

Daniel Jacob Radcliffe was born on July 23, 1989 to Alan Radcliffe and Marcia Gresham. He began performing in small school productions as a young boy.

Soon enough, he landed a role in *David Copperfield* (1999) (TV), as the young David Copperfield. A couple of years later, he landed a role as Mark Pendel in *The Tailor of Panama* (2001), the son of Harry and Louisa Pendel (Geoffrey Rush and Jamie Lee Curtis).

Lee Curtis had indeed pointed out to Daniel's mother that he could be Harry Potter himself. Soon afterwards, Daniel was cast as Harry Potter by director, Chris Columbus in the film that hit theatres in November 16, 2001, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* (2001).

Now being one of the world's most recognizable people, Daniel leads a somewhat normal life. He has made friends working on the Harry Potter films, which include his co-stars Rupert Grint and Emma Watson. Hopefully, he will continue his blossoming acting career and be truly brilliant.



Harry Potter!



- "I've never been one of the cool people at school, but then again, I don't get the people who are cool. It's not that I don't like them, it's just that they don't interest me."
- "When I go back to school everyone asks a lot of questions. Then, after about a week, when I've answered everything, we get back to normal."
- "Fans are really important for me. And if they take pains to write me, it's the minimum that I answer myself."
- "I'm thrilled of the acceptance I get abroad. The people are so hearty, warm and grateful and I feel privileged having seen so many countries and some of the greatest monuments."
- "When I get into trouble at school I'd like to take an invisibility cloak, drape it over me and sneak out the door. Or I'd like to have a 3-headed-dog because then no one would argue with me."
- "I played a trick on the make-up department where I put a fake blood capsule in my mouth, pretended to trip on the stairs and let the blood come out of my mouth. They really fell for it, then they chased after me with a water pistol."
- "I don't understand girls, but I'm slowly learning."
- (On whether he is religious) "I'm not a religious person. My mom was of Jewish blood and my dad was Protestant... I'm very interested in religion as something to study, but I'm not a religious person in the slightest."

Salary

- *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* (2007) \$14,000,000
- *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* (2005) \$11,000,000
- *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* (2002) \$3,000,000
- *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* (2001) \$250,000

name came up, and I was, like, Oh my God! I can't believe that's my name! I've met so many people since we started filming and it's been wonderful. I've progressed so far and

changed so much since the beginning. It's been like a real journey."

- On considering himself as a heartthrob: "Personally I can't see it, but if other people can, fine. Cool!"

Trivia

- Tried reading the first Harry Potter book when he was eight years old, but was unable to finish it. Finally read the entire book when he was cast in the lead role of the film
- Has never actually seen the film *The Tailor of Panama* (2001) in which he appeared.
- Voted Person of the Year 2002 by Time Kids.
- He named Jane's Addiction, Libertines, The, Rage Against the Machine and The Darkness among his favourite bands.
- Is a big fan of Gary Oldman, his co-star in *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* (2004)
- Favorite actors include Aishwarya Rai, Cameron Diaz, Scarlett Johansson and Ben Stiller.
- Delays between filming the second and third Harry Potter movies were caused because his parents wanted him to be able to attend normal school for a while.
- Says he doesn't read any articles or reviews about himself or his movies.
- He supports Demelza House Children's Hospice, which is a charity that cares for terminally-ill children in the Kent, East Sussex and South London areas of Britain. Dan always asks his fans to donate to the charity every Christmas and on his birthday instead of sending him gifts. In the book,

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, the author J.K. Rowling named the character Demelza Robins after the charity.

- Named Britain's richest teenager with an astounding 23 million pound fortune, after he signed on a eight million pound deal to make the fifth movie of the Harry Potter series.

Personal quotes

- After being cast as Harry Potter: "I think I'm a tiny bit like Harry 'cos I'd like to have an owl. Yeah, that's the tiny bit, actually."
- "I don't know. People tell me I look mournful. They say, "Cheer up, Dan, it's not that bad!" Sometimes I just look into space, which freaks people out. If I was ever required to do anything other than look haunted, I could. I'm a happy person. Though I don't, like, dot my "I's" with hearts or anything — that would be too happy."
- "I was in the bath at the time, and my dad came running in and said, 'Guess who they want to play Harry Potter!?' and I started to cry. It was probably the best moment of my life."
- Upon seeing the movie: "I'm a bit nervous about whether people will like it, but I've seen it, and I'm sure they will. It's really good - it's quite scary, it's quite emotional. Even I cried and I don't cry easily! I cried at the end credits when my

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