

Many individuals, like Ian's friend Ivar Bryce, surely contributed to Fleming's characterization of James Bond over thirteen novels and two short stories. There can be little doubt, however, that the inspiration for the 007 we see in *Casino Royale*, Fleming's first Bond novel, was Dusko Popov. Set forth below are the individuals most often claimed to be models (not necessarily the *inspiration*) for James Bond. In the far left column are the traits of Bond as revealed in *Casino Royale*.

	James Bond	Dusko Popov	Ian Fleming	Wm. Stephenson	Peter Fleming	Patrick Dalzel-Job	Fitzroy Maclean	Wilfred Dunderdale
Age (During WWII)	34 (in <i>CR</i>)	29–34	32–37	45–50	33–38	30–35	30–35	40–45
Nationality	1/2 Scot, 1/2 Swiss	Serbian	English	Canadian	English	English	Scot	?
M16 Field Agent	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	SAS	Station Chief, Paris
Female sub-agent	Yes ¹	Yes ²	No	No	No	No	No	No
Affair with sub-agent	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Carried gun	Yes ³	Yes ⁴	No	No	?	Yes	Yes	No
Crack shot	Yes	Yes ⁵	No	No	?	Yes	?	No
Killed enemy	Yes	Yes ⁶	No	No	No	?	?	No
Assassination attempt	Yes ⁷	Yes ⁸	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Wealthy background	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Playboy reputation	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Highly intelligent	Yes	Yes ⁹	No ¹⁰	Yes ¹¹	Yes ¹²	No	Yes	?
Heavy drinker	Yes	Yes ¹³	Yes	?	?	No	?	?
Heavy smoker	Yes	Yes ¹⁴	Yes ¹⁵	?	?	?	?	?
Met with enemy	Yes	Yes	No	No	?	Yes	Yes	No
High stakes baccarat	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Bond connection	N/A	Admitted ¹⁶	Denied ¹⁷	Denied ¹⁸	?	Denied ¹⁹	No	No
Languages	3	5	?	?	?	2	?	3?
Eyes	Grey-blue	Grey-blue	Blue	?	?	Blue	Blue	?
Hair	Black, combed back, receding hairline	Brown, combed back, receding hairline	Black	Black/Gray	Black	?	Black	Black

¹Vesper Lynd.

²Friedl Gaertner.

³Beretta .25.

⁴Luger 9mm.

⁵University of Freiburg two-time moving target champion.

⁶Planned and paid for the killing of Bozidar, a German spy informant.

⁷Avoided bomb in Splendid hotel walkway area.

⁸Avoided car bomb, which exploded his Jaguar.

⁹Law degree, Belgrade University; Doctorate in Law, University of Freiburg.

¹⁰No college degree; failed foreign office exam.

¹¹Oxford, Cranwell Aeronautical College.

¹²First honors at Christ Church, Oxford.

¹³Not initially but developed during the war.

¹⁴Balkan cigarettes, Chesterfields.

¹⁵Half Balkan, half Turkish mix; Morelands.

¹⁶"Three gold bands" matches Bond.

¹⁷*Parade* magazine, May 19, 1974.

¹⁸Interview with Canadian Broadcasting Company aired on August 17, 1964, five days after Fleming's death.

¹⁹See Stevenson, *A Man Called Intrepid*, p. 171.

Some have mistakenly concluded that Fleming's reference of super-spy and hero qualities suggested that Fleming was saying that

Stephenson was Bond. See Fleming Foreword.

¹⁹"I have never read a Bond book or seen a Bond movie. They are not my style... And I only ever loved one woman." See Ben Macintyre, "Was Ian Fleming the real 007?" *The Times*, April 5, 2008. Macintyre stated that Fleming told Dalzel-Job he was an inspiration for Bond, See Macintyre, *For Your Eyes Only*, p. 71.