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[Ian Fleming](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ian_Fleming)'s image of James Bond; commissioned to aid the [*Daily Express*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daily_Express) comic strip artists.

**James Bond 007** is a fictional character created in 1953 by writer [Ian Fleming](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ian_Fleming), who featured him in twelve novels and two short story collections.[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-0) The character has also been used in the longest running and most financially successful English-language [film franchise](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Media_franchise) to date, starting in 1962 with [*Dr. No*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dr._No_%28film%29).[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-1)[[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-2)[[4]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-jamesbond1-3) In an edition of the popular TV series "QI" first screened on BBC1 on 2 April 2010, host [Stephen Fry](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen_Fry) stated that the code '007' was derived from the private cipher of [John Dee](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Dee). This suggestion contradicts another belief that the code was the route number of the London to Canterbury bus service.

After Fleming's death in 1964, subsequent James Bond novels were written by [Kingsley Amis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingsley_Amis), [John Gardner](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Gardner_%28thriller_writer%29), [Raymond Benson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raymond_Benson) and [Sebastian Faulks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sebastian_Faulks). Moreover, [Christopher Wood](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christopher_Wood_%28writer%29) novelised two screenplays, [Charlie Higson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charlie_Higson) wrote a series on [a young James Bond](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Young_Bond) while other writers have authored unofficial versions of the character.[[5]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-4)

There have been 22 films in the [EON Productions](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/EON_Productions) [series](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond_%28film_series%29) to date, the most recent of which, [*Quantum of Solace*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quantum_of_Solace), was released on 31 October 2008 (UK).[[6]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-5)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-6) In addition there has been an American television [adaptation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casino_Royale_%28Climax%21_episode%29) and two independent feature productions. Apart from movies and television, James Bond has also been adapted for many other media, including radio plays, [comic strips](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#Comic_strips_and_comic_books) and [video games](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#Video_games).

The [EON Productions](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/EON_Productions) films are generally termed as "official" films originating with the purchase of the James Bond film rights by producer [Harry Saltzman](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harry_Saltzman) in the late 1950s.[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-7)

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## Creation and inspiration

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[Sidney Reilly](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sidney_Reilly), *The Ace of Spies'*

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[Sidney Reilly](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sidney_Reilly), *The Ace of Spies'*

Commander Sir James Bond, ([KCMG](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Order_of_St_Michael_and_St_George), [RNVR](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_Naval_Reserve)) is an officer of the British [Secret Intelligence Service](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Secret_Intelligence_Service) (SIS; commonly known as MI6). He was created in January 1952 by British journalist Ian Fleming while on holiday at his [Jamaican](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jamaica) estate, Goldeneye. The hero, James Bond, was named after an American [ornithologist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond_%28ornithologist%29), a [Caribbean](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caribbean) bird expert and author of the definitive field guide book [*Birds of the West Indies*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Birds_of_the_West_Indies)*.* Fleming, a keen [birdwatcher](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Birdwatching), had a copy of Bond's [field guide](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Field_guide) at Goldeneye. Of the name, Fleming once said in a [Reader's Digest](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reader%27s_Digest) interview, "I wanted the simplest, dullest, plainest-sounding name I could find, 'James Bond' was much better than something more interesting, like 'Peregrine Carruthers.' Exotic things would happen to and around him, but he would be a neutral figure — an anonymous, blunt instrument wielded by a government department."[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-8)

Nevertheless, news sources[[10]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-9) speculated about real [spies](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Espionage) or other [covert agents](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Covert_operations) after whom James Bond might have been modelled or named, such as [Sidney Reilly](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sidney_Reilly) or [William Stephenson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Stephenson), best-known by his wartime intelligence codename of Intrepid. Although they are similar to Bond, Fleming confirmed none as the source figure, nor did [Ian Fleming Publications](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ian_Fleming_Publications) nor any of Fleming's biographers, such as [John Pearson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Pearson_%28author%29) or Andrew Lycett.

James Bond's parents are Andrew Bond, a [Scotsman](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scottish_people), and Monique Delacroix, from Canton de [Vaud](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vaud), Switzerland. Their nationalities were established in [*On Her Majesty's Secret Service*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/On_Her_Majesty%27s_Secret_Service_%28novel%29)*.* Fleming emphasised Bond's Scottish heritage in admiration of [Sean Connery](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sean_Connery)'s cinematic portrayal, whereas Bond's mother is named after a Swiss fiancée of Fleming's. A planned, but unwritten, novel would have portrayed Bond's mother as a Scot. Ian Fleming was a member of a prominent Scottish [banking](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Banking) family.[[11]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-10) Although John Pearson's fictional biography of Bond gives him a birth date on 11 November ([Armistice Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armistice_Day)) 1920, the books themselves are inconsistent on the matter. In *Casino Royale*, he is said to have bought a car in 1933 and to have been an experienced gambler before the Second World War. Two books later, in *Moonraker*, he is said to be in his middle thirties; the setting of this book can be no later than 1954 as it refers to the [South Goodwin Lightship](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=South_Goodwin_Lightship&action=edit&redlink=1), which was lost in that year. There is a further reference to Bond's age in *You Only Live Twice*, when Tanaka tells him he was born in the Year of the Rat (1924/25 or 1912/13).The books were written over a twelve-year period during which Bond's age, when mentioned, thus varies, but is usually around forty. In the novel [*On Her Majesty's Secret Service*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/On_Her_Majesty%27s_Secret_Service_%28novel%29)*,* Bond's family motto is found to be *Orbis non sufficit* ("The world is not enough"). The novel also states that the family that used this motto may not necessarily be the same Bond family from which James Bond came.[[12]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-11)



