

Emma Watson

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Brief Biography

Emma Charlotte Duerre Watson, who is best known for her role as Hermione Granger in the 'Harry Potter' films, was born in Paris on 15 April 1990. From the age of six, Emma knew that she wanted to act and started attending part-time theatre school Stagecoach. By the age of ten, she had starred in several theatre shows by Stagecoach. Her big break came in 1999 when casting began for 'Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone', which was based on JK Rowling's bestselling novel. Watson won the role of Hermione Granger with Daniel Radcliffe and Rupert Grint taking the other two leading roles.

She played Hermione for almost ten years, appearing in 'Harry Potter and The Chamber of Secrets' (2002), 'Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban' (2004), 'Harry Potter and The Goblet Of Fire' (2005), 'Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix' (2007), 'Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince' (2009) and the two films of 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows' in 2010 and 2011.

Due to her role in this franchise, she has become one of the most well-known and highest paid actresses under the age of 30 in the world earning £10 million. Since the end of Harry Potter, Watson has appeared in numerous films such as 'The Perks of Being A Wallflower' in 2012, 'Noah' in 2014 and played the role of Belle in 'Beauty and the Beast' (2017).

As well as acting, Watson has modelled for Burberry and Lancome. In 2010, she was named Elle's style icon of the year. She also worked with Fair Trade fashion brand People Tree to design a spring collection in 2010. She graduated from Brown University in 2012 with a degree in English Literature.

She is active in feminist causes and women's rights. Watson was made a UN Goodwill Ambassador in 2014 and later in the year gave an address at the United Nations in New York. Her speech was part of the UN Women Campaign *HeForShe* which sought to try and involve more men in the campaign for equal rights between men and women. Watson sought to refresh the concept of feminism, to get away from the idea of 'man-hating', but include men in the process of greater equality.

The following year she appeared in TIME's list of the world's 100 Most Influential people as a result of her activism.