad influence on children.