

Jeremy Clarkson is best known for his work on the long running BBC series, "Top Gear". "Top Gear" is an automotive television show combining factual television programming and humour. In this programme, Jeremy works as a presenter alongside Richard Hammond and James May. Jeremy's prominence in television has earned him many guest spots on British television shows. After criticism based on Jeremy's relaxed style, he was invited to go on the makeover show "What Not to Wear". However, the makeover did not go as planned, with Jeremy not agreeing with any of the suggestions. He stated that he would never return to the show again. The presenters on "What Not to Wear" are not the only people who have disapproved of Jeremy's style. Some have blamed the dip in popularity of jeans in the mid-1990's, particularly Levi's, to be Jeremy's fault. Dubbed the "Jeremy Clarkson Effect", jeans worn by a middle-aged man were seen as less appealing. Despite his fashion faux-pas, Jeremy is regarded as an expert in automotives and a well-known journalist and novelist. He writes weekly columns for The Sun and The Sunday Times. In addition, he has written several humourous books about cars and other subjects of personal interest. His tongue-in-cheek personality has gained him much admiration and disapproval. He is an avid collector of motor vehicles, owning or having owned various Volkswagens, Mercedes, Fords, Range Rovers, Volvos, Lamborghinis, BMWs, and even an Aston Martin. As a 2007 Christmas present, his wife, Frances Cain, bought him a Mercedes-Benz 600.

Jimmy Carr is a British-based comedian and humourist. He has been practising comedy since 2000, and has gained notable acclaim for his deadpan delivery and witty one-liners. His humour is often dark and has been noted as offensive to certain groups. In October 2009, Jimmy made a joke about the British having a strong team in the London 2012 Paralympic games with all of the soldiers who have lost limbs in Iraq and Afghanistan. Jimmy stood by his joke in an interview with "The Guardian" citing it to be "totally acceptable". Jimmy had studied political science at Gonville and Caius College, receiving a 2:1 degree. Before gaining success in comedy at twenty-eight, Jimmy struggled with unfulfilling jobs, notably a marketing job with Shell, and was largely supported by his father. His hard work and dedication paid off, eventually earning him multiple LAFTA awards and various accolades. In a guest appearance on "Top Gear", Jimmy was given the honour of "the worst driver we've ever had". He has earned criticism for his comments against organised religion. Jimmy identifies as an atheist, and has implied that losing his faith was a mesmerising experience. He has appeared on many British and American television programmes and has completed eight comedy tours. Not only that, but Jimmy has released a mockumentary, The Colour of Funny, hosted various programmes, and worked as a writer in television. In 2001, he began a relationship with commissioning editor for Five, Karoline Copping. They live together in North London.

John Bishop has been a comedian and actor in England since 2002. Prior to his work in entertainment, John worked as a medical representative for the pharmaceutical company, Syntex. In 2006, he made the decision to pursue comedy full time and left his position at the company. He is noted for his stellar stand up skills. During an appearance on "Friday Night with Jonathan Ross", it was revealed that early in his career, he had worked as a warm up stand up for the show. He has also appeared on various television programmes and released three stand-up DVDs showcasing his jokes from different comedy tours. During the 2010 British Comedy

Awards, John won the coveted Best Male Comedy Breakthrough Artist Award. In addition to his comedy work, John has raised 3.4 million pounds for the organisation Sport Relief 2012. The organisation is a close point of interest for John because he played for non-league teams, Hyde and Southport in the late eighties to early nineties. He is a true Liverpool fan, and has made note of that often during television appearances. John has been associated with other charity organisations, as well, including Soccer Aid, and fundraisers such as Channel 4's Comedy Gala benefiting the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. John has been married since 1993 to his wife, Melanie, and has three sons, Joe, Luke, and Daniel. He has been a practicing vegetarian for twenty years, and has spoken publicly about his ethical views regarding vegetarianism. He has a radio show on Radio City 96.7 called Bishop's Sunday Service.

