

## **Ken Jennings Short Biography**

Kenneth Wayne Jennings III (born May 23, 1974) holds the record for the longest winning streak on the U.S. syndicated game show Jeopardy! Jennings won 74 games before he was defeated by challenger Nancy Zerg on his 75th appearance. His total earnings on Jeopardy! are US \$3,022,700 (\$2,520,700 in winnings, a \$2,000 2nd-place prize in his 75th appearance, and \$500,000 in the Jeopardy! Ultimate Tournament of Champions). Jennings held the record for most money won on any game show ever until the end of the Ultimate Tournament of Champions (first aired on May 25, 2005), when he was displaced by Brad Rutter, who defeated Jennings in that tournament.

After winning, he began working on a book, *Brainiac: Adventures in the Curious, Competitive, Compulsive World of Trivia Buffs*, which explored American trivia history and culture. Jennings also appeared as a member of the mob (sitting at podium #13) on the game show *1 vs. 100* in 2006, and in 2007 Jennings was the champion of the first season of the US version of *Grand Slam*.