AUTHOR BACKSTORIES

J.K. Rowling

Reading list

Every book in order of first publication. Each series is kept together, in reading order, starting where its first book appeared. Tick the box as you finish each one.

26 books · 4 series · List updated November 14, 2026

Harry Potter

Series · 7 books · 1997–2007

- ☐ 1997 *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*
  Book 1 · Novel
  Published in the UK as Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.
- ☐ 1998 *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*
  Book 2 · Novel
- ☐ 1999 *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*
  Book 3 · Novel
- ☐ 2000 *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*
  Book 4 · Novel
  Won the 2001 Hugo Award for Best Novel.
- ☐ 2003 *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*
  Book 5 · Novel
- ☐ 2005 *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*
  Book 6 · Novel
- ☐ 2007 *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*
  Book 7 · Novel

Hogwarts Library

Series · 3 books · 2001–2008

Short companion books, published for charity: the first two for Comic Relief, the third for Lumos.

- ☐ 2001 *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*
  Other
  A Hogwarts textbook, published for Comic Relief in March 2001.
- ☐ 2001 *Quidditch Through the Ages*
  Other
  A Hogwarts library book, credited to Kennilworthy Whisp.
- ☐ 2008 *The Tales of Beedle the Bard*
  Story collection
  Wizarding fairy tales, sold in aid of Lumos.

- ☐ 2012 *The Casual Vacancy*
  Novel
  Her first novel for adults.

Cormoran Strike

Series · 8 books · 2013–2025

Crime novels published under the pen name Robert Galbraith. A ninth, Sleep Tight, Evangeline, has been announced.

- ☐ 2013 *The Cuckoo's Calling*
  Book 1 · Novel
- ☐ 2014 *The Silkworm*
  Book 2 · Novel
- ☐ 2015 *Career of Evil*
  Book 3 · Novel
- ☐ 2018 *Lethal White*
  Book 4 · Novel
- ☐ 2020 *Troubled Blood*
  Book 5 · Novel
- ☐ 2022 *The Ink Black Heart*
  Book 6 · Novel
- ☐ 2023 *The Running Grave*
  Book 7 · Novel
- ☐ 2025 *The Hallmarked Man*
  Book 8 · Novel

☐ 2015 *Very Good Lives: The Fringe Benefits of Failure and the Importance of Imagination*
Nonfiction
Her 2008 Harvard commencement speech, published as an illustrated book.

Fantastic Beasts screenplays

Series · 3 books · 2016–2022

The published screenplays of her three Fantastic Beasts films.

- ☐ 2016 *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: The Original Screenplay*
  Book 1 · Screenplay
- ☐ 2018 *Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald – The Original Screenplay*
  Book 2 · Screenplay
- ☐ 2022 *Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore – The Complete Screenplay*
  Book 3 · Screenplay · with Steve Kloves

☐ 2016 *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child, Parts One and Two*
Play · original story with John Tiffany and Jack Thorne; play by Jack Thorne

☐ 2020 *The Ickabog*
Children's book

☐ 2021 *The Christmas Pig*
Children's book