After completing the manuscript for *Casino Royale,* Fleming allowed his friend, later his editor, poet [William Plomer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Plomer) to read it. Plomer liked it and submitted it to [Jonathan Cape](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jonathan_Cape), who did not like it as much. Cape finally published it in 1953 on the recommendation of Fleming's older brother [Peter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_Fleming_%28writer%29), an established [travel writer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Travel_literature).[[13]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-12)

Most researchers agree that James Bond is a romanticised version of Ian Fleming, himself a jet-setting [womaniser](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Womanizing). Both Fleming and Bond attended the same schools, preferred the same foods ([scrambled eggs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scrambled_eggs), and coffee), maintained the same habits (drinking, smoking, wearing short-sleeve shirts{?}), shared the same notions of the perfect woman in looks and style, and had similar naval career paths (both rising to the rank of naval [Commander](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commander)). They also shared similar height, hairstyle, and eye colour. Some suggest that Bond's suave and sophisticated persona is based on that of a young [Hoagy Carmichael](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hoagy_Carmichael). In [*Casino Royale*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casino_Royale_%28novel%29)*,* the heroine [Vesper Lynd](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vesper_Lynd) remarks, "Bond reminds me rather of Hoagy Carmichael, but there is something cold and ruthless." Likewise, in [*Moonraker*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moonraker_%28novel%29)*,* [Special Branch](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special_Branch) Officer [Gala Brand](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gala_Brand) thinks that Bond is "certainly good-looking . . . Rather like Hoagy Carmichael in a way. That black hair falling down over the right eyebrow. Much the same bones. But there was something a bit cruel in the mouth, and the eyes were cold."[[14]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-13)

Fleming did admit to being partly inspired by a story recounted to him which took place during his service in the [Naval Intelligence Division](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naval_Intelligence_Division_%28UK%29) of the [Admiralty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Admiralty). The incident was depicted in *Casino Royale,* when [Ralph Izzard](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ralph_Izzard) found himself involved in a card game, playing poker against covert, [Nazi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nazi) intelligence agents at a [casino](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casino) in [Pernambuco](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pernambuco), Brazil.[[15]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-TLOIF-14)

## Novels and related works

Main article: [James Bond novels](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond_novels)

In February 1952, Ian Fleming began writing his first James Bond novel. At the time, Fleming was the foreign manager for Kemsley Newspapers, owners of [*The Daily Express*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Daily_Express) in London. Upon accepting the job, Fleming asked for two months' yearly vacation in his contract—time spent writing in [Jamaica](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jamaica). Between 1953 and his death in 1964, Fleming published twelve novels and one short-story collection (a second collection was published posthumously). Later, continuation novels were written by [Kingsley Amis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingsley_Amis) (as [Robert Markham](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Markham)), [John Gardner](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Gardner_%28thriller_writer%29), [Charlie Higson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charlie_Higson), and [Raymond Benson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raymond_Benson), who was the first American author of James Bond. The [*Young Bond*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Young_Bond) series of novels was begun in 2005, by [Charlie Higson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charlie_Higson).[[16]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-15)[[17]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-16)

In July 2007, it was announced that Sebastian Faulks has been commissioned to write a new Bond novel to commemorate Fleming's 100th Birthday. The book - titled [*Devil May Care*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Devil_May_Care_%28novel%29) - was published on 27 May 2008.

### Ian Fleming novels

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| * 1953 [*Casino Royale*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casino_Royale_%28novel%29)[[18]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-17)
* 1954 [*Live and Let Die*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Live_and_Let_Die_%28novel%29)[[19]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-18)
* 1955 [*Moonraker*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moonraker_%28novel%29)[[20]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-19)
* 1956 [*Diamonds Are Forever*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diamonds_Are_Forever_%28novel%29)[[21]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-20)
* 1957 [*From Russia, with Love*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/From_Russia%2C_with_Love_%28novel%29)[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-21)
* 1958 [*Dr. No*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dr._No_%28novel%29)[[23]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-22)
* 1959 [*Goldfinger*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goldfinger_%28novel%29)[[24]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-23)
 | * 1960 [*For Your Eyes Only*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/For_Your_Eyes_Only_%28short_story_collection%29)[[25]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-24) - short stories
* 1961 [*Thunderball*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thunderball_%28novel%29)[[26]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-25)
* 1962 [*The Spy Who Loved Me*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Spy_Who_Loved_Me_%28novel%29)[[27]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-26)
* 1963 [*On Her Majesty's Secret Service*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/On_Her_Majesty%27s_Secret_Service_%28novel%29)[[28]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-27)
* 1964 [*You Only Live Twice*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/You_Only_Live_Twice_%28novel%29)[[29]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-28)
* 1965 [*The Man with the Golden Gun*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Man_with_the_Golden_Gun_%28novel%29)[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-29)
* 1966 [*Octopussy and The Living Daylights*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Octopussy_and_The_Living_Daylights)[[31]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-30) - short stories
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## Adaptations

### Films

#### Overview

Main article: [James Bond film series](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond_film_series)

