



# Matthew Goode



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**Matthew William Goode** (born 3 April 1978) is an English actor. He made his screen debut in 2002 with ABC's TV movie feature *Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister*. His breakthrough role was in romantic comedy *Chasing Liberty* (2004), for which he received a nomination at Teen Choice Awards. He then appeared in supporting roles in Woody Allen's *Match Point* (2005), the German-British romantic comedy *Imagine Me and You* (2006), the period drama *Copying Beethoven* (2006). He gained praise for his performance as an aspiring artist in Julian Jarrold's drama *Brideshead Revisited* (2008) and as Ozymandias in the American neo-noir-superhero film *Watchmen* (2009), based on DC Comics' limited series of the same name. He then starred in romantic comedy *Leap Year* (2010) and Australian drama *Burning Man* (2011), the latter earning him a nomination for Best Actor at the Film Critics Circle of Australia Awards.

Other notable film roles include *The Lookout* (2007), *A Single Man* (2009), *Cemetery Junction* (2010), *Stoker* (2013), *Belle* (2013), *The Imitation Game* (2014) and *Self/less* (2015). As well as appearing in films, Goode has appeared in numerous television shows. His most notable television roles include Henry Talbot in the final season of historical period drama *Downton Abbey* and Finley "Finn" Polmar in the CBS legal drama *The Good Wife*. He also had a lead role in short-lived, critically acclaimed British drama *Dancing on the Edge*, as music journalist Stanley Mitchell, for which he earned a nomination for Best Actor in a Miniseries or a Television Film at the Satellite Awards. In 2017, Goode portrayed Antony Armstrong-Jones, 1st Earl of Snowdon in the Netflix biographical drama series *The Crown*.

## Early life

### Matthew Goode



Goode at the [2014 Toronto International Film Festival](#).

<b>Born</b>	<span>Matthew William Goode</span> <div>3 April 1978<sup>[1]</sup></div> <div><span>Exeter, Devon, England</span><sup>[1]</sup></div>
<b>Education</b>	<div><span>Exeter School</span></div> <div><span>University of Birmingham</span></div> <div><span>Webber Douglas</span></div> <div><span>Academy of Dramatic Art</span></div>
<b>Occupation</b>	Actor
<b>Years<span> </span>active</b>	2002–present
<b>Spouse</b>	<span>Sophie Dymoke</span> ( <span>m.</span> <span> </span> 2007)
<b>Children</b>	3
<b>Relatives</b>	<span>Sally Meen</span> (maternal half-sister)

Goode was born in Exeter, Devon. His father is a geologist and his mother, Jennifer, is a nurse and amateur theatre director. Goode is the youngest of five children with a brother, two half-brothers, and a half-sister, television presenter Sally Meen, from his mother's previous marriage. He grew up in the village of Clyst St. Mary, near Exeter.<sup>[2][3]</sup> Goode was educated at Exeter School, an independent school in Exeter, Devon, followed by the University of Birmingham and London's Webber Douglas Academy of Dramatic Art.

## Career

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Goode played Peter Lynley, the brother of Inspector Lynley in the BBC production *Inspector Lynley Mysteries: A Suitable Vengeance* and co-starred in the TV film *Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister*, based on the Gregory Maguire novel of the same name and William Shakespeare's play *The Tempest*. In 2004, Goode made his American film debut opposite Mandy Moore in the romantic comedy *Chasing Liberty*.

Goode co-starred in Woody Allen's thriller *Match Point*, opposite Jonathan Rhys Meyers and Scarlett Johansson, Ol Parker's romantic comedy *Imagine Me & You*, opposite Piper Perabo and Lena Headey, the TV film *My Family and Other Animals*, opposite Imelda Staunton, the biographical-musical drama *Copying Beethoven*, opposite Ed Harris and Diane Kruger and Scott Frank's crime drama *The Lookout* opposite Joseph Gordon-Levitt. He had a whimsical take on Brooke Burgess in the BBC miniseries *He Knew He Was Right* based upon Anthony Trollope's novel of the same name.

In 2008, Goode starred in the drama film *Brideshead Revisited* as Charles Ryder, based on Evelyn Waugh's novel of the same name. In 2009, Goode co-starred opposite Malin Akerman in Zack Snyder's superhero film *Watchmen* as Ozymandias/Adrian Veidt, and co-starred opposite Colin Firth in the drama film *A Single Man*, based on Christopher Isherwood's novel of the same name. In 2010, he co-starred opposite Amy Adams in the romantic comedy *Leap Year*.



Goode with *Stoker* cast and crew at Sundance Film Festival.

In 2013, Goode played the lead in the BBC Two drama *Dancing on the Edge*, as magazine columnist Stanley Mitchell. That same year, he co-starred opposite Mia Wasikowska and Nicole Kidman in the psychological thriller film *Stoker*.

