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媒体已经揭开了新书作者之谜。此前，哈利波特的作者JK罗林以一位男性的化名出版了一部侦探小说。这部四月出版的新书名叫《杜鹃鸟在呼唤》，讲述了一名退役老兵变身为私人侦探的故事。以下是记者 Martin Vennard 为 BBC 所作的报道：

It was something of a **literary mystery**. How was Robert Galbraith, a former military policeman, able to produce such an **assured debut** novel?

Extract from the book:

The face was crushed and swollen, one eye reduced to a pucker, the other showing as a sliver of dull white between distended lids. When the sequinned top she wore glittered in slight changes of light, it gave a disquieting impression of movement, as though she breathed again.

And now **it turns out** that Robert Galbraith is actually the **nom de plume** of none other than JK Rowling. The secret was only discovered when Britain's Sunday Times newspaper realised that Galbraith and Rowling shared the same agent and editor. Computer analysis showed they used similar phrases and styles.

It was also not the first time Rowling had hidden her **gender**, having chosen to be called JK rather than Joanne when she was first published.

Rowling **confessed**. In **mitigation**, she said she wanted to know how her book would be received without her name and that she had found it a **liberating** experience.

The book had sold fifteen hundred copies before Sunday, and now the mystery has been solved it is number one in the Amazon best seller list.

Questions

1. True or false? Robert Galbraith wrote "The Cuckoo's Calling" for JK Rowling.
2. Where was JK Rowling's secret revealed?
3. What was similar about the writing of Rowling and Galbraith?
4. What has happened to this book now that the real author has been revealed?

Vocabulary and definitions

a literary mystery	文学之谜
assured	有把握的，十拿九稳地
debut	处女作
it turns out	原来是
nom de plume	笔名，化名
gender	性别
confessed	承认，供认
mitigation	辩解
liberating	令人舒畅的

Answers to the questions:

1. True or false? Robert Galbraith wrote "The Cuckoo's Calling" for JK Rowling.
Answer: False.
2. Where was JK Rowling's secret revealed?
Answer: In the Sunday Times newspaper.
3. What was similar about the writing of Rowling and Galbraith?
Answer: They both used similar styles and phrases.
4. What has happened to this book now that the real author has been revealed?
Answer: It has reached number one in the Amazon best seller list.