In the late 1950s, [EON Productions](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/EON_Productions) guaranteed the film adaptation rights for every 007 novel except for [*Casino Royale*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casino_Royale_%28novel%29) (those rights were recovered in 1999[[32]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-31)). In 1962, the first adaptation [*Dr. No*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dr._No_%28film%29) was made, which featured [Sean Connery](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sean_Connery) as 007. Connery starred in six more films after his initial portrayal (including 1983's [*Never Say Never Again*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Never_Say_Never_Again), which was not part of the EON series). [George Lazenby](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Lazenby) replaced Connery (for one film) before the latter's last EON film, after which the part was played by [Roger Moore](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roger_Moore) (for seven films), [Timothy Dalton](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timothy_Dalton) (for two films), [Pierce Brosnan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pierce_Brosnan) (for four films) and [Daniel Craig](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daniel_Craig) (two films to 2008). As of 2008, there have been 22 films in the EON series. The 21st film, [*Casino Royale*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casino_Royale_%282006_film%29), with [Daniel Craig](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daniel_Craig) as James Bond, premiered on 14 November 2006,[[33]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-32) with the film going on general release in Asia and the Middle East the following day.[[34]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-33) Notably, it is the first Bond film to have been released in China. The second James Bond film to feature [Daniel Craig](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daniel_Craig) is [*Quantum of Solace*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quantum_of_Solace), which gets its title from a short story of the same name by Ian Fleming (*For Your Eyes Only*, 1960), but shares no similarities with the plot. Daniel Craig is expected to return as James Bond for a third movie in the as yet unnamed "Bond 23."[[35]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-34)

As of April 19, upcoming Bond film - known only as *Bond 23* - has been suspended indefinitely due to the crippling debt and uncertain future of MGM. [[2]](http://www.thefirstpost.co.uk/62380%2Cpeople%2Cnews%2Cdaniel-craig-bond-film-put-on-hold-indefinitely-mgm-financial-concerns-sam-mendes)

The film series has grossed over $4 billion (£2 billion) (nearly $11 billion when adjusted for inflation) worldwide, making it the highest grossing film series ever.[[4]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-jamesbond1-3) The 22nd and newest movie in the series, [*Quantum of Solace*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quantum_of_Solace), was released in the UK on 31 October 2008. As of 9 November 2008, global box office totals for *Quantum of Solace* were almost $161 million (£103 million), placing the Bond series ahead of the [*Harry Potter* film series](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harry_Potter_%28film_series%29) even when not adjusting for inflation.[[36]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-35)[[37]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-36)

#### The EON films

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| **Franchise Count** | **Title** | **Year** | **Actor** | **Director** | **Total Box Office \*** | **Budget \*** | **Inflation AdjustedTotal Box Office \*†** |
| **1** | [*Dr. No*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dr._No_%28film%29) | 1962 | [Sean Connery](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sean_Connery) | [Terence Young](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terence_Young_%28director%29) | $59,600,000 | $1,200,000 | $425,488,741 |
| **2** | [*From Russia with Love*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/From_Russia_with_Love_%28film%29) | 1963 | $78,900,000 | $2,500,000 | $555,909,803 |
| **3** | [*Goldfinger*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goldfinger_%28film%29) | 1964 | [Guy Hamilton](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guy_Hamilton) | $124,900,000 | $3,500,000 | $868,659,354 |
| **4** | [*Thunderball*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thunderball_%28film%29) | 1965 | Terence Young | $141,200,000 | $11,000,000 | $966,435,555 |
| **5** | [*You Only Live Twice*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/You_Only_Live_Twice_%28film%29) | 1967 | [Lewis Gilbert](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lewis_Gilbert) | $111,600,000 | $9,500,000 | $720,388,023 |
| **6** | [*On Her Majesty's Secret Service*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/On_Her_Majesty%27s_Secret_Service_%28film%29) | 1969 | [George Lazenby](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Lazenby) | [Peter R. Hunt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_R._Hunt) | $87,400,000 | $7,000,000 | $513,445,231 |
| **7** | [*Diamonds Are Forever*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diamonds_Are_Forever_%28film%29) | 1971 | Sean Connery | Guy Hamilton | $116,000,000 | $7,200,000 | $617,520,987 |
| **8** | [*Live and Let Die*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Live_and_Let_Die_%28film%29) | 1973 | [Roger Moore](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roger_Moore) | $161,800,000 | $12,000,000 | $785,677,477 |
| **9** | [*The Man with the Golden Gun*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Man_with_the_Golden_Gun_%28film%29) | 1974 | $97,600,000 | $13,000,000 | $426,826,774 |
| **10** | [*The Spy Who Loved Me*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Spy_Who_Loved_Me_%28film%29) | 1977 | Lewis Gilbert | $187,300,000 | $28,000,000 | $666,367,656 |
| **11** | [*Moonraker*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moonraker_%28film%29) | 1979 | $210,300,000 | $34,000,000 | $624,527,272 |
| **12** | [*For Your Eyes Only*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/For_Your_Eyes_Only_%28film%29) | 1981 | [John Glen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Glen) | $202,800,000 | $28,000,000 | $481,005,579 |
| **13** | [*Octopussy*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Octopussy) | 1983 | $187,500,000 | $27,500,000 | $405,873,493 |
| **14** | [*A View to a Kill*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_View_to_a_Kill) | 1985 | $157,800,000 | $30,000,000 | $316,186,616 |
| **15** | [*The Living Daylights*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Living_Daylights) | 1987 | [Timothy Dalton](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timothy_Dalton) | $191,200,000 | $40,000,000 | $362,876,056 |
| **16** | [*Licence to Kill*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Licence_to_Kill) | 1989 | $156,200,000 | $32,000,000 | $271,586,451 |
| **17** | [*GoldenEye*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GoldenEye) | 1995 | [Pierce Brosnan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pierce_Brosnan) | [Martin Campbell](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Campbell) | $353,400,000 | $60,000,000 | $499,954,330 |
| **18** | [*Tomorrow Never Dies*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tomorrow_Never_Dies) | 1997 | [Roger Spottiswoode](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roger_Spottiswoode) | $346,600,000 | $110,000,000 | $465,588,535 |
| **19** | [*The World Is Not Enough*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_World_Is_Not_Enough) | 1999 | [Michael Apted](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Apted) | $390,000,000 | $135,000,000 | $504,705,882 |
| **20** | [*Die Another Day*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Die_Another_Day) | 2002 | [Lee Tamahori](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lee_Tamahori) | $456,000,000 | $142,000,000 | $546,490,272 |
| **21** | [*Casino Royale*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casino_Royale_%282006_film%29) | 2006 | [Daniel Craig](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daniel_Craig) | Martin Campbell | $599,200,000 | $150,000,000 | $640,803,677 |
| **22** | [*Quantum of Solace*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quantum_of_Solace) | 2008 | [Marc Forster](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marc_Forster) | $586,090,727 | $230,000,000 | $586,090,727 |
| **Totals** | ***Films 1-22*** |  |  |  | **$4,809,157,447** | **$1,123,000,000** | **$11,686,214,000** |

