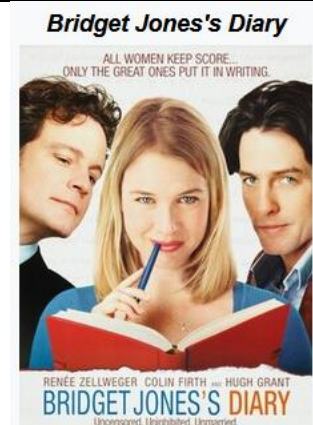


Who Is Bridget Jones?

Bridget Jones came to life internationally with [Bridget Jones's Diary](#), a **romcom** released in 2001. The film is about Bridget, a **thirtysomething** single who tries to get control of her life... and find a partner in the competitive world of post-Thatcher London. The original book was written by [Helen Fielding](#), and inspired by Jane Austen's [Pride and Prejudice](#): the "hero" of both Bridget Jones and *Pride and Prejudice* is called Darcy, and [Colin Firth](#) has played both characters.

Bridget Jones is typically middle-class and "**White British**", and **has issues with** her body, cigarettes and alcohol. She is played amazingly by Renée Kathleen Zellweger, who is from Texas!

(**Romcom** – a romantic comedy; **thirtysomething** – someone in their 30s (originally the name of [a TV series in the late 1980s](#)); **White British** – an official population category; **to have issues with** something – to have problems with something)



The [trailer \[video presenting the film\] of the *Bridget Jones's Diary*](#) captures the film's ambience and story well. Hugh Grant is the "villain" of the plot, a **cad** [a man who behaves dishonourably, especially towards women].

Look at these words from the summary of the trailer below, THEN read the trailer summary, and THEN watch the trailer (use the Youtube subtitles to help you).

Resolutions – decisions, promises, goals; **Flirtation** – teasing, attraction, romantic interest; **Charming** – attractive, charismatic, likeable; **Reserved** – quiet, introverted, private; **Flirt** – joke, tease, playfully interact; **Awkward** – embarrassing, uncomfortable, clumsy; **Confusion** – uncertainty, doubt, misunderstanding; **Challenge** – difficulty, problem, obstacle; **Trust** – believe, rely on, have confidence in; **Outcome** – result, ending, conclusion

Trailer summary (link to the [Youtube video](#))

- a) **Introducing Bridget** – The trailer starts by showing Bridget Jones, a single woman in her early 30s, feeling lonely and writing in her diary.
- b) **New Year's Resolutions** – Bridget decides to change her life, improve herself, and find love.
- c) **Meeting Mark Darcy** – Bridget meets Mark Darcy, a serious and reserved man, at a Christmas party. He does not seem interested in her (Darcy is wearing a childish pullover from his mother).
- d) **Her Job and Social Life** – Bridget works in an office and spends time with her friends, who give her advice about dating.
- e) **Daniel Cleaver** – Bridget's flirtation with her charming boss, Daniel Cleaver, begins. He is fun and confident, and she enjoys his attention.
- f) **Love Triangle** – Bridget finds herself caught between Daniel Cleaver and Mark Darcy. The two men seem very different.
- g) **Funny and Embarrassing Moments** – The trailer shows Bridget in awkward and funny situations, like falling down or saying the wrong thing.
- h) **Romantic Confusion** – Bridget faces challenges in her love life and is unsure who she can trust.
- i) **A Surprise Fight** – There is a dramatic and humorous fight scene between Mark Darcy and Daniel Cleaver over Bridget.
- j) **Happy Ending?** – The trailer suggests that Bridget will have to choose between the two men, but does not reveal the final outcome.