

# SANDRA BULLOCK

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SANDRA BULLOCK WAS a 29-year-old actress on the fast track to obscurity when her role as the spunky Annie Porter opposite Keanu Reeves in 1994's *Speed* made her an instant celebrity. Since then, with such films as *While You Were Sleeping* (1995) and *Miss Congeniality* (2000), she's become one of Hollywood's most bankable and down-to-earth stars. "I'm not what the industry or the media have deemed a hot tamale," she has said. "There's something comfortable about me. I'm like a sleeper sofa."

Voted "Most Likely to Brighten Your Day" by her high school senior class, Bullock studied drama at college, then split for New York, where she studied the Method and did the usual unemployed actor thing: went on a lot of auditions and tended bar.

Since her *Speed* breakthrough, Bullock has earned a reputation as an actress who'll try almost anything. Although she reprises her role as a comic FBI agent in this spring's *Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous*, she drastically alters her image by playing a bad-tempered, foul-mouthed, racist wife of a Los Angeles D.A. in *Crash*—a gritty urban drama out in April. She's also set to reteam with Keanu Reeves in *Il Mare*, a romantic drama in which she plays a lonely doctor and he's a frustrated architect.

Now dating heavily tattooed television personality Jesse James, Bullock showed her socially conscious side by donating \$1 million to the American Red Cross to help victims of the Southeast Asian tsunami.

Miss Congeniality. Miss Compassion. Miss I-Date-Wild-Guys. "I want to be the girl nobody can quite figure out," Bullock once said. Boy, did she mean it! —Lewis Beale



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**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
July 26, 1964

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
Arlington, Virginia

**PARENTS:** John, a voice coach, and Helga, an opera singer (deceased)

**SIBLING:** younger sister Gesine Bullock-Prado, a lawyer and entertainment executive

**EDUCATION:** East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina

**SIGNIFICANT OTHER:**  
Jesse James



SKIPP SUDDUTH'S real-life counterparts are wild about his performance on *Third Watch*. He's the most realistic uniform cop on TV. But Sudduth is sad to report that he gets no special treatment as a reward.

"There was one time I could have used 'professional courtesy,'" he says. "I parked in a no-standing zone and my car got booted. So I go to pay the fine. Everyone recognizes me and makes a big fuss. First thing the guy at the counter says is, 'Can I take a picture with you?' I'm thinking, 'All right! He'll give me a break!' Well, no sir. Second thing he says is, 'That'll be \$300.'"

But not getting perks is Sudduth's only complaint about playing streetwise Officer John "Sully" Sullivan on *Third Watch*, now in season six: "I pinch myself to be sure it's real. All of us on the show, we look at each other and say, 'Can you believe this is called work?'"

As a young man, Sudduth seemed headed for medical school. He earned an undergraduate degree in biology and worked in an ER for a year, but then realized he had no passion for medicine and switched to the arts. Over the past 20 years, the veteran stage and screen actor has amassed an impressive list of credits, among them the acclaimed 1999 Broadway production of *The Iceman Cometh*, Spike Lee's *Clockers* (1995), and the action-thriller *Ronin* (1998), costarring Robert De Niro.

# SKIPP SUDDUTH

Sudduth seems to specialize in tough-guy roles, but inside, there's a sensitive soul. Consider, for example, what he did after watching a thrilling Rose Bowl shootout in which the Texas Longhorns won on the last play. "I wrote a poem about it." —*David Martindale*

 Catch *Third Watch* on A&E. For more, see Highlights on pages 62–63. Log on to [BIOGRAPHYCLUB.COM](http://BIOGRAPHYCLUB.COM) for a complete listing.

<b>NAME:</b> Robert Lee "Skipp" Sudduth IV
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b> August 23, 1956
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH:</b> Wareham, Massachusetts
<b>PARENTS:</b> Bobby Lee, a retired electrical and aeronautical engineer, and Laura, a retired nurse
<b>SIBLINGS:</b> Brother Kohl Sudduth, also an actor
<b>EDUCATION:</b> BS from Hampden-Sydney College, Master's in theater from the University of Virginia
<b>SIGNIFICANT OTHER:</b> Single

Left: Steven Meisel/Art + Commerce Anthology. Right: Warner Bros. Photo.

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