\* *All figures are in US Dollars*[[38]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-37)
† *Figures are inflated to 2008 dollars as of 24 March 2008 figures based on the Consumer Price Index.*

### Non-EON films, radio and television programmes

In 1954, CBS paid Ian Fleming for the rights to adapt *Casino Royale* into a one hour television adventure as part of their [*Climax!*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Climax%21) series. However, [Barry Nelson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barry_Nelson) played a CIA agent named Jimmy Bond, Clarence Lieter was a British agent played by [Michael Pate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Pate) and [Peter Lorre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_Lorre) was Le Chiffre.

In 1956, [Bob Holness](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bob_Holness) starred in a South African radio adaptation of *Moonraker*, making him the second actor to portray James Bond.

According to Andrew Pixley's notes to [*Danger Man*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Danger_Man) Original soundtrack, [Ian Fleming](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ian_Fleming) collaborated with [Ralph Smart](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ralph_Smart) to bring James Bond to television, but dropped out taking his creation with him. Ralph Smart went on to develop *Danger Man* with [Patrick McGoohan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patrick_McGoohan) who would later turn down James Bond.

In 1967, [*Casino Royale*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casino_Royale_%281967_film%29) was adapted into a spoof Bond film starring [David Niven](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Niven) as Sir James Bond 007 and [Ursula Andress](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ursula_Andress) as Vesper Lynd. David Niven, had, in fact, been [Ian Fleming](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ian_Fleming)'s preference for the part of James Bond.[[39]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-38) [EON Productions](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/EON_Productions), however, chose [Sean Connery](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sean_Connery). David Niven is the only James Bond actor who is mentioned by name in the text of two of Fleming's James Bond novels. In [*On Her Majesty's Secret Service*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/On_Her_Majesty%27s_Secret_Service_%28novel%29), Bond visits an exclusive ski resort and is told that David Niven is a frequent visitor and in [*You Only Live Twice*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/You_Only_Live_Twice_%28novel%29) Kissy Suzuki mentions him as the only man who had been kind to her in her brief foray to Hollywood. Ursula Andress is also mentioned in the text of *On Her Majesty's Secret Service* as being present at the ski resort.

The 1973 BBC documentary [*Omnibus*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Omnibus_%28UK_TV_series%29)*: The British Hero* featured [Christopher Cazenove](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christopher_Cazenove) playing a number of such title characters (e.g. [Richard Hannay](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Hannay) and [Bulldog Drummond](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bulldog_Drummond)), including James Bond in dramatised scenes from [*Goldfinger*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goldfinger_%28novel%29) - notably featuring the hero being threatened with the novel's circular saw, rather than the film's laser beam - and [*Diamonds Are Forever*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diamonds_Are_Forever_%28film%29).[[40]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-39)

A legal loophole allowed [Kevin McClory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kevin_McClory) to release a remake of [*Thunderball*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thunderball_%28film%29) titled [*Never Say Never Again*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Never_Say_Never_Again) in 1983. The film, featuring [Sean Connery](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sean_Connery) as Bond, is not considered an "official" James Bond film because it is not part of the Bond film franchise from [EON Productions](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/EON_Productions) and [United Artists](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Artists), although it is currently owned by United Artists parent MGM. Its original theatrical release in October 1983 actually created a situation in which two Bond movies were playing in cinemas at the same time, as the "official" EON Bond film, [*Octopussy*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Octopussy) was still playing in cinemas. Since then, MGM has bought the name "James Bond", preventing a repeat of this episode.

