

= Rupert Grint =

Rupert Alexander Lloyd Grint (born 24 August 1988) is an English actor who rose to prominence playing Ron Weasley , one of the three main characters in the Harry Potter film series . Grint was cast as Ron Weasley at the age of 11 , having previously acted only in school plays and at his local theatre group . From 2001 to 2011 , he starred in all eight Harry Potter films alongside Daniel Radcliffe playing as Harry Potter and Emma Watson playing as Hermione Granger .

Beginning in 2002 , Grint began to work outside of the Harry Potter franchise , playing a co @-@ leading role in Thunderpants . He has had starring roles in Driving Lessons , a dramedy released in 2006 , and Cherrybomb , a drama film of limited release in 2010 . Grint co @-@ starred with Bill Nighy and Emily Blunt in Wild Target , a comedy . His first film project following the end of the Harry Potter series was the 2012 anti @-@ war film , Into the White , in which he has a supporting role . In 2013 , Grint 's new film CBGB was released and he has been cast in CBS 's new show Super Clyde . Grint made his stage debut in Jez Butterworth 's Mojo in October 2013 at the Harold Pinter Theatre in London .

= = Early life = =

Grint was born in Harlow , Essex , England , to Nigel Grint (b . 1963) , a dealer in racing memorabilia , and Joanne Grint (née Parsons ; b . 1967) . Grint is the eldest of five siblings . He has stated that his earliest ambition in life was to become an ice cream man . He attended Richard Hale School , in Hertford . While in school , Grint took an avid interest in theatre . He started performing in school productions and joined the Top Hat Stage and Screen School , a local theatre group that cast him as a fish in Noah 's Ark and a donkey in another nativity play . He continued performing in school plays as he moved into secondary school . However , Grint had never acted professionally before the Harry Potter series . At the age of 16 , he left school to focus on his acting career . " I didn 't really like school that much , " the actor later commented .

= = Career = =

= = = Harry Potter (2001 ? 11) = = =

Starting in 2000 , casting began for the film adaptation of Harry Potter and the Philosopher 's Stone , the best @-@ selling novel written by author J. K. Rowling . Rowling personally insisted that the cast be British and assisted Susie Figgis and director Chris Columbus in casting the roles . Grint chose to try out for the role of protagonist Ron Weasley , one of Harry Potter 's best friends at Hogwarts , and was a fan of the book series . Having seen a Newsround report about the open casting , he sent in a video of himself rapping about how he wished to receive the role . His attempt was successful as the casting team asked for a meeting with him . On 8 August 2000 , Daniel Radcliffe , Emma Watson , and an 11 @-@ year @-@ old Grint were selected to play the roles of Harry , Hermione Granger , and Ron , respectively . Grint is the oldest member of the trio . The release of Harry Potter and the Philosopher 's Stone in 2001 was Grint 's debut screen performance . Breaking records for opening @-@ day sales and opening @-@ weekend takings , it was the highest @-@ grossing film of that year . With a total of US \$ 974 million in its theatrical run , Philosopher 's Stone stands as the second most commercially successful entry in the series . It was also critically well @-@ received , scoring mainly positive reviews from critics . However , a number of critics found the adaption staying faithful to the book to be both its best and worst quality . Grint won a Satellite Award in the category of " Outstanding New Talent " , and a Young Artist Award for " Most Promising Young Newcomer " .

A year later , Grint again starred as Ron in Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2002) , the second installment of the series . The film opened to positive reviews and critics generally enjoyed the lead actors ' performances . Both Los Angeles Times and New York Magazine observed that

Grint and his peers had matured between films , with the latter pointing out that Grint had become " more proficient " and said they missed " the amateurish ardour " the actor and Watson carried in *Philosopher 's Stone* . *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* (2004) was released on 31 May in the UK . The film sees all three of its lead characters hover on the brink of adolescence , " and while they look braver and more capable than before , the dangers they face seem far more grave and their own vulnerability more intense . " Academy Award @-@ nominee Alfonso Cuarón took over direction for *Prisoner of Azkaban* which remains the lowest @-@ grossing *Harry Potter* film with US \$ 795 million in revenue . Nonetheless it was the second highest @-@ grossing movie of 2004 behind *Shrek 2* . Despite this it remains the second highest rated in the series in terms of critical reaction .

