

= Emma Watson =

Emma Charlotte Duerre Watson (born 15 April 1990) is a British actress , model , and activist . Born in Paris and brought up in Oxfordshire , Watson attended the Dragon School as a child and trained as an actress at the Oxford branch of Stagecoach Theatre Arts . She rose to prominence after landing her first professional acting role as Hermione Granger in the Harry Potter film series , appearing in all eight Harry Potter films from 2001 to 2011 , previously having acted only in school plays . The franchise earned Watson worldwide fame , critical accolades , and more than £ 10 million . She continued to work outside of the Harry Potter films , first lending her voice to The Tale of Despereaux and appearing in the television adaptation of the novel Ballet Shoes . Since then , she has taken on starring roles in The Perks of Being a Wallflower and The Bling Ring , made a brief appearance as an " exaggerated " version of herself in This Is the End , and portrayed the title character 's adopted daughter in Noah .

From 2011 to 2014 , Watson split her time between working on film projects and continuing her education , studying at Brown University and Worcester College , Oxford and graduating from Brown with a bachelor 's degree in English literature in May 2014 . Her modelling work has included campaigns for Burberry and Lancôme . As a fashion consultant , she helped create a line of clothing for People Tree . She was honoured by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts in 2014 , winning for British Artist of the Year . That same year , she was appointed as a UN Women Goodwill Ambassador and helped launch the UN Women campaign HeForShe , which calls for men to advocate gender equality .

= = Early life = =

Watson was born in Paris , France , the daughter of English lawyers Jacqueline Luesby and Chris Watson . Watson lived in Paris until the age of five . Her parents separated when she was young ; following their divorce , Watson moved back to England to live with her mother in Oxfordshire while spending weekends at her father 's house in London . Watson has stated that she speaks some French , though " not as well " as she used to . After moving to Oxford with her mother and brother , she attended the Dragon School in Oxford , remaining there until 2003 . From the age of six , she wanted to become an actress , and trained at the Oxford branch of Stagecoach Theatre Arts , a part @-@ time theatre school where she studied singing , dancing , and acting .

By the age of ten , Watson had performed in various Stagecoach productions and school plays , including Arthur : The Young Years and The Happy Prince , but she had never acted professionally before the Harry Potter series . Following the Dragon School , Watson moved on to Headington School . While on film sets , she and her peers were tutored for up to five hours a day . In June 2006 , she took GCSE school examinations in ten subjects , achieving eight A * and two A grades .

= = Career = =

= = = 1999 ? 2003 : Beginnings and breakthrough = = =

In 1999 , casting began for Harry Potter and the Philosopher 's Stone (released as Harry Potter and the Sorcerer 's Stone in the United States) , the film adaptation of British author J. K. Rowling 's best @-@ selling novel . Casting agents found Watson through her Oxford theatre teacher , and producers were impressed by her confidence . After eight auditions , producer David Heyman told Watson and fellow applicants Daniel Radcliffe and Rupert Grint that they had been cast for the roles of the schoolfriends Hermione Granger , Harry Potter and Ron Weasley , respectively . Rowling supported Watson from her first screen test .

The release of Harry Potter and the Philosopher 's Stone in 2001 was Watson 's debut screen performance . The film broke records for opening @-@ day sales and opening @-@ weekend takings and was the highest @-@ grossing film of 2001 . Critics praised the performances of the

three leads , often singling out Watson for particular acclaim ; The Daily Telegraph called her performance " admirable " , and IGN said she " stole the show " . Watson was nominated for five awards for her performance in *Philosopher's Stone* , winning the Young Artist Award for Leading Young Actress .

A year later , Watson again starred as Hermione in *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* , the second instalment of the series . Reviewers praised the lead actors ' performances . The Los Angeles Times said Watson and her peers had matured between films , while The Times criticised director Chris Columbus for " under @-@ employing " Watson 's hugely popular character . Watson received an Otto Award from the German magazine Bravo for her performance .

= = = 2004 ? 2011 : Continued success with Harry Potter and other roles = = =

In 2004 , *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* was released . Watson was appreciative of the more assertive role Hermione played , calling her character " charismatic " and " a fantastic role to play " . Although critics panned Radcliffe 's performance , labelling him " wooden " , they praised Watson ; The New York Times lauded her performance , saying " Luckily Mr. Radcliffe 's blandness is offset by Ms. Watson 's spiky impatience . Harry may show off his expanding wizardly skills ... but Hermione ... earns the loudest applause with a decidedly unmagical punch to Draco Malfoy 's deserving nose . " Although *Prisoner of Azkaban* proved to be the lowest @-@ grossing Harry Potter film of the entire series , Watson 's personal performance won her two Otto Awards and the Child Performance of the Year award from Total Film .