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| **Year↓** | **Title↓** | **Type↓** | **Actor↓** | **Total Box Office↓** | **Budget↓** | **Inflation AdjustedTotal Box Office\*\*↓** |
| 1954 | [*Casino Royale*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casino_Royale_%28Climax%21%29) | TV Episode | [Barry Nelson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barry_Nelson) | n/a | $25,000 | n/a |
| 1956 | [*Moonraker*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moonraker_%28novel%29#Adaptations) | Radio | [Bob Holness](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bob_Holness) | n/a |  | n/a |
| 1967 | [*Casino Royale*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casino_Royale_%281967_film%29) | Film | [David Niven](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Niven) | $44,400,000 | $12,000,000 | $286,605,987 |
| 1983 | [*Never Say Never Again*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Never_Say_Never_Again) | Film | [Sean Connery](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sean_Connery) | $160,000,000 | $36,000,000 | $346,345,380 |
| 1990 | [*You Only Live Twice*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/You_Only_Live_Twice_%28novel%29#Adaptations) | Radio | [Michael Jayston](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Jayston) | n/a |  | n/a |
| 1991 | [*James Bond Jr.*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond_Jr.) | TV cartoon series | [Corey Burton](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Corey_Burton) | n/a |  | n/a |
| 2008 | [*Dr. No*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dr._No_%28novel%29#Radio_adaptation) | Radio | [Toby Stephens](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toby_Stephens) | n/a |  | n/a |
| 2010 | [*Goldfinger*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goldfinger_%28novel%29) | Radio | [Toby Stephens](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toby_Stephens) | n/a |  | n/a |
| **Totals** |  |  |  | **$204,400,000** | **$48,000,000** | **$602,860,000** |

### Actors

Main article: [List of actors considered for the James Bond character](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_actors_considered_for_the_James_Bond_character)

## Cultural impact

See also: [James Bond parodies](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond_parodies)



Statues of Bond actors [Pierce Brosnan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pierce_Brosnan) and [Sean Connery](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sean_Connery) at [Madame Tussauds](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madame_Tussauds).

James Bond has long been a household name and remains a huge influence within the genre. The [*Austin Powers*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Austin_Powers) series by writer, producer and comedian [Mike Myers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_Myers_%28actor%29), and other parodies such as [*Johnny English*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johnny_English) (2003), [*Bons baisers de Hong Kong*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bons_baisers_de_Hong_Kong), [*OK Connery*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/OK_Connery), the "[Flint](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Our_Man_Flint)" series starring [James Coburn](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Coburn) as Derek Flint, the "[Matt Helm](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matt_Helm)" movies starring [Dean Martin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dean_Martin), and *Casino Royale* (1967) are testaments to Bond's prominence in popular culture.[[41]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-40)

The Bond series also received many [homages and parodies](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond_parodies) in popular media. The 1960s TV imitations of James Bond such as [*I Spy*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/I_Spy_%281965_TV_series%29), [*Get Smart*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Get_Smart), [*Charles Vine*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Vine), [*Matt Helm*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matt_Helm) and [*The Man from U.N.C.L.E.*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Man_from_U.N.C.L.E.) went on to become popular successes in their own right, the last having enjoyed contributions by Fleming towards its creation: the show's lead character, "[Napoleon Solo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Napoleon_Solo)", was named after a character in Fleming's novel *Goldfinger*; Fleming also suggested the character name April Dancer, which was later used in the spin-off series [*The Girl from U.N.C.L.E.*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Girl_from_U.N.C.L.E.)[[42]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-41) A reunion [television movie](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Television_movie), [*The Return of the Man from U.N.C.L.E.*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Return_of_the_Man_from_U.N.C.L.E.) (1983), is notable for featuring a cameo by George Lazenby as James Bond in tribute to Fleming (for legal reasons, the character was credited as "JB").

[George Lucas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Lucas) has said on various occasions that Sean Connery's portrayal of Bond was one of the primary inspirations for the [Indiana Jones](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indiana_Jones) character, a reason Connery was chosen for the role of Indiana's father in the third film of that series.[[43]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-42)[[44]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-43)

## Music

Main article: [James Bond music](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond_music)

The "[James Bond Theme](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond_Theme)" was written by [Monty Norman](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monty_Norman) and was first orchestrated by the [John Barry](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Barry_%28composer%29) Orchestra for 1962's *Dr. No*, although the actual authorship of the music has been a matter of controversy for many years. In 2001, Norman won £30,000 in libel damages from the British paper [*The Sunday Times*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Sunday_Times_%28UK%29), which suggested that Barry was entirely responsible for the composition.[[45]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-44)

Barry did go on to compose the [scores](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Film_score) for eleven Bond films in addition to his uncredited contribution to *Dr. No*, and is credited with the creation of "[007](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_007_Theme)", used as an alternate Bond theme in several films, as well as the popular orchestrated theme "On Her Majesty's Secret Service." Both the "James Bond Theme" and "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" have been [remixed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Remix) a number of times by popular artists, including [Art of Noise](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Art_of_Noise), [Moby](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moby), [Paul Oakenfold](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Oakenfold), and the [Propellerheads](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Propellerheads). The Beatles used a portion of the "Bond theme" in the introduction of their song "Help" as released on the American version of the "Help" LP. The British/Australian [string quartet](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/String_quartet) also named [bond](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bond_%28band%29) (purposely in lower case) recorded their own version of the theme, entitled "Bond on Bond."[[46]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-45)

Barry's legacy was followed by [David Arnold](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Arnold), in addition to other well-known composers such as Chris Minear and Corbin Ott and record producers such as [George Martin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Martin), [Bill Conti](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_Conti), [Michael Kamen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Kamen), [Marvin Hamlisch](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marvin_Hamlisch) and [Éric Serra](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%89ric_Serra). Arnold is the series' current composer of choice and composed the score for the 22nd Bond film, *Quantum of Solace*.

