ROBERT PATTINSON



Robert Douglas Thomas Pattinson (born May 13 1986) is an English actor, model and musician. He is best known for playing vampire Edward Cullen in the movie Twilight, and Cedric Diggory in Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire.

HIS LIFE

Pattinson was born in Barnes, London. His father, Richard, imported cars from America, and his mother, Clare, worked for a modelling agency.

At the age of twelve he was excluded from school. His father enrolled him in a drama club, and Pattinson admitted that he joined the club because it was a chance to meet girls.

Pattinson began modelling at the age of 12, but his workload began to decrease four years later. He had supporting roles in the made for television film *Ring of the Nibelungs* in 2004 and in a film *Vanity Fair*, although his scenes in the latter were deleted and only appear on the DVD version.

In 2008, he landed the role of Edward Cullen in the film Twilight, based on Stephenie Meyer's best-selling novel of the same name.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS

- when Robert first signed on to play Edward Cullen, 75 000 people signed a petition against his taking the role
- unlike his character Edward, Robert says he's not at all romantic.
- he plays the piano and guitar, and his songs were featured in the first Twilight movie.
- Rob has two older sisters who used to dress him up and introduce him to people as "Claudia."

GLOSSARY

exclude [ikslu:d] – to prevent someone or something from entering a place

enroll [ɪnrəʊl] – to put yourself or someone else onto a list of members of a course, college, or group

admit [ədmɪt] – to agree that something is true

workload [wɜ:kləʊd] – the amount of work to be done

feature [fi:tʃə] – a typical quality or an important part of something

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