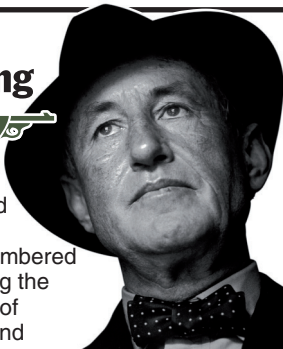


Ian Fleming

007

British author and journalist, best remembered for creating the character of James Bond



■ **May 28, 1908:** *Ian Lancaster Fleming* born Mayfair, London

■ **Education:** Sunningdale, Eton, and Royal Military Academy. Studies languages. Works for Reuters

■ **1939-46:** Recruited as personal assistant to Royal Navy's Director of Naval Intelligence. Rises to rank of Commander. Conceives ***Operation Goldeneye***, a plan to defend Gibraltar from invasion. Forms ***30AU***, a unit to collect intelligence behind enemy lines

■ **1953-66:** Publishes first novel, ***Casino Royale***, featuring ***James Bond***. Fleming writes 14 Bond stories, as well as children's novel ***Chitty Chitty Bang Bang***

■ **1961:** Sells film rights to Bond novels to Hollywood producers ***Harry Saltzman*** and ***Albert R. Broccoli***. ***Sean Connery*** cast as first 007

■ **Aug 12, 1964:** Fleming dies of a heart attack in Canterbury, England

■ **1962-present:** Twenty-one Bond films released, earning over \$11.6bn worldwide. ***Quantum of Solace***, starring ***Daniel Craig*** as Bond is due for release October 2008