A Bond film staple are the theme songs heard during their [title sequences](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Title_sequence) sung by well-known popular singers (which have included [Tina Turner](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tina_Turner), [Paul McCartney and Wings](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wings_%28band%29), [Sheryl Crow](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sheryl_Crow) and [Tom Jones](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tom_Jones_%28singer%29), among many others). [Shirley Bassey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shirley_Bassey) performed three themes in total. After *Doctor No*, *On Her Majesty's Secret Service* is the only Bond film with a solely instrumental theme, though [Louis Armstrong](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Louis_Armstrong)'s ballad "[We Have All the Time in the World](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/We_Have_All_the_Time_in_the_World)", which serves as Bond and his wife Tracy's [love song](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Love_song) and whose title is Bond's last line in the film, is considered the unofficial theme. Likewise, although the credit sequence to [*From Russia with Love*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/From_Russia_with_Love_%28film%29) features an instrumental version of the film's theme, another version, with lyrics sung by [Matt Monro](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matt_Monro), can be partially heard within the film itself, and is featured on the film's soundtrack album.

The themes usually share their names with their film. A large reason for the turning down of Mr. Kiss Kiss Bang Bang for [*Thunderball*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thunderball_%28film%29) was that it was not named after the movie. "[Nobody Does It Better](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nobody_Does_It_Better)", the theme for [*The Spy Who Loved Me*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Spy_Who_Loved_Me_%28film%29), was the first Bond theme not to share its title with that of the movie, although the words "the spy who loved me" do appear in the lyrics. The song is featured in both credit sequences of the film, and in orchestral form throughout. "Nobody Does It Better" was nominated for an [Academy Award](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Academy_Award) for "Best Original Song" of 1977, but lost to the [theme song](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/You_Light_Up_My_Life_%28song%29) to [*You Light Up My Life*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/You_Light_Up_My_Life). Hamlisch's score for the film was also nominated for an "[Oscar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Academy_Award)", but lost to [John Williams](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Williams)' score for [*Star Wars*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Star_Wars).

The only other Bond themes to be nominated for an [Academy Award](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Academy_Award) for best song are "[Live and Let Die](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Live_and_Let_Die_%28song%29)", written by [Paul](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_McCartney) and [Linda McCartney](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linda_McCartney) and performed by their group [Wings](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wings_%28band%29), and "[For Your Eyes Only](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/For_Your_Eyes_Only_%28song%29)", written by [Bill Conti](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_Conti) and [Michael Leeson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Leeson) and performed by [Sheena Easton](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sheena_Easton), though a few of John Barry's scores have been nominated.

The only Bond theme to reach number one on the pop charts in the U.S. was [Duran Duran](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Duran_Duran)'s "A View to a Kill."

The only singer, to date, to appear within a title sequence is [Sheena Easton](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sheena_Easton) during [*For Your Eyes Only*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/For_Your_Eyes_Only_%28film%29). The only singer of a title song to appear as a character within the film itself, to date, is [Madonna](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madonna_%28entertainer%29), who appeared (uncredited) as fencing instructor Verity, as well as contributing the theme for [*Die Another Day*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Die_Another_Day). The title sequence in *Die Another Day* is notable, however, for being the only one in which the visuals actually serve to further the plot of the film itself, as opposed to being merely a montage or collage of abstract images related to the film or to the larger James Bond mythos.

The latest theme song is [Alicia Keys](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alicia_Keys) and [Jack White](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jack_White_%28musician%29)'s "[Another Way to Die](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Another_Way_to_Die)", from [*Quantum of Solace*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quantum_of_Solace), the first James Bond theme song to be a duet. It is also the fourth Bond movie that doesn't have the name of the movie in its lyrics.

In 1998, Barry's music from *You Only Live Twice* was adapted into the hit song [*Millennium*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millennium_%28song%29) by producer and composer [Guy Chambers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guy_Chambers) for British recording artist [Robbie Williams](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robbie_Williams). The music video features Williams parodying James Bond, and references other Bond films such as *Thunderball* and *From Russia with Love*. It should also be noted that the video was filmed at [Pinewood Studios](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pinewood_Studios), where most of the Bond films have been made.

In 2004 the [Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cavaliers_Drum_and_Bugle_Corps) won the [Drum Corps International](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drum_Corps_International) World Championship with "007," using the music of James Bond as composed by David Arnold. The Cavaliers performed selections from *GoldenEye*, *Die Another Day* ("Hovercraft Theme" and "Welcome to Cuba"), and *Tomorrow Never Dies*.

[Burt Bacharach](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burt_Bacharach)'s score for 1967's *Casino Royale* included "[The Look Of Love](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Look_of_Love_%281967_song%29)", nominated for an [Academy Award for Best Song](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Academy_Award_for_Best_Song), has become a standard for its era, with the biggest-selling version recorded by [Sergio Mendes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sergio_Mendes) and [Brasil '66](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brasil_%2766) (#4 on the Billboard pop charts in 1968). It was heard again in the [first *Austin Powers* film](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Austin_Powers%3A_International_Man_of_Mystery), which was to a degree inspired by *Casino Royale*.