With *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* (2005) , both Watson and the Harry Potter film series reached new milestones . The film set records for a Harry Potter opening weekend , a non @-@ May opening weekend in the US , and an opening weekend in the UK . Critics praised the increasing maturity of Watson and her teenage co @-@ stars ; The New York Times called her performance " touchingly earnest " . For Watson , much of the humour of the film sprang from the tension among the three lead characters as they matured . She said , " I loved all the arguing I think it 's much more realistic that they would argue and that there would be problems . " Nominated for three awards for *Goblet of Fire* , Watson won a bronze Otto Award . Later that year , Watson became the youngest person to appear on the cover of *Teen Vogue* , an appearance she reprised in August 2009 . In 2006 , Watson played Hermione in *The Queen 's Handbag* , a special mini @-@ episode of Harry Potter in celebration of Queen Elizabeth II 's 80th birthday .

The fifth film in the Harry Potter franchise , *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* , was released in 2007 . A huge financial success , the film set a record worldwide opening @-@ weekend gross of \$ 332 @.@ 7 million . Watson won the inaugural National Movie Award for Best Female Performance . As the fame of the actress and the series continued , Watson and fellow Harry Potter co @-@ stars Daniel Radcliffe and Rupert Grint left imprints of their hands , feet and wands in front of Grauman 's Chinese Theater in Hollywood on 9 July 2007 .

By July 2007 , Watson 's work in the Harry Potter series was said to have earned her more than £ 10 million , and she acknowledged she would never have to work for money again . In March 2009 , she was ranked 6th on the Forbes list of " Most Valuable Young Stars " , and in February 2010 , she was named as Hollywood 's highest paid female star , having earned an estimated £ 19 million in 2009 .

Despite the success of *Order of the Phoenix* , the future of the Harry Potter franchise became surrounded in doubt , as all three lead actors were hesitant to sign on to continue their roles for the final two episodes . Radcliffe eventually signed for the final films on 2 March 2007 , but Watson was considerably more hesitant . She explained that the decision was significant , as the films represented a further four @-@ year commitment to the role , but eventually conceded that she " could never let [the role of] Hermione go " , signing for the role on 23 March 2007 .

Watson 's first non @-@ Potter role was the 2007 BBC film *Ballet Shoes* , an adaptation of the novel of the same title by Noel Streatfeild . The film 's director , Sandra Goldbacher , commented that Watson was " perfect " for the starring role of aspiring actress Pauline Fossil : " She has a piercing , delicate aura that makes you want to gaze and gaze at her . " *Ballet Shoes* was broadcast

in the UK on Boxing Day 2007 to an audience of 5 @. @ 7 million viewers , to mixed reviews .

Watson also lent her voice to the role of Princess Pea in the animated film *The Tale of Despereaux* , a children 's comedy starring Matthew Broderick , with Harry Potter co @- @ star Robbie Coltrane (Rubeus Hagrid) also starring in the film . *The Tale of Despereaux* was released in December 2008 and grossed \$ 87 million worldwide .

Principal photography for the sixth Harry Potter film began in late 2007 , with Watson 's part being filmed from 18 December to 17 May 2008 . *Harry Potter and the Half @- @ Blood Prince* premiered on 15 July 2009 , having been delayed from November 2008 . With the lead actors now in their late teens , critics were increasingly willing to review them on the same level as the rest of the film 's all @- @ star cast , which the Los Angeles Times described as " a comprehensive guide to contemporary UK acting " . The Washington Post felt Watson to have given " [her] most charming performance to date " , while The Daily Telegraph described the lead actors as " newly liberated and energised , eager to give all they have to what 's left of the series " . In December 2008 , Watson stated she wanted to go to university after she completed the Potter series .

Watson 's filming for the final instalment , *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* , began on 18 February 2009 and ended on 12 June 2010 . For financial and scripting reasons , the original book was divided into two films which were shot consecutively . *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows ? Part 1* was released in November 2010 while the second film was released in July 2011 .

She also appeared in a music video for *One Night Only* , after meeting lead singer George Craig at the 2010 Winter / Summer Burberry advertising campaign . The video , " Say You Don 't Want It " , was screened on Channel 4 on 26 June 2010 and released on 16 August .

In her first post @- @ Harry Potter film , Watson appeared in 2011 's *My Week with Marilyn* as Lucy , a wardrobe assistant who is flirted with by the main character , Colin Clark , and has a few dates with him .

= = = 2012 ? present = = =

In May 2010 , Watson was reported to be in talks to star in a film adaptation of *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* . Filming began in summer 2011 , and the film was released in September 2012 .

