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Heath Ledger: Talented Actor

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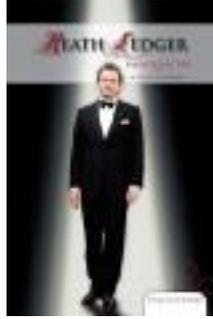
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"I feel good about dying now, because I feel like I'm alive in her, but at the same time, you don't want to die because you want to be around for the rest of her life," so said Heath Ledger shortly before his death. Ledger was born in Perth, Australia, and after becoming involved in drama, he took any acting jobs that came to him. Moving to Hollywood helped Ledger land box-office movie roles. Ledger sought to control his life when he refused teen heartthrob roles from movie producers after his success in *10 Things I Hate About You*. Instead, Heath auditioned for a broad range of characters that would help develop his acting skills. He fell in love with Michelle Williams while the two were working together on *Brokeback Mountain*. His daughter Matilda Rose was born in October of 2005. Ledger passed away at the age of twenty-eight. He lives on through his daughter and his films.

Watson scripts an encompassing view of Heath Ledger's professional and personal life. This biography is filled with corresponding pictures of Ledger. Fans will love to read this memorable book about such a passionate and talented person.

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