

James Bond is an English **secret** agent who was **created** by the British **novelist** Ian Fleming. The character of Bond became **popular** not only through Fleming's books but through many movies. Bond, also known as agent 007, is an attractive man who likes women. Fleming **introduced** Bond in his first **novel** Casino Royale in 1953 .

# 007

## IAN FLEMING



Fleming was born in 1908 into a **wealthy** Scottish family. His grandfather was a banker who, after his death, left Ian's family a **fortune**. After going to school at Eton he attended the military academy at Sandhurst, but he didn't like it there and left without becoming an officer. He continued his education in the Austrian town of Kitzbühel , where nobody his real identity.

After coming back to Britain Fleming got a job as a journalist with the **news agency** Reuters and then went into banking. Both jobs did not **please** him very much, so in May 1939 he started working for the **Foreign Office**. There he became the **assistant** of one of Britain's top **spymasters**.

During the last year of the war Fleming travelled to Jamaica to a **naval** conference. He fell in love with the island and built himself a house, which he called Goldeneye. For six years he travelled back and forth from Britain to Jamaica, where he spent the winter, met lovely women, and **enjoyed** the sunset.

He **quit** the **Foreign Office** and turned to writing. He spent his time **developing** the Bond character and leading the life that he **desired**. In the late 1950s Fleming started to suffer from bad health, probably because he was a heavy drinker and smoker. He died in 1964.

## JAMES BOND

James Bond is probably one of the most famous and longest running characters in film history. Since his first **appearance** in Dr. No (1962) the Queen's number one **spy** has travelled to more places, **romanced** more women, escaped from more dangerous situations and saved the world more times than any other **secret** agent in history.

After the war he entered the British **Secret Intelligence Service**, known as MI6, where he became a "double-0" agent with a **license** to kill. His **assignments** have taken him to volcanic islands, India, Las Vegas and even a **space station** in **orbit**. He has **charm**, loves beautiful women, and likes martinis - shaken, not **stirred**-, fine **suits** and fast cars. Most of Bond's **missions** bring him into contact with **shadowy** figures of the underworld.



## SOME OF JAMES BOND'S ENEMIES

- Dr. Julius No - an atomic **scientist** who lost both of his hands.
- Auric Goldfinger – a **smuggler** who wants to **obtain** all the gold in the world.
- Oddjob – Goldfinger's **henchman**
- Jaws – a strong man with steel teeth
- Elliot Carver – a media **mogul** who wants to control the world



## MI6 SERVANTS

- M is the **head** of MI 6. In the first films M was a man but in the last ones Bond's boss is a woman (played by Judy Dench). M finds Bond's **habits** frustrating but respects his many talents and sends him on **missions** where all other agents have **failed**.
- Q is the head of the service's **research** centre. He **develops** the **gadgets** and **weapons** that often save Bond's life.
- Money Penny is M's personal secretary, known for her flirting **encounters** with Bond.

## HISTORY OF BOND FILMS

Starting in 1962, Fleming's novels have been made into successful films. All 22 of them have made a **net profit** of over \$4 **billion**. Sean Connery was the first, and for many true **followers** of the series the best, Bond. He played the role in six movies from 1962 to 1971. George Lazenby took over the role for one film "On Her Majesty's Secret Service", but gave it back to Connery for one more film.

From 1973 to 1985 Roger Moore **portrayed** Bond in more like a playboy way, with more humor and less **determination** than Connery. Timothy Dalton played James Bond in two movies and Pierce Brosnan **starred** in four movies from 1995 to 2002. Daniel Craig is the present Bond, starring in Casino Royal in 2006 and A Quantum of Solace in 2008.

Bond films always have the same **ingredients**: a lot of action, car **chases**, **leaps** from high mountains, gunfights and narrow escapes.

The selection of a Bond girl is almost as important as the choice of the main character himself. She is not only beautiful but also a woman that causes Bond great trouble when he finds himself attracted to her. Some of them are real **villains** while others have their own tragic background. Bond usually wins the girl but sometimes she **betrays** him and dies.

James Bond always drives in **extravagant** cars that have included an Aston Martin, a BMW Z3 and a Lotus Esprit. He also is the first to test MI5s latest **inventions**- deadly **darts**, watches that explode and special guns.

**THE BOND FILMS**

Movie	Year	Main actor
Dr. No	1962	Sean Connery
From Russia with Love	1963	
Goldfinger	1964	
Thunderball	1965	
You Only Live Twice	1967	
On Her Majesty's Secret service	1969	George Lazenby
Diamonds are forever	1971	Sean Connery
Live and Let Die	1973	Roger Moore
The Man with the Golden Gun	1974	
The Spy who loved me	1977	
Moonraker	1979	
For your Eyes Only	1981	
Octopussy	1983	
A View to Kill	1985	
The Living daylights	1987	Timothy Dalton
License to Kill	1989	
Golden Eye	1995	Pierce Brosnan
Tomorrow Never Dies	1997	
The World is not Enough	1999	
Die Another Day	2002	
Casino Royale	2006	Daniel Craig
Quantum of Solace	2008	

## WORDS

- **appearance**= to show for the first time
- **assignment** = job, mission
- **assistant** = helper
- **betray** = to be disloyal to someone who trusts you
- **billion**=one thousand million
- **charm** = something that you have that makes other people like you
- **chase** = to go after someone or follow someone
- **create**= make
- **dart** = a pointed object that you throw or shoot as a weapon
- **desire** = like
- **determination** =to try to do something even when it is difficult
- **develop** = design, make, plan
- **encounter**=to meet, come across someone
- **enjoy** = like
- **extravagant** = something that is expensive and costs a lot of money
- **fail** = opposite of succeed
- **followers** = here: a real fan
- **Foreign Office** = the British government department that is responsible for dealing with other countries
- **fortune** = a lot of money
- **gadget** = a small, cleverly made machine
- **habit** = the things you normally do
- **head** = boss
- **henchman**= the helper of someone who also does criminal or illegal things for him
- **ingredient** =the qualities you need to do something
- **introduce** = show for the first time
- **invention** =a machine or a tool that someone makes for the first time
- **leap** = jump
- **license** = if you are officially allowed to do something
- **mission** = job
- **mogul**= a businessman or –woman who has great power in a special industry
- **naval** = having to do with the navy
- **net profit** = the money that you get from something after all the expenses are paid
- **news agency** = an organization that collects news and gives it to radio, TV or newspapers
- **novel** = a long written story with fictional characters
- **novelist** = a person who writes a novel
- **obtain** = get
- **orbit** = to go around something
- **please** = like
- **popular** = liked by a lot of people
- **portray** = to be shown as
- **quit** = stop working as
- **research** = to study something and find out new things about it or develop something new
- **romance** = to try to make someone love you
- **scientist** =a person who is trained in science
- **secret** = something that only few people know about
- **Secret Intelligence Service** = British organization whose job it is to keep Britain safe from attack by enemies in the country
- **shadowy** = unclear, mysterious
- **smuggler** = someone who brings things illegally from one country to another
- **space station** = a large spaceship that stays in orbit around the earth
- **spy** = someone who has the job of finding out secret information about another country
- **spymaster** = big and important spy
- **star** = to have a leading role in a film
- **stir** =to move water or another drink in a glass around with a spoon
- **suit** =a set of clothes consisting of a jacket and trousers, normally made of the same material and in the same colour
- **villain** = the main bad character in a film
- **wealthy** = rich
- **weapon** =something you use to attack someone with , like a knife, gun or bomb

