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All About Bond

Daniel Wroughton Craig was born 2nd March 1968 to Carol Williams, an art teacher, and Timothy Craig, a merchant seaman turned steel erector and then pub landlord.

Craig was born in Chester, Cheshire but then moved to Liverpool to be raised by his older sister after his parents split in 1972. He then moved to Hoylake in Wirral with his mother. At the age of 14, Craig played roles in Oliver, Romeo and Juliet and Cinderella at Hilbre High School in West Kirby, Wirral.

He then trained at the National Youth Theatre in London and graduated from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in 1991 and began his career on stage.

His first debut was in *The Power of One* in 1998. Other appearances include the biographical film *Elizabeth* in 1998 and the Disney family film *A Kid in King Arthur's Court* in 1995 and the historical drama series *Sharpe's Eagle* in 1993.

Other film roles include Lord Asriel in *The Golden Compass* (2007), Jake Lonergan in *Cowboys and Aliens* (2011) and Mikael Blomkvist in *The Girl*

with the *Dragon Tattoo* (2011).

In 1992, Craig married Fiona Loudon, with whom he had a daughter, Ella.

The marriage ended in divorce in 1994. After his divorce, Craig was in a seven year relationship with German actress Heike Makatsch ending in 2001 and then in a five year relationship with film producer Satsuki Mitchell.

Craig then dated and later married actress Rachel Weisz in June 2011 in New York City with Craig's daughter, Weisz's son and two others as witnesses.

Craig achieved international fame when he became the sixth actor to play the role of Ian Fleming's James Bond, taking over from Pierce Brosnan in 2005.

Born in 1968, Daniel Craig is the first actor to portray James Bond born after the Bond series started and after the death of Ian Fleming, the novel's author.

His first Bond role was in *Casino Royale* which was released in November 2006. His Bond debut was highly acclaimed and earned him a BAFTA nomination for Best Actor in

a Leading Role and an Empire Award for Best Actor, MTV Movie Award for Best Fight and for Best Shirtless Performance.

His latest bond role was in Spectre, released in 2015.

A former 007 has criticised the latest Bond movie because of its weak plot. Pierce Brosnan, who played Bond from 1995 to 1999, said Spectre “kind of went on too long.”

However, Bond super fan Ashleigh Wilson said “it didn’t seem too long to say it was over two hours long. There was too much going on to realise how long it was on.”

She then said she enjoyed the storyline as it was very dramatic and easy to follow, as well as being action packed.

When asked about her thoughts on the film, she said “it was a very stereotypical Bond film.”

Even though she enjoyed the whole film she said her favourite part was the car chase between Bond and Mr Hinx and the opening credits featuring the new bond theme tune Writings and the Wall by Sam Smith.

Within its first week, Spectre set new British box office record with £40m whereas Pierce Brosnan’s 007 final appearance as Bond in 1999s The World is Not Enough only earned £23m in it’s opening week.

Also, Brosnan only starred in four Bond films, whereas Craig may be cast as 007 in the next James Bond film, making it Craig’s fifth. Could it be jealousy?



“Bond is back and Daniel Craig is back in a terrifically exciting, spectacular, almostoperatically delirious 007 adventure.” - The Gaurdian

“Craig puts heat and heart into Spectre.” - Rolling Stone

“Spectre is still fun, the cast is top-flight.” - Arizona Republic