Heath Ledger was an Australian-born actor in film and television, and a music video director. Heath was born in Perth, Western Australia in April 1979. After graduating school early, at the age of sixteen, Heath began appearing in Australian television shows and films. In the late nineties, he left Australia to pursue film in the United States. There, he completed nineteen films, including "Ten Things I Hate About You", "Monster's Ball", "Brokeback Mountain", "I'm Not There", and "The Dark Knight". He died on January 22, 2008 following a prescription drug intoxication. Heath was celebrated for his depth of acting style as his career grew. For "Brokeback Mountain", a film about a love secret love affair between two men, Heath was nominated for a BAFTA, SAG award, and a Golden Globe. Additionally, he won several awards for his gut-wrenching performance of Ennis Del Mar. It was during "Brokeback Mountain" where Heath met his long-term girlfriend Michelle Williams, with whom he bore a child, Matilda, born in 2005. During his filming of "The Dark Knight", Heath's insomnia began to worsen. It continued through his filming of his posthumously-released "The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus". There, they were working in a wet and cold climate, and many cast members developed illnesses. At that time, Heath had begun taking prescription drugs to combat his sleeplessness and was not feeling well. His body was found by his housekeeper and masseuse. His death was seen by the world as a shame, since his talent was growing and he was considered a thoughtful individual and father. He was awarded many accolades posthumously.

Heston Blumenthal is a celebrated English chef. He owns The Fat Duck, which is a three Michelin starred restaurant that has been voted as the best restaurant in the entire United Kingdom. It has received ten of ten by The Good Food Guide, a perfect score. Heston is self-taught, and, in fact, has only had seventeen combined days experience working for other chefs. He spent one week at Marco Pierre White's restaurant, and ten days at Raymond Blanc's kitchen. Though he does not endorse the term, Heston belongs to the molecular gastronomist movement, whereby food is cooked in a modern way with consideration applied to the chemical and physical transformation of elements when cooking. One example that Heston applies to his food is the sois-vide cooking technique. Here, food is cooked in a vacuum-sealed bag in a thermostatically controlled bath for a period of time. Slow cooking, where food is cooked at low temperatures for longer periods of time, is also a point of interest for Heston. Heston believes multi-sensory cooking to be a huge part of the dining experience. He has served a signature seafood dish, fittingly named Sound of

the Sea, where diners listen to sea noises, birds, ship horns, and children laughing while dining. The dish includes fishes, seaweeds, sea jelly beans, and monks beard. This is served on a bed of "sand" made from tapioca starch, dried seaweed, miso paste, and Japanese breadcrumbs. He owns four restaurants: The Fat Duck, Hinds Head, The Crown at Bray, and Dinner by Heston Blumenthal.

Hilary Duff is an American actress, singer, model, and entrepreneur. She may be best known for her role on the Disney Channel's "Lizzie McGuire" which ran from 2001 to 2004. As she has grown up, Duff has distanced herself from the wholesome image of the title character, and chosen roles that show a more adult side. Hilary grew up in Houston, Texas, alongside her sister, actress and musician, Haylie Duff. She followed in her sister's footsteps by taking singing, dancing, and acting classes, and pursuing a career in entertainment. Eventually, Hilary eclipsed Haylie, though they have worked on a number of projects together. In 2003, Hilary released her first album, *Metamorphosis*, which went platinum. Her subsequent albums had similar success, and followed the same progression as her film roles by becoming more adult as she grew up. Controversy has followed Hilary throughout the years, first when her boyfriend Aaron Carter left her for Lindsay Lohan, then when she began a relationship at sixteen with then twenty-five year old Good Charlotte singer, Joel Madden. Hilary has been criticised for putting her sexuality on display, and for being a goody-two shoes. Hilary signed a deal with Elizabeth Arden and created two fragrances. She also created the clothing lines *Stuff by Hilary Duff*, and *Femme* for DKNY. She signed with IMG Models, one of the largest and most elite modelling companies in the world. After dating for three years, she married hockey player, Mike Comrie. They have a son, born in 2012, named Luca Cruz Comrie.

Hugh Bonneville is a stage, television, film, and radio actor from Blackheath, London. He is best known for his work in the acclaimed BBC drama, "Downton Abby" where he plays Robert Crawley, Earl of Grantham. Hugh studied at the Sherborne School in Sherborne Dorset, going on to focus on theology at Corpus Christi College, and the arts at the Webber Douglas Academy of Dramatic Arts. He is an alumnus of the National Youth Theatre. He first made his stage debut in 1987 and just four years later emerged into film and television roles. He performed with National Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company in plays such as "Hamlet" and "The Two Gentlemen of Verona". When Hugh first began acting, he was typecast into roles as a bumbling, but friendly man. This is showcased in his roles in "Notting Hill" and "Mansfield Park". However, eventually, he took roles as villainous characters in "Daniel Deronda" and "The Commander". In "The Commander", he played the mentally-deranged, James Lampton. With his growing roles in film and television, his versatility as actor has improved. In addition, his role in "Twenty-Two" earned him a BAFTA Television Award for Best Male Comedy Performance in 2011. He, along with the cast of "Downtown Abby" won the Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series in 2010. In addition to acting, Hugh is a patron of the charities Scene & Heard, and Medical Emergency Relief International. His spouse is Lulu Williams; they wed in 1998.

