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Destined for stardom from a young age, Emma Watson has been on our radar since she was just 11-years old. Influential, inspiring and powerful, the 27-year old has achieved so much since her breakthrough role as Hermione Granger in the first Harry Potter film in 2001.

Growing up on our screens as the quick-witted, 'girl power' Hogwarts student, alongside Daniel Radcliffe and Rupert Grint, Watson starred in all eight of the Potter movies. Proving she wasn't a one-hit wonder, Watson has gone on to star in several well-received movies including The Perks of Being a Wallflower, The Circle, and more recently Disney's live action remake of Beauty and the Beast, winning Best Actor - the first gender-neutral award - for her lead role at the MTV TV and Movie awards in 2017.

Despite living the majority of her life in the limelight, Emma has never been 'fame hungry', choosing to keep as much of her personal life as private as possible. Yet she knows when to use her celebrity status for the greater good. In 2014, the Brown University graduate was appointed UN Women Goodwill Ambassador, an integral position that sees her put the lives of women first, recently educating vulnerable young girls in rural Africa through Camfed International. She also started the world-renowned HeForShe campaign through her ambassador role, now gaining over 1,300,000 supporters in the fight for gender equality, describing her success as truly humbling.

And Alongside her humanitarian work, the Paris-born actress' name is these days synonymous as a determined feminist leader. She continues to use her passion, knowledge and dedication to use feminism as a weapon, breaking down the misconceptions so many people have about the movement.

"Feminism is not a stick with which to beat other women. It's about freedom. It's about liberation. It's about equality" Emma Watson

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