In 2005 , Grint reprised his role again for the fourth film in the series ? *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* . The adaptation , unlike previous films , explored romantic elements and included more humour . In a 2005 interview with IGN , all three lead actors singled out the humour as being a reason for the film 's success . This project was directed by Mike Newell . According to the actor , the director was " really loud and not afraid to swear at you , but he was really cool . " *Goblet of Fire* stands as one of the best reviewed instalments within the series , and is noted for the maturity and sophistication of its characters , darker and more complex plotline , writing and performances of the lead actors . *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* , the fifth film in the *Harry Potter* franchise , was released to cinemas in 2007 . A huge financial success , *Order of the Phoenix* set a record worldwide opening @-@ weekend gross of US \$ 394 million , superseding *Spider @-@ Man 3* as the title holder . This entry was directed by a new filmmaker , David Yates , who would continue to direct all of the following movies . Grint said the laid back director was " really good " and helped keep the material fresh . As the fame of the actor and the series continued , Grint and fellow *Harry Potter* cast members left imprints of their hands , feet and wands in front of Grauman 's Chinese Theater in Hollywood .

On 15 July 2009 , the series 's sixth instalment , *Harry Potter and the Half @-@ Blood Prince* , was released . It did considerably better financially than the previous film , again setting new box office records . In its total theatrical run , *Half @-@ Blood Prince* totalled in US \$ 933 million ticket sales . Also , *Half @-@ Blood Prince* remains one of the most positively reviewed entries within the series among film critics , who praised the film 's " emotionally satisfying " story , direction , cinematography , visuals and music . Grint observed a change in Ron in this entry , pointing out that his once insecure , often overshadowed character started to become more secure and even began to show a dark side of himself . The actor found it fun to personify a more emotional Ron . Between 2009 and 2010 , his work received three nominations , including one win ? an Otto Award from the German magazine *Bravo* .

Despite the success of the past films , the future of the franchise was put into question as all three lead actors were unsure about signing on to continue their roles for the final two films . However , by March 2007 , Grint agreed to return for the last instalments . For financial and scripting reasons , the last book was divided into two films which were shot back to back , with filming concluding in June 2010 . After completing the final film he said : " I mean it literally has been my childhood and suddenly it all came down to really just one random scene , with us jumping through a fireplace , and then it was over . [...] But because you shoot out of sequence , it 's often just ' Turn left , cross the room , okay , that 's a wrap . ' And you 're done . [...] Yeah , it 's very odd . Because suddenly it was all over , just like that . It was really emotional for all of us , realising that we 're never going to be doing this again .

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows ? Part 1 (2010) was released in November and made over US \$ 950 million . It set several box office records and opened to mostly favourable reviews in the media . His portrayal of Ron again earned him critical praise . Reviewing the adaption in *Slate* , Dana Stevens called all three of the leads " terrific . " Despite giving *Deathly Hallows ? Part 1* a negative rating , Joe Morgenstern of *The Wall Street Journal* publication stated " Grint has grown up to be a skilful actor who knows the value of a slow burn " . New York Post writer Lou Lumenick , however , observed that both Grint and Radcliffe had grown weary of playing the same characters and expressed it in their performances . Grint 's performance scored him nominations from the MTV

Movie Awards and National Movie Awards for Best Fight and Performance of the Year in 2011 . Grint reprised his role for the eighth time , in Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows ? Part 2 , the last Harry Potter instalment . This film picked @-@ up from where the previous film left @-@ off and included a lot of action , whereas the first part had focused more on character development . Rupert , along with the film , was critically acclaimed : Ann Hornaday of The Washington Post asked , " Who could have predicted that Radcliffe , Grint and Watson would turn out to be good actors ? " . The film broke several box office records , including biggest midnight release , biggest first @-@ day opening , and biggest opening @-@ weekend . Deathly Hallows ? Part 2 is currently the 4th highest @-@ grossing film of all time , and the second highest @-@ grossing non @-@ James Cameron film with more than US \$ 1 @. @ 3 billion worldwide (behind The Avengers) .

