**Julia Fiona Roberts**

Julia Fiona Roberts is probably the best known actress in America today. She never in her wildest dreams imagined that she would rise to such a level in the film industry, even though her parents Betty Lou (Bredemus) and Walter Grady Roberts were playwrights and actors.



As a child she wanted to be a Veterinarian, but settled for a course in journalism. Born in Smyrna, Georgia on October 28, 1967, she is of mixed descent comprising of English, Irish, Scottish, Welsh, German, and Swedish ancestors. Her brother Eric Roberts was to become a successful Hollywood actor. The success of Eric greatly influenced Julia to take up an acting career.

Luckily for her, she got a break when in 1988 she secured roles in two movies specifically designed for youths, namely *Satisfaction* (1988) and *Mystic Pizza* (1988). By 1990 she had succeeded in working herself up the film industry ladder and scored her biggest success in the movie *Pretty Woman*. She received an Oscar nomination as well as the People's Choice award for Favorite Actress for her role in the movie.



Julia’s star shone brighter and brighter in the coming years. She continued to rise steadfastly as she appeared in one movie or the other playing lead roles in serious movies including fantasy roles like Tinkerbell. However, it was in romantic movies that she excelled and attracted the attention of movie audiences across the globe. In 1997 she starred in the movie, *My Best Friend's Wedding* which set the stage for her to become a truly global movie star.

The movie grossed a whopping $464 Million. She has since gone on to win several awards in the film industry including three Golden Globe Awards, one Academy Award for her 2000 performance in *Erin Brockovitch*, four nominations for Academy Awards and the title of the most beautiful woman in the world.

All her films have collectively brought in over US$2.8 billion. She is no doubt one of the most successful women in box office history. Her most recent movies include *Money Monster* (2016), and *Wonder* (2017).

However, all good things must come to an end as they say in Hollywood. Julia is approaching the age in which most actresses become less marketable in the industry. For instance, the movie *Larry Crowne* in which she costarred Tom Hanks only raked in a meagre $52 million.

In the case of the movie *Mirror, Mirror* the apparent relative high box office take of $135 million was offset with an estimated $85 million production cost.

Julia’s personal life has however not been as successful as her acting career, dabbling from one failed romantic relationship to another including relationships with fellow actors Mathew Perry, Dylan McDermott, Jason Patric, Kiefer Sutherland, Benjamin Bratt and Liam Neeson, Apparently most of the men she has dated do not subscribe to her thinking when she said: “You know it's love when all you want is that person to be happy, even if you’re not part of their happiness”.



Her first marriage to country singer Lyle Lovett lasted barely 2 years. She subsequently got married to a Mexican Cameraman, Daniel Moder in 2002 and together they have three children. However, there are rumours making the rounds in Hollywood that the marriage of Julia Roberts and Danny Moder is currently heading for the rocks.



**Julia and Her Husband Daniel Modder**

It is speculated that Julia may face a divorce action to the tune of $225 Million following revelations of infidelity. Julia is accused of having scandalous relationships with Richard Gere and George Clooney respectively in recent times.



**Julia and Her Three Children**

In another unrelated development, there are rumours that Nancy Moles committed suicide on account of a bad relationship with her half-sister Julia Roberts. Nancy Motes, in a series of tweets before committing suicide referred to Julia as a “bitch” and “hag” pointing to a rocky relationship.



There are some positive aspects associated with her personal life, though. Julia’s mother was a Catholic and so she was brought up in the Catholic traditions but she revealed recently that she has embraced the beliefs and practices of Hinduism. This may explain why Julia is passionate about charities and charitable works, giving considerable resources and time to charitable organizations and international development organizations such as UNICEF.

She is known to have used her celebrity status and name to assist in creating a charitable organization to help raise funds for research into the development of a cure for Rett Syndrome that affects a good number of little girls below the age of 6. She also participates actively in raising awareness about climate change. She is indeed a wonderful person.