

Definition: **Caine** from *The Macquarie Dictionary*

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born 1933, British film actor; films include *Alfie* (1966) and *Educating Rita* (1983).



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Summary Article: **Caine, Michael**

from *The Hutchinson Unabridged Encyclopedia with Atlas and Weather Guide*

English screen actor. He is a prolific and versatile performer with an enduring Cockney streak. His first major success was in *Alfie* (1966). He has played historical roles in *Zulu* (1964) and *The Man Who Would Be King* (1975), hardboiled psychopaths in *Get Carter* (1971) and *Mona Lisa* (1986), and comic buffoons in *Educating Rita* (1983) and *Sweet Liberty* (1986). He won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for both *Hannah and Her Sisters* (1986) and *The Cider House Rules* (1999), and the Golden Globe for Best Actor for *Little Voice* (1998).

He played novelist Len Deighton's reluctant spy Harry Palmer in a trilogy of films: *The Ipcress File* (1965), *Funeral in Berlin* (1966), and *Billion Dollar Brain* (1967). Since the 1970s, Caine has continued his prolific output, although often proving himself willing to feature in low-quality fare.

His other works include *The Italian Job* (1969), *Sleuth* (1972), *The Eagle Has Landed* (1976), *On Deadly Ground* (1994), *Midnight in St Petersburg* (1995), *Mandela and de Klerk* (1997), *Quills* (2000), *Austin Powers in Goldmember* (2002), *The Quiet American* (2002), the Batman films *Batman Begins* (2005) and *The Dark Knight* (2008), *Children of Men* (2006), *The Prestige* (2006), and *Inception* (2010). He published the memoirs *What's It All About* (1992) and *The Elephant to Hollywood* (2010).

He was knighted as Sir Maurice Micklewhite in 2000.

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