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J.K. Rowling

Author

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03.05.2024—[Misgendered](#) U.K. transgender journalist India Willoughby and accused her of “cosplaying a misogynistic male fantasy of what a woman is” in a social media thread that also [compared](#) transgender people using bathrooms that aligns with their gender identity with being permissive about pedophile teachers.

12.14.2022—[Wished](#) a fellow twitter user “Merry Terfmas.”

03.12.2022—[Tweeted](#) “Big love to you xxx” to Caroline Farrow, an anti-trans, anti-gay, and anti-abortion activist after Farrow complained of “having had my life invaded and dominated by insane trans rights activists.” According to [PinkNews](#), Farrow [blamed LGBT+ people when she was barred from travelling to the US](#), was served an injunction over “[abusive tweets](#)” she sent to a trans woman, described a same-sex penguin pair at a zoo as “deviant,” railed against *And Tango Makes Three*, [about a pair of male penguins raising a chick together](#), and insisted that [Disney is losing money because of its inclusion of queer characters](#) claiming that many families “no longer feel safe” because of LGBTQ cartoons, among other anti-LGBTQ comments.

03.08.2022—Mocked transgender inclusivity on International Women’s Day [tweeting](#), “Apparently, under a Labour government, today will become We Who Must Not Be Named Day.”

09.13.2020—Authored the book *Troubled Blood* under the pen name Robert Galbraith in 2020, about a cisgender male serial killer who dresses as a woman to lure victims. A review in [The Telegraph](#) said the book’s “moral seems to be: never trust a man in a dress.” Another book in Rowling’s crime series, 2014’s *The Silkworm*, featured a transgender suspect. In response, the UK trans children’s advocacy group Mermaids gave the following statement to [CNN](#): “This is a long-standing and somewhat tired trope, responsible for the demonization of a small group of people, simply hoping to live their lives with dignity. We are disappointed to hear that the author might be propagating the same, long-standing and hurtful presentation of trans women as a threat. As a children’s charity, we are bearing witness to the very real hurt felt by young people who once saw Ms. Rowling’s fiction as a place of comfort, friendship and escape. The author recently expressed support for trans people’s right to live free from persecution. Her latest book might cause those still enjoying her books to question that sentiment.”

08.28.2020—[Announced](#) she would return an award she had previously received from the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights group after the organization condemned her recent transphobic statements. In a post that month, Kerry Kennedy, the group’s president, wrote: “I have spoken with J.K. Rowling to express my profound disappointment that she has chosen to use her remarkable gifts to create a narrative that diminishes the identity

of trans and nonbinary people, undermining the validity and integrity of the entire transgender community—one that disproportionately suffers from violence, discrimination, harassment, and exclusion and, as a result, experiences high rates of suicide, suicide attempts, homelessness, and mental and bodily harm. Black trans women and trans youth in particular are targeted...Trans rights are human rights. J.K. Rowling's attacks upon the transgender community are inconsistent with the fundamental beliefs and values of RFK Human Rights and represent a repudiation of my father's vision."

07.05.2020—Tweeted false information equating trans-related medical care with mental health care, [writing](#): "Many health professionals are concerned that young people struggling with their mental health are being shunted towards hormones and surgery when this may not be in their best interests." In the same [thread](#), falsely equated transitioning with a "new form of conversion therapy for young gay people" and suggested that gender transition is "driven by homophobia."

06.10.2020—Wrote [essay](#) about transgender people and identity that laid out "five reasons for being worried about the new trans activism," claiming that as "an ex-teacher and the founder of a children's charity," she has "deep concerns about the effect the trans rights movement is having on both." Rowling claimed there has been a "huge explosion in young women wishing to transition" or are "...". Population [research](#) shows growth overall of young people identifying as LGBT, in all categories of the acronym. Scientific [research](#) shows detransitioning to be rare and that [other factors](#) around regret of transition including rejection and discrimination play a significant role. The [stars](#) of the Harry Potter franchise distanced themselves from Rowling's views: "Transgender women are women. Any statement to the contrary erases the identity and dignity of transgender people and goes against all advice given by professional health care associations who have far more expertise on this subject matter than either Jo or I." One of the largest Harry Potter fan sites also issued a [statement](#) of unequivocal supporting for transgender people, values of diversity and inclusion, and rejected Rowling's harmful and disproven theories about transgender people.

06.10.2020—Sent [tweets](#) falsely claiming transgender identity is a threat: "If sex isn't real, there's no same-sex attraction. If sex isn't real, the lived reality of women globally is erased. ... I know and love trans people, but erasing the concept of sex removes the ability of many to meaningfully discuss their lives. It isn't hate to speak the truth."

06.10.2020—[In a 3,600 word essay](#) in which she explained why she was so "worried about the new trans activism" and the effort "to erode the legal definition of sex and replace it with gender," Rowling [described](#) bathroom access as "[throwing] open the doors of bathrooms and changing rooms to any man who believes or feels he's a woman..."

06.06.2020—Mocked the phrase “people who menstruate,” [tweeting](#), “I’m sure there used to be a word for those people. Someone help me out. Wumben? Wimpund? Woomud?”



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12.21.2019—[Liked a tweet](#) that disparaged transgender women as “men in dresses” by the late anti-trans YouTuber Magdaelen Berns. Berns’ tweet read: “I was shouted at by men at my first Labour Party meeting aged 18 because I asked them to remove a Page 3 calendar. I’ve been told to be louder, stronger, independent. I’ve often not felt supported. Men in dresses get brocialist solidarity I never had. that’s misogyny!” Rowling representatives [blamed](#) the “like” on a “clumsy and middle-aged moment.”

12.12.2019—[Expressed support](#) for a tax specialist who had sent anti-transgender tweets, and claims her employment contract was not renewed because of it. Rowling [tweeted](#): “Dress however you please. Call yourself whatever you like. Sleep with any

consenting adult who'll have you. Live your best life in peace and security. But force women out of their jobs for stating that sex is real? [#IStandWithMaya](#) [#ThisIsNotADrill.](#)"
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