Also in 2013, Goode co-starred as George Wickham opposite Matthew Rhys in the three-part BBC murder mystery miniseries *Death Comes to Pemberley*, based on P. D. James' novel of the same name, and a spin-off of the 1995 drama miniseries *Pride and Prejudice* to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the publication of Jane Austen's novel of the same name.<sup>[4]</sup>

In March 2014, Goode joined the cast of the CBS legal drama *The Good Wife* during the fifth season replacing Josh Charles, who played Will Gardner<sup>[5][6]</sup> as Finley "Finn" Polmar, a State prosecutor. He made his debut in the fifteenth episode titled "Dramatics, Your Honor" in which Will was killed off.<sup>[7][8][9]</sup> That same year, he appeared in the historical thriller *The Imitation Game* as Hugh Alexander, a British Second World War cryptanalyst and chess champion.<sup>[10]</sup>

In 2014, Goode co-starred in the ITV drama *Downton Abbey*'s Season 5 Christmas special titled "A Moorland Holiday" as Henry Talbot.<sup>[11]</sup> He returned to *Downton Abbey* in October 2015 beginning in the fourth episode of the sixth season.

In May 2015, Goode left *The Good Wife* after the sixth-season finale titled "Wanna Partner?".<sup>[12]</sup> After appearing in multiple films in the mid-2010s, he appeared in 2016's *Allied*.

Began working on WGN's production of Roadside Picnic series based on the Strugatsky novel in autumn 2016, set to air sometime in 2017.

## Personal life

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Goode has been in a relationship with Sophie Dymoke since 2005, and they married in 2007.<sup>[13][14][15]</sup> They have two daughters, Matilda Eve Goode<sup>[2]</sup> (b. March 2009) and Teddie Eleanor Rose Goode (b. September 2013), and a son, Ralph Goode (b. August 2015).

He supports Liverpool Football Club.

# Filmography

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## Films

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2003	<i><u>Al sur de Granada (South of Granada)</u></i>	<u>Gerald Brenan</u>	
2004	<i><u>Chasing Liberty</u></i>	Ben Calder	
2005	<i><u>Match Point</u></i>	Tom Hewett	
2006	<i><u>Imagine Me &amp; You</u></i>	Hector	
2006	<i><u>Copying Beethoven</u></i>	Martin Bauer	
2007	<i><u>The Lookout</u></i>	Gary Spargo	
2008	<i><u>Brideshead Revisited</u></i>	Charles Ryder	
2009	<i><u>Watchmen</u></i>	<u>Adrian Veidt/Ozymandias</u>	
2009	<i><u>A Single Man</u></i>	Jim	
2010	<i><u>Leap Year</u></i>	Declan O'Callaghan	
2010	<i><u>Cemetery Junction</u></i>	Mike Ramsay	
2011	<i><u>Burning Man</u></i>	Tom	
2013	<i><u>Stoker</u></i>	Uncle Charlie	
2013	<i><u>Belle</u></i>	Captain <u>Sir John Lindsay</u>	
2014	<i><u>The Imitation Game</u></i>	<u>Hugh Alexander</u>	
2015	<i><u>Pressure</u></i>	Mitchell	
2015	<i><u>Self/less</u></i>	Albright	
2016	<i><u>Allied</u></i>	Guy Sangster	
2017	<i><u>Four Kids and It</u></i>	David	
2017	<i><u>The Sense of an Ending</u></i>	Joe Hunt	
2017	<i><u>The Hatton Garden Job</u></i>	XXX	
2018	<i><u>Magik</u></i>	Talon	Post-production
<u>TBA</u>	<i><u>Guernsey</u></i>	Sidney Stark	Filming

## Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2002	<i><u>Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister</u></i>	Caspar	Television film
2003	<i><u>Bounty Hamster</u></i>	Various	
2003	<i><u>The Inspector Lynley Mysteries</u></i>	Peter Lynley	Episode: "A Suitable Vengeance"

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2004	<i>He Knew He Was Right</i>	Brooke Burgess	2 episodes
2005	<i>Agatha Christie's Marple</i>	Patrick Simmons	Episode: "A Murder Is Announced "
2005	<i>My Family and Other Animals</i>	Larry Durrell	Television film
2012	<i>Birdsong</i>	Captain Gray	Lead role, 2 episodes
2012	<i>The Poison Tree</i>	Rex Clarke	Lead role, 2 episodes
2013	<i>Dancing on the Edge</i>	Stanley Mitchell	Lead role, 6 episodes
2013	<i>Death Comes to Pemberley</i>	George Wickham	Lead role, 3 episodes
2014–2015	<i>The Good Wife</i>	Finley "Finn" Polmar	Series regular, 28 episodes
2014–2015	<i>Downton Abbey</i>	Henry Talbot	1 episode, guest: series 5; 6 episodes: series 6
2016	<i>The Wine Show</i>	Himself	Lead role with <u>Matthew Rhys</u>
2016	<i>Roots</i>	Dr. William Waller	Lead role, 2 episodes
2017	<i>The Crown</i>	<u>Antony Armstrong-Jones</u>	Season 2
2018	<i>A Discovery of Witches</i>	Matthew Clairmont	Lead Role

## Awards

Year	Award	Category	Work	Result
2004	<u>Teen Choice Awards</u>	Choice Movie: Male Breakout Star	<i>Chasing Liberty</i>	Nominated
		Choice Movie Liar		Nominated
2012	<u>Film Critics Circle of Australia Awards</u>	Best Actor - Leading Role	<i>Burning Man</i>	Nominated
2013	<u>Australian Film Institute</u>	Best Lead Actor		Nominated
2014	<u>Satellite Awards</u>	Best Actor in a Miniseries or a Motion Picture Made for Television	<i>Dancing on the Edge</i>	Nominated
2015	<u>Screen Actors Guild Award</u>	Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture	<i>The Imitation Game</i>	Nominated

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