

AUTHORS BACK PAPER RECYCLING

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Harry Potter author J. K. Rowling is urging her British publisher to print her next book on paper environmentally friendly sources.

Rowling and 13 other British writers are supporting a campaign by environmental group Greenpeace U.K. that asks publishers to use paper that is friendly to ancient forests -- those that have been shaped largely by natural events and are little touched by humans.

That means their books would be printed on paper that has either been recycled or certified by the Forest Stewardship Council, a non-governmental organization with headquarters in Germany. The FSC certifies paper whose production is respectful of wildlife and indigenous communities.

"The forest at Hogwarts is home to magical creatures like unicorns and centaurs," Rowling said in a statement issued through her London agent, Christopher Little. "It is a good idea to respect ancient trees, especially if they have a temper like the Whomping Willow" -- a reference to her popular books about boy wizard **Harry Potter**.

Other writers backing the campaign included Helen Fielding, author of *Bridget Jones's Diary*, and Philip Pullman, who wrote the *His Dark Materials* series of books for children.

The Canadian edition of the fifth **Harry Potter** book, **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix**, was printed on recycled paper.

The Greenpeace drive began in Canada and is spreading in Britain, Germany, Italy, Austria and the Netherlands, said Belinda Fletcher, a Greenpeace representative.

Rowling has already started writing the sixth adventure in the **Harry Potter** series.