Ian Somerhalder is an American actor and model from Louisiana. He has appeared on numerous television and film programmes since age of twenty. He began his career as a model, producing work from the ages of ten through thirteen, but decided

when he was seventeen that he wanted to focus on acting. His first multi-episode role was in "Young Americans", a spin-off of the WB's popular show "Dawson's Creek". Though short-lived, Ian took on other roles through that network, which became the CW in 2006. He is best-known for his role on the incredibly popular ABC drama, "Lost", and the CW hit "The Vampire Diaries". Though he only appeared in nineteen episodes of the one hundred twenty-one aired, he is seen as one of the most significant characters. He was the first actor hired for the series. In 2009, "The Vampire Diaries" debuted and earned the highest ratings that the CW had seen since it overtook the WB in 2006. Ian's performance was viewed positively and propelled him into a more recognisable status as an actor. Ian is widely viewed as a heart-throb by many of his fans. Noting his dedication to charity, in 2010 while hosting the Bash at the Bayou charity fundraiser for the Society, the Vampire Diaries Fandom presented him with a \$11,100 check. He has dedicated himself to preserving the environment, animal rights, and support of LGBT youth. Much to the dismay of his love-struck teen fans, Ian has been dating co-star of "The Vampire Diaries", Nina Dobrev since September 2011.

Jacqueline Wilson is a writer, known most for her work in Children's Literature. She covers controversial and ignored themes in this genre, such as divorce, adoption, and mental illness. She earned the Guardian Prize in 2000, and the British Book Award in 2000 and 2003. Born in Bath, she grew up in Kingston-upon-Thames, where she lives to this day in a beautiful Victorian villa. Her first book was penned at the age of nine. It was called "Meet the Maggots", a story about a family with seven children. In 1991, Jacqueline produced her breakthrough novel, "The Story of Tracy Beaker". Published by Doubleday, it became a series of seven novels thus far, many of which have been adapted for television. In all, Jacqueline has written over a hundred books. She states that it is her mission to write for every audience and age group, so that she can be a friend and prepare them for what they may expect in their futures. Jacqueline experienced personal loss when her husband of nearly forty years left her for another woman. Their daughter, Emma, born in 1967, is a professor at the University of Cambridge. Jacqueline's novels are normally from the first-person narrative, giving readers the ability to relate more with the protagonist. She has sold over thirty million copies of her books in the United Kingdom. Though she is a voracious writer, she takes time to read at least one book a week that she places in her over 15,000 book home library.

Jamie Oliver is a chef, restaurateur, and media personality. He has hosted and appeared in dozens of television programmes. Born in Clavering, Essex, Oliver studied cooking, earning a position as a pastry chef at Neal's Yard restaurant then moving on to become sous-chef at the River Cafe in Fulham. His cooking style incorporates fresh and organic foods, and Italian and British cuisine. His first food focused television show that brought him to the mainstream was "The Naked Chef". Often misleading, the show title does not refer to bodily nudity, but simplicity in food. Much of Jamie's food is focused on helping average people develop the ability to cook healthy and good foods for themselves and their families. He advocates against previously prepared foods, junk foods, and fast food. This has caused a certain amount of controversy, as he was the spokesperson for Sainsbury's for eleven years, earning over a million pounds a year. Sainsbury's carries pre-prepared foods and Jamie has stated that he would not purchase food from a grocery store,

instead opting for fresh markets and direct sources. In 2008, Jamie launched the restaurant Jamie's Italian. In recent years, he has worked on changing the school lunch programmes in the United Kingdom and United States to include more healthy options. Legislation has been passed in the UK to change the quality of food available to people. He won the TED Award in 2010 for his work in producing positive governmental and personal changes in food consumption. He is married to former model, Juliette Norton, and has four children, creatively named Poppy Honey Rosie, Daisy Boo Pamela, Petal Blossom Rainbow, and Buddy Bear Maurice. He announced the names of the two youngest children on Twitter.