In *The Bling Ring* (2013) , Watson stars as Nicki . The film is based on the real @- @ life Bling Ring robberies , with Watson playing a fictionalised version of Alexis Neiers , a television personality who was one of seven teenagers involved in the robberies . While the film mostly received mixed reviews , critics gave almost unanimous praise for Watson 's portrayal of Nicki in the film . Watson also had a supporting role in the apocalyptic comedy *This Is the End* (2013) , in which she , Seth Rogen , James Franco and many others played " exaggerated versions of themselves " and Watson memorably dropped the " f @- @ bomb " . She said she could not pass up the opportunity to make her first comedy and " work with some of the best comedians ... in the world right now " .

In June 2012 , Watson was confirmed for the role of Ila in Darren Aronofsky 's *Noah* , which began filming the following month , and was released in March 2014 . In March 2013 , it was reported that Watson was in negotiations to star as the title character in a live @- @ action Disney adaptation of *Cinderella* . Kenneth Branagh was attached to direct the adaptation , while Cate Blanchett had reportedly agreed to play the evil stepmother . Watson was offered the role , but turned it down .

Watson was attached in 2012 to the role of Emma Forrest in a film adaptation of her memoir *Your Voice in My Head* . At the time , Harry Potter director David Yates was attached . In a May 2013 interview , it appeared that Watson was no longer attached as the film 's star . Stanley Tucci stated that the role would instead be played by Emily Blunt . However , by September 2013 , it was confirmed that Watson was once again involved in the production in the role of Forrest and that filming would begin in November that year with a new director , Francesca Gregorini .

As of June 2013 , Watson is set to work with Harry Potter producer David Heyman for her next film *Queen of the Tearling* , based on a yet @- @ to @- @ be @- @ released book trilogy . She will lead the film as heroine Kelsea Glynn as well as being an executive producer . Warner Bros. will distribute the film .

It was reported in September 2013 that Watson would star in *While We 're Young* , the film

adaptation of Adena Halpern 's 2010 novel *29* , which focuses on a young @-@ at @-@ heart grandmother who would rather spend time with her granddaughter (Watson) than her daughter . The film was directed by Stephen Chbosky , with whom Watson had collaborated on *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* . Watson also has been cast opposite Ethan Hawke in thriller *Regression* . Alejandro Amenábar wrote and directed the film , which was released in 2015 .

In October 2013 , Watson was chosen as the Woman of the Year by British GQ . That same month she was one of two British actors to land atop a readers ' poll of the sexiest movie stars of 2013 , beating Scarlett Johansson and Jennifer Lawrence for the actresses ' title in an online poll of more than 50 @, @ 000 film fans . Benedict Cumberbatch took the men 's vote .

Watson joined Judi Dench , Robert Downey Jr . , Mike Leigh , Julia Louis @-@ Dreyfus and Mark Ruffalo as recipients of the 2014 Britannia Awards , presented on 30 October in Los Angeles . Watson won for British Artist of the Year and dedicated her award to Millie , her pet hamster who died as Watson filmed *Philosopher 's Stone* .

2015 releases in which Emma stars include *Colonia* , a thriller co @-@ starring Daniel Brühl and Michael Nyqvist . Watson will play Belle in a 2017 live @-@ action adaptation of *Beauty and the Beast* opposite Dan Stevens as the Beast . She will sing in a film for the first time , which she called " terrifying in and of itself " . She also starred in *Regression* , a thriller released in August 2015 , alongside Ethan Hawke and her Harry Potter colleague David Thewlis. and has signed up to star opposite Tom Hanks in the film adaptation of *The Circle* .

In February 2016 , Watson announced she was taking a year @-@ long break from acting . She planned to spend the time on her " personal development " and her women 's rights work .

= = Modelling and fashion = =

In 2005 , Watson began her modelling career with a photo shoot for *Teen Vogue* and was the youngest star to grace its cover . Three years later , the British press reported that Watson was to replace Keira Knightley as the face of the fashion house Chanel , but this was denied by both parties . In June 2009 , following several months of rumours , Watson confirmed that she would be partnering with Burberry as the face of their Autumn / Winter 2009 campaign , for which she received an estimated six @-@ figure fee . She also appeared in Burberry 's 2010 Spring / Summer campaign alongside her brother Alex , musicians George Craig and Matt Gilmour , and model Max Hurd . In February 2011 , Watson was awarded the Style Icon award from British Elle by Dame Vivienne Westwood . Watson continued her involvement in fashion advertising when she announced she had been chosen as the face of Lancôme in March 2011 .