## Video games

Main article: [James Bond (games)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond_%28games%29)

In 1983, the first Bond video game, developed and published by [Parker Brothers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parker_Brothers), was released for the [Atari 2600](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atari_2600), the [Atari 5200](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atari_5200), the [Atari 800](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atari_800), the [Commodore 64](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commodore_64), and the [ColecoVision](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ColecoVision).[[47]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-46) Since then, there have been numerous video games either based on the films or using original storylines.

Bond video games, however, did not reach their popular stride until 1997's revolutionary [*GoldenEye 007*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GoldenEye_007) by [Rare](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rare_%28company%29) for the [Nintendo 64](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nintendo_64).[[48]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-47) Subsequently, virtually every Bond video game has attempted to copy the accomplishments and features of *GoldenEye 007* to varying degrees of success; even going so far as to have a game entitled [*GoldenEye: Rogue Agent*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GoldenEye%3A_Rogue_Agent) that had little to do with either the video game *GoldenEye 007* or the film of the same name. Bond himself plays only a minor role in which he is "killed" in the beginning during a '[virtual reality](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virtual_reality)' mission, which served as the first level of the game.

Since acquiring the licence in 1999, [Electronic Arts](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electronic_Arts) has released eight games, five of which have original stories, including the popular [*Everything or Nothing*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond_007%3A_Everything_or_Nothing), which broke away from the [first-person shooter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First-person_shooter) trend that started with *GoldenEye 007* (including the games "Agent Under Fire" and "Nightfire") and instead featured a [third-person](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Third-person_shooter) perspective. It also featured well known actors including [Willem Dafoe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Willem_Dafoe), [Heidi Klum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heidi_Klum), [Judi Dench](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Judi_Dench), [John Cleese](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Cleese) and [Pierce Brosnan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pierce_Brosnan) as James Bond, although several previous games have used Brosnan's likeness as Bond. In 2005, Electronic Arts released a video game adaptation of [*From Russia with Love*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/From_Russia_with_Love_%28video_game%29), another game in the same vein as *Everything or Nothing*. This was the second game based on a Connery Bond film (the first was a 1980s [text adventure](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Text_adventure) adaptation of *Goldfinger*) and the first to allow the player to play as Bond with the likeness of [Sean Connery](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sean_Connery). Connery himself recorded new voice-overs for the game, the first time the actor had played Bond in twenty-two years.

In 2006, [Activision](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Activision) secured the licence to make Bond-related games, briefly sharing but effectively taking over the licence from EA. The deal became exclusive to Activision in September 2007.[[49]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-48) Activision studio Treyarch has released the new James Bond game "Quantum of Solace" a movie tie in of "Casino Royale" and "Quantum of Solace" it (not unlike "Goldeneye 007") is a first person shooter and it does include a new 'dashing to cover' and 'cover fire' third person game play.

In relation to the twenty-first film in the series [Sony Ericsson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sony_Ericsson) released a [Casino Royale](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casino_Royale) edition of their [K800i](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/K800i) mobile phone. In this edition, a [Java ME](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Java_Platform%2C_Micro_Edition) game loosely based on the movie was included. [Vodafone](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vodafone) has also published a game for the same platform called *007: Hoverchase* and developed by [IOMO](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IOMO).

## Comic strips and comic books

Main articles: [James Bond (comic strip)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond_%28comic_strip%29) and [James Bond comic books](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond_comic_books)

In 1957 the [*Daily Express*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daily_Express), a newspaper owned by [Lord Beaverbrook](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Max_Aitken%2C_1st_Baron_Beaverbrook), approached Ian Fleming to adapt his stories into comic strips. After initial reluctance by Fleming who felt the strips would lack the quality of his writing, agreed and the first strip [*Casino Royale*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casino_Royale_%28novel%29) was published in 1958. Since then many illustrated adventures of James Bond have been published, including every Ian Fleming novel as well as [Kingsley Amis's](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingsley_Amis) [*Colonel Sun*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colonel_Sun), and most of Fleming's short stories. Later, the comic strip produced original stories, continuing until 1983.

[Titan Books](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Titan_Books) is presently reprinting these comic strips in an [ongoing series](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ongoing_series) of [graphic novel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Graphic_novel)-style collections; by the end of 2005 it had completed reprinting all Fleming-based adaptations as well as *Colonel Sun* and had moved on to reprinting original stories.

Several [comic book](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comic_book) adaptations of the James Bond films have been published through the years, as well as numerous original stories.

Most recently, a thinly-veiled version of Bond (called only "Jimmy" to avoid copyright issues) appeared in [*The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen: Black Dossier*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_League_of_Extraordinary_Gentlemen%3A_Black_Dossier). In this story, Bond is the villain; he chases the heroic duo of [Mina Murray](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mina_Harker) and [Allan Quatermain](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allan_Quatermain) across London, aided by disguised versions of [Bulldog Drummond](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bulldog_Drummond) ("Hugo Drummond") and [Emma Peel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emma_Peel) ("Miss Night"). Jimmy is portrayed as an unpleasant incompetent servant of the US who only pretends to work with Britain.

