

Ken Jennings
Legendary Jeopardy "GOAT" Champion

One of the winningest game show contestants of all time, **KEN JENNINGS** earned legendary status on January 14, 2020 when he won *Jeopardy!*'s "**Greatest Of All Time**" (GOAT) coveted title, crushing viewership ratings for ABC. Dubbed "the Michael Jordan of trivia," Jennings has shattered records, become a pop culture icon, and is one of the most sought-after motivational speakers who reminds us about the value of being inquisitive and continuing to feed our curiosity.

Ken Jennings became the stuff of legends when he set all-time *Jeopardy!* records in 2004. He still holds those records today, including the longest winning streak (74 consecutive games), highest regular-season winnings (\$2,520,700) and highest average correct responses records (35.9) in *Jeopardy!* history.

Ken went on to further fame representing the human race in a 2011 *Jeopardy!* match against IBM's Watson supercomputer. In 2019, he returned to the spotlight when *Jeopardy!* phenom James Holzhauer (who Ken describes as "as close to Watson as a human can get") came within \$60,000 of Ken's winnings record before being eliminated.

Ever humble, Ken continues to express gratitude for his 15-plus year run as champ. "Usually, when they say you can have 15 minutes of fame, it does not become 15 years," said the former software engineer turned best-selling author on Good Morning America.

As a speaker, Ken appears at college and corporate events nationwide, covering topics ranging from the importance of education to artificial intelligence (specifically his encounter with IBM's Watson) to his love of geography (the subject of his New York Times best-selling book), always sharing his insider stories from behind the scenes at Jeopardy! He also participates in trivia nights or live quiz shows, as either a host or participant.

After his long reign on *Jeopardy!*, Ken used his winnings to live the life of his dreams and become a best-selling author. His 12 books include the *New York Times* best-seller *Maphead: Charting the Wide, Weird World of Geography*, *Brainiac: Adventures in the Curious, Competitive, Compulsive World of Trivia Buffs*, *Ken Jennings's Trivia Almanac: 8,888 Questions in 365 Days*, *Planet Funny: How Comedy Took Over Our Culture*, *Wonks, Because I Said So! The Truth Behind the Myths, Tales and Warnings Every Generation Passes Down to Its Kids*; and a children's series, *Junior Genius Guides*.

He is the co-host of *Omnibus*, a twice-weekly podcast that compiles strange-but-true stories for inclusion in a time capsule for future generations. He also serves as a resident expert on the *Game Show Network's Best Ever Trivia Show*, in which three contestants face off against game show and trivia champions. Previously, Ken hosted two game shows on GSN and appeared in ads for FedEx, Microsoft, IBM and Allstate. He has made numerous television appearances, from *The Tonight Show* and *Sesame Street* to being interviewed as one of Barbara Walter's most fascinating people of the year. Prior to becoming a *Jeopardy!* champ, Ken worked as a software engineer for a health care staffing company.

Jennings is part folk hero, part pop icon, and a perennial crowd pleaser. Whether recounting his famous match with Watson, answering audience questions about Jeopardy! or hosting or competing in trivia contests, Ken Jennings treats audiences to an unforgettable experience.