In September 2009 , Watson announced her involvement with People Tree , a Fair Trade fashion brand . Watson worked as a creative advisor for People Tree to create a spring line of clothing , which was released in February 2010 ; the range featured styles inspired by southern France and London . The collection , described by *The Times* as " very clever " despite their " quiet hope that [she] would become tangled at the first hemp @-@ woven hurdle " , was widely publicised in magazines such as *Teen Vogue* , *Cosmopolitan* , and *People* . Watson , who was not paid for the collaboration , admitted that competition for the range was minimal , but argued that " Fashion is a great way to empower people and give them skills ; rather than give cash to charity you can help people by buying the clothes they make and supporting things they take pride in " ; adding , " I think young people like me are becoming increasingly aware of the humanitarian issues surrounding fast fashion and want to make good choices but there aren 't many options out there . " Watson continued her involvement with People Tree , resulting in the release of a 2010 Autumn / Winter collection .

Watson was awarded Best British Style at the 2014 British Fashion Awards . The competition included David Beckham , Amal Clooney , Kate Moss and Keira Knightley .

= = Education = =

After leaving school , Watson took a gap year to film *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*

beginning in February 2009 , but said she intended to continue her studies and later confirmed that she had chosen Brown University in Providence , Rhode Island . In March 2011 , after 18 months at the university , Watson announced that she was deferring her course for " a semester or two " , though she attended Worcester College , Oxford during the 2011 ? 12 academic year as a " visiting student " .

Watson told Ellen DeGeneres just before graduation that it took five years to finish instead of four because , due to her acting work , she " ended up taking two full semesters off " . On 25 May 2014 , she graduated from Brown University with a bachelor 's degree in English literature . In 2013 , she became certified to teach yoga and meditation . As part of this certification , she attended a week @-@ long meditation course at a Canadian facility , in which residents are not allowed to speak , in order " to figure out how to be at home with myself " . She told Elle Australia that an uncertain future meant finding " a way to always feel safe and at home within myself . Because I can never rely on a physical place . "

= = Personal life = =

Watson met and started dating fellow Oxford student Will Adamowicz in 2011 , during her first year at the university . He accompanied her to the 2013 MTV Movie Awards , where she was given the Trailblazer Award . The couple split up in early 2014 . Later in 2014 , Watson began dating Oxford rugby player Matthew Janney . The relationship ended in November ; a spokesman for Watson said the split was due to her " unrelenting work schedule " .

While working on the film Noah , Watson was questioned about her faith , and she described herself as a spiritual Universalist .

= = Women 's rights work = =

Watson has promoted education for girls , visiting Bangladesh and Zambia to do so . In July 2014 , she was appointed as a UN Women Goodwill Ambassador . In September that year , an admittedly nervous Watson delivered an address at UN Headquarters in New York City to launch the UN Women campaign HeForShe , which calls for men to advocate for gender equality . In that speech she said she began questioning gender @-@ based assumptions at age eight when she was called " bossy " (a trait she has attributed to her being a " perfectionist ") whilst boys were not , and at 14 when she was " sexualised by certain elements of the media " . Watson 's speech also called feminism " the belief that men and women should have equal rights and opportunities " and declared that the perception of " man @-@ hating " is something that " has to stop " . Watson later said she received threats within 12 hours of making the speech , which left her " raging If they were trying to put me off [of doing this work] , it did the opposite " . In 2015 , Malala Yousafzai told Watson she decided to call herself a feminist after hearing Watson 's speech .

Also in September , Watson made her first country visit as a UN Women Goodwill Ambassador to Uruguay where she gave a speech highlighting the need for women 's political participation . In December , the Ms. Foundation for Women named Watson its Feminist Celebrity of 2014 following an online poll . Watson also gave a speech about gender equality in January 2015 , at the World Economic Forum 's annual winter meeting .

Watson took the top spot on the AskMen " Top 99 Outstanding Women 2015 " list on the strength of having " thrown her back " into women 's rights issues . The day after she turned 25 , Watson placed number 26 on the TIME 100 list of the world 's most influential people ; her first @-@ ever appearance on the list . For its recap , former New York Times editor Jill Abramson noted Watson 's " gutsy , smart take on feminism " and called the effort to get men involved " refreshing " .

In January 2016 , Emma Watson started a feminist Goodreads book club : Our Shared Shelf . The goal of the club is to share feminist ideas and encourage discussion on the topic . One book is selected per month and is discussed in the last week of that month . The first book to be selected was My Life on the Road by Gloria Steinem , who Emma Watson would later interview on February 24th at the How to : Academy in London .

= = Filmography = =

= = Awards and nominations = =