Harry Potter 's author J. K. Rowling gave a speech during the final , world premiere of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows ? Part 2 on 7 July 2011 in London , England . She announced that there are seven Harry Potter film series cast members , to whom she refers as " The Big Seven , " and she named Grint as one of the seven members , alongside Daniel Radcliffe , Emma Watson , Tom Felton , Matthew Lewis , Evanna Lynch and Bonnie Wright .

= = = Other work (2002 ? present) = = =

In 2002 , Grint starred in his first non @-@ Harry Potter film , Thunderpants , which revolves around Patrick (played by Bruce Cook) whose remarkable capacity for flatulence scores him a job as an astronaut . In this film , Grint portrayed the co @-@ lead role of Alan , an anosmic boy who is Patrick 's only friend . It was generally ignored by critics and audiences alike . Most of the critics that did take notice of Thunderpants did not respond well to it , with one writing : " This film should be shown in prisons so that inmates have a good reason to never return . " Another film he appeared in was Driving Lessons , a comedy @-@ drama released in 2006 , where he starred opposite Julie Walters . The film was met with a mixed reception by critics , but his portrayal of an oppressed teenaged boy was generally praised . " Grint , on the other hand , is a revelation " , who " displays an innate naturalness mixed with personal charisma that turn a potentially pathetic Christian freak into a humorous , thoroughly likable ? if more than a little awkward ? young man " , wrote Alt Film Guide 's Andre Soares .

In July 2008 , it was announced that Grint would star in the drama film Cherrybomb with Robert Sheehan and Kimberley Nixon . Grint found shooting this film very different from the Harry Potter films since he had to adjust to doing a dozen scenes per day . Grint 's character ? Malachy , a worker at Belfast ? goes to great lengths to impress his boss 's daughter , with whom he is infatuated . This film , like his next project , would involve him playing violent roles . Despite premiering at the 2009 Berlin International Film Festival , the film was initially unable to find a distributor . An online campaign by Grint 's fans was credited with helping to secure a deal for distribution in the UK in 2010 .

Jonathan Lynn directed Grint in Wild Target , a 2010 comedy thriller film , which he starred in alongside Emily Blunt and Bill Nighy . A remake of the 1993 French film Cible Emouvante , Wild Target was made on a relatively small production budget of US \$ 8 million . However , it was a commercial failure , only earning back US \$ 3 @. @ 4 million . It also garnered mostly negative reviews in the media , which criticised it for dishonouring the original film and wasting the comedic potential of its cast , but Grint also attracted some positive notice : " It ? s nice to see Rupert Grint perform well in a role other than that of Ron Weasley , and it ? s clear that he ? s got a career ahead of him . "

In January 2011 , Grint made a cameo appearance in BBC popular comedy show Come Fly with Me starring comedy duo Matt Lucas and David Walliams (Little Britain) . In March 2011 , Grint was cast as the lead character in the small @-@ budget anti @-@ war Norwegian film Into the White , which was directed by Petter Næss . Principal photography started in April , and the project , which was shot on location , was released in 2012 . Into the White is based on a real incident that took place on 27 April 1940 , when German Luftwaffe pilot Horst Schopis ? s bomber was shot down at Grotli by a Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm Blackburn Skua , which then crash @-@ landed . The several

German and British crew members found shelter by chance during a harsh winter there .

In August 2011 , Grint did a photo shoot with his friend and Harry Potter co @-@ star Tom Felton in Los Angeles for the autumn / winter collection of the fashion label Band of Outsiders . In September 2011 , it was announced that Grint would voice a character in the film adaptation of Postman Pat along with David Tennant , Stephen Mangan and Jim Broadbent ; the film was released in May 2014 . Grint also appears in the music video for Ed Sheeran 's song " Lego House " ; the video was released on 20 October 2011 .