## Characters

See also: [List of James Bond allies](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_James_Bond_allies), [List of James Bond villains](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_James_Bond_villains), and [Bond girl](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bond_girl)

The James Bond series of novels and films have a plethora of allies and villains. Bond's superiors and other officers of the British Secret Service are known by letters, such as [M](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M_%28James_Bond%29) and [Q](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Q_%28James_Bond%29). In the novels, Bond has employed two secretaries, [Loelia Ponsonby](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_James_Bond_allies#Ponsonby.2C_Loelia) and [Mary Goodnight](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_James_Bond_allies#M), who in the films typically have their roles and lines transferred to M's secretary, [Miss Moneypenny](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miss_Moneypenny). Occasionally Bond is assigned to work a case with his good friend, [CIA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CIA) agent [Felix Leiter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Felix_Leiter).

Throughout both the novels and the films there have only been a handful of [recurring characters](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Recurring_character). Some of the more memorable ones include [Bill Tanner](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_Tanner), [Rene Mathis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_James_Bond_allies#M), [Jack Wade](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_James_Bond_allies#Wade.2C_Jack), [Jaws](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jaws_%28James_Bond%29) and recently [Charles Robinson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Robinson_%28James_Bond%29). [J.W. Pepper](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J.W._Pepper) is also a recurring character.[[50]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-Legacy-49)

## Vehicles and gadgets

Main articles: [List of James Bond vehicles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_James_Bond_vehicles), [List of James Bond gadgets](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_James_Bond_gadgets), and [List of James Bond firearms](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_James_Bond_firearms)

Exotic espionage equipment and vehicles are very popular elements of James Bond's literary and cinematic missions. These items often prove critically important to Bond in successfully completing his missions.



An [Aston Martin DB5](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aston_Martin_DB5) as seen in [*Goldfinger*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goldfinger_%28film%29).

Fleming's novels and early screen adaptations presented minimal equipment such as the booby-trapped [attaché case](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Attach%C3%A9_case) in *From Russia with Love*. In *Dr. No*, Bond's sole gadgets were a [Geiger counter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geiger_counter) and a wristwatch with a luminous (and [radioactive](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radioactive)) face. The gadgets, however, assumed a higher profile in the 1964 film *Goldfinger*. The film's success encouraged further espionage equipment from Q Branch to be supplied to Bond. In the opinion of critics, some Bond films have included too many gadgets and vehicles,[[51]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-50) such as 1979's science fiction-oriented *Moonraker* and 2002's *Die Another Day*.

James Bond's cars have included the [Aston Martin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aston_Martin) [DB5](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aston_Martin_DB5), [V8 Vantage](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/V8_Vantage) (80s), [V12 Vanquish](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/V12_Vanquish) and [DBS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aston_Martin_DBS_V12) (00s); the [Lotus Esprit](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lotus_Esprit); the [BMW Z3](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BMW_Z3), [BMW 750iL](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BMW_750iL) and the [BMW Z8](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BMW_Z8). Bond's most famous car is the silver grey [Aston Martin DB5](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aston_Martin_DB5), first seen in *Goldfinger*; it later features in *Thunderball*, *GoldenEye*, *Tomorrow Never Dies*, and *Casino Royale*. The films have used a number of different Aston Martin DB5s for filming and publicity, one of which was sold in January 2006 at an auction in [Arizona](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arizona) for $2,090,000 to an unnamed European collector. That specific car was originally sold for £5,000 in 1970.[[52]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Bond#cite_note-51)

In Fleming's books, Bond had a penchant for "battleship grey" [Bentleys](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bentley), while Gardner awarded the agent a modified [Saab 900](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saab_900) Turbo (nicknamed the [Silver Beast](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Licence_Renewed#The_Silver_Beast)) and later a [Bentley Mulsanne](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bentley_Mulsanne) Turbo.

In the James Bond film adaptations, Bond has been associated with several well-known watches, usually outfitted with high-tech features not found on production models. The [Rolex Submariner](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rolex_Submariner), one of the few recurring models, was worn by Sean Connery, George Lazenby, Roger Moore, and Timothy Dalton's versions of James Bond. Roger Moore also sported a number of digital watches by [Pulsar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pulsar) and [Seiko](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seiko). Pierce Brosnan's and Daniel Craig's James Bonds were both devotees of the [Omega Seamaster](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Omega_SA#James_Bond). The selection of James Bond's watch has been a matter of both style and finance, as product placement agreements with the watch manufacturers have frequently been arranged.

Bond's weapon of choice in the beginning of *Dr. No* is an Italian-made [Beretta 418](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beretta_418) .25 calibre, later replaced by the German-made [Walther PPK](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walther_PPK), chambered in [7.65 mm](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/.32_ACP) (a peculiar choice, as [Valentin Zukovsky](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valentin_Zukovsky) remarks in [*GoldenEye*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GoldenEye): the PPK as found in the U.S. and Western Europe is most commonly chambered in [.380ACP](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/.380ACP)). The PPK was used in every subsequent film and became his [signature weapon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Signature_weapon) until the ending of *Tomorrow Never Dies*, when Bond upgraded to the [Walther P99](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walther_P99). He has subsequently used the P99 pistol in *Tomorrow Never Dies*, *The World Is Not Enough*, *Die Another Day*, and *Casino Royale*. Strangely, Bond resumed use of the PPK in [*Quantum of Solace*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quantum_of_Solace), the direct sequel of *Casino Royale*.

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