

STEVEN SPIELBERG

How it all started

Steven Spielberg was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on December 18, 1946. His mother was a restaurateur and concert pianist, his father was a computer engineer, and he had three sisters. He showed keen interest in photography and cinema from a very early age and, by the time he was 13, he had already shot a 40-minute film and had actually won a prize for it! In 1963, at age 16, Steven wrote and directed his first independent movie, a 140-minute science fiction adventure called *Firelight*.

While he was a student at California State University, Long Beach, Spielberg made a short film which attracted the attention of Universal Studios. Though he was only 22, the studio signed him to a long-term deal as a director. Six years later, he reached world fame with *Jaws* which was an enormous hit and made him the youngest multi-millionaire in America. However it was *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* (1977), a unique and original UFO story, which established Spielberg as one of the rising stars in the world of cinema.



BIOGRAPHY

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Piling up hits

By the early '90s, with instant classics such as *E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial* (1982), the *Indiana Jones* series, *The Color Purple* (1985), and the *Jurassic Park* series, Spielberg had become not only kids' but also grown-ups' favorite director. However he had not won one single Academy Award for Best Director or Best Picture though he had had seven nominations. He eventually got both for *Schindler's List* in 1993.

After this highly acclaimed film on the Holocaust, Spielberg went on addressing big issues such as war in *Saving Private Ryan* (Oscar for Best Director) in 1998 and terrorism in *Munich* in 2005.

- ## FILMOGRAPHY
- 1963: *Firelight* (1st film)
 - 1971: *Duel*
 - 1975: *Jaws*
 - 1977: *Close Encounters of the third kind*
 - 1981: *Indiana Jones, the raiders of the lost ark*
 - 1982: *E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial*
 - 1991: *Hook*
 - 1993: *Schindler's List*
 - 1998: *Saving Private Ryan*
 - 2002: *Catch me if you can*
 - 2004: *The Terminal*
 - 2005: *War of the Worlds*
 - 2005: *Munich*
 - 2012: *Lincoln*
 - 2016: *BFG*
 - 2017: *The Post*

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