In March 2012 the " Visit Britain " TV ad was released , which features Grint alongside Julie Walters , Michelle Dockery and Stephen Fry . The TV ad promotes holidaying at home in the UK .

On 14 March 2012 , Variety reported that Grint had been cast alongside Chloë Grace Moretz in The Drummer , a biopic film about drummer Dennis Wilson of the Beach Boys . On the same day , Hollywood Reporter confirmed this and announced filming was scheduled to begin on 15 June 2012 in California and Savannah , Georgia

On 25 July 2012 , Grint carried the 2012 London Olympic torch during the Olympic Torch Relay , which is part of 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London . In interviews , Rupert told the BBC News that it was an " overwhelming " experience that he hoped to remember forever , and told The Daily Telegraph " It was amazing , it was really overwhelming . It 's just such an honour to be a part of this . I 'm really proud " .

In October 2012 Grint narrated We Are Aliens , a 25min 3D Planetarium Fulldome film about the possibility of other intelligent life in our Universe .

On 13 February 2013 , The Hollywood Reporter 's Live Feed announced that Grint would star in a television show on CBS called Super Clyde . " Grint will play the title role of Clyde , the well @-@ meaning and sweet yet slightly neurotic guy who never feels like he really fits in . The avid comic book reader considers himself a borderline agoraphobic with mild to severe anxiety issues who wishes he were a super hero himself . When Clyde inherits a \$ 100 @,@ 000 a month inheritance from his long @-@ dead eccentric Uncle Bill , he decides that the cash will be his secret super power and will use it only for good and reward the good @-@ hearted . "

In July 2013 , it was confirmed that Grint will be making his stage debut in Jez Butterworth 's second run of his black comedy , Mojo , playing the role as a minor hood called Sweets who pops amphetamines like Smarties and does a sort of double act , full of comic menace . Grint will be starring alongside actors Brendan Coyle , Ben Whishaw and Daniel Mays . The play is based on real @-@ life events and ran from 26 October 2013 until 8 February 2014 at the Harold Pinter Theatre in London . He won the WhatsOnStage Award for Best London Newcomer for his role in this play .

In September 2013 , The Hollywood Reporter confirmed that in an adaptation of Macbeth called Enemy of Man , Grint will be starring with Sean Bean , Charles Dance , Jason Flemyng , James D ? Arcy , Neil Maskell and Joe Gilgun , directed by Vincent Regan . The filming production was set to begin in January 2014 in the United Kingdom .

In June 2014 , it was announced that Grint would make his Broadway debut as Frank Finger in the play It 's Only a Play at the Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre , appearing alongside Matthew Broderick , Nathan Lane , Stockard Channing , and Megan Mullally . Grint 's first performance was on 28 August 2014 and his last performance was on 4 January 2015 .

= = Personal life = =

Grint is involved with charity , having donated items such as clothes to charity auctions , as well as participating in the Wacky Rally in 2010 with James and Oliver Phelps , which raised money for Britain ? s Royal National Lifeboat Institution . He was one of more than forty participants to produce designs for Chrysalis Collection for Keech Hospice Care in London . His piece , a painted butterfly , was auctioned on eBay.com in March 2010 .

In May 2011 , along with other celebrities , Grint took part in the ad campaign for " Make Mine Milk " to promote daily milk drinking . His ads can be seen on thousands of bus sides and posters across the United Kingdom . Grint supports Little Star Award since 2011 in support of Cancer Research UK

, joining Leona Lewis among others . " I think that it ' s wonderful that Cancer Research UK is helping to bring a little bit of magic to the children ' s lives in this way , ' said Grint .
Grint is private about his personal life , but was confirmed to be in a relationship in October 2014 .

== Filmography ==

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== Awards and nominations ==