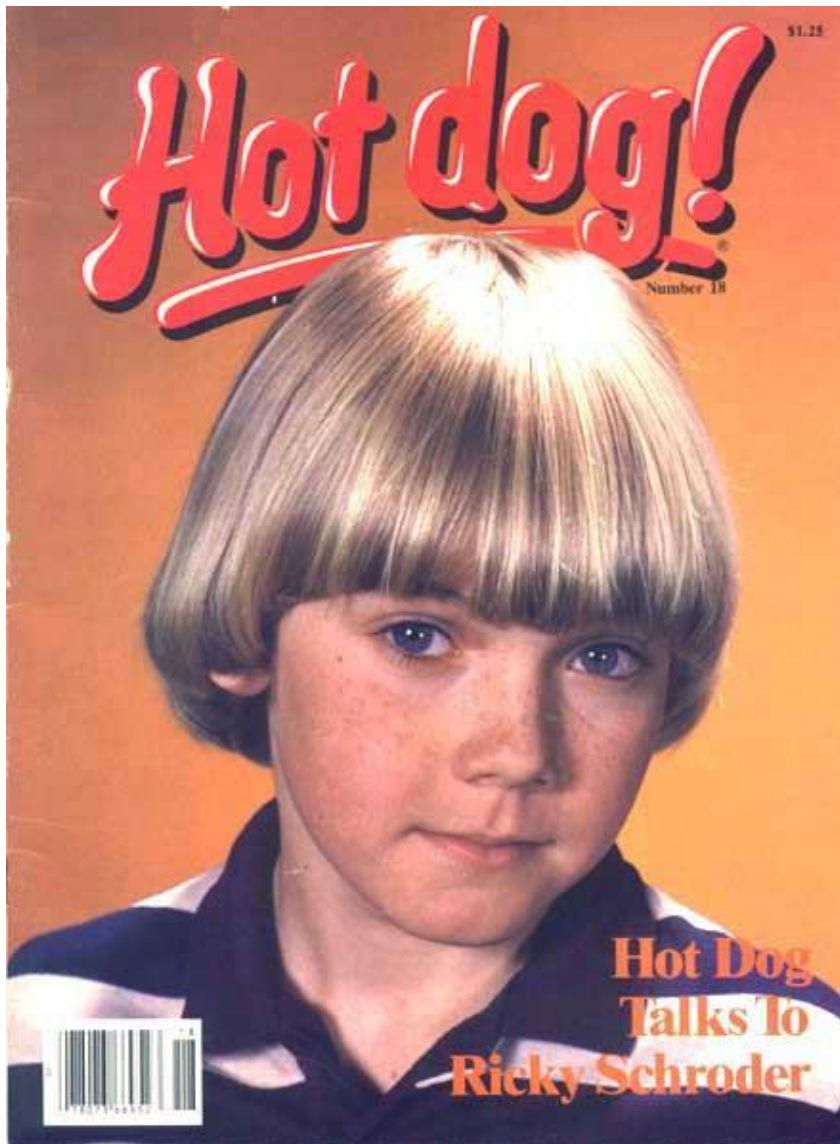


Ricky Schroder

Titles: 9 Sources: 6 Stills: 30+

Born: Richard Schroder Jr; Staten Island, NY; April 13th 1970



Hot puppy – Ricky as fast food to go

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The Virgin International Encyclopedia of Film entry:

"Blond juvenile model and actor who came to prominence with a heart-rending performance in the 1979 remake of **"THE CHAMP"**. Schroder went on to star in the popular TV series **"Silver Spoons"** (1982-86) and has appeared in several TV movies and miniseries, notably 1989's **"Lonesome Dove"**."

Motion Picture Almanac 1994 entry:

"Actor. Started modelling while only four months, did many TV commercials before theatrical debut in **"THE CHAMP"** at age eight."

The Moving Picture Boy entry:

"Both Richard Schroder Jr and his elder sister Dawn modelled and did TV commercial work from early childhood. Their father was Brooklyn district manager of the New York Telephone Company."

When Franco Zeffirelli chose Ricky to play the Jackie Cooper role in his updated Florida remake of **"THE CHAMP"**, everyone's advance

reaction was: "Far too pretty, far too cute". But Zeffirelli worked hard to remove the professional cuteness, and having done so regarded Schroder as more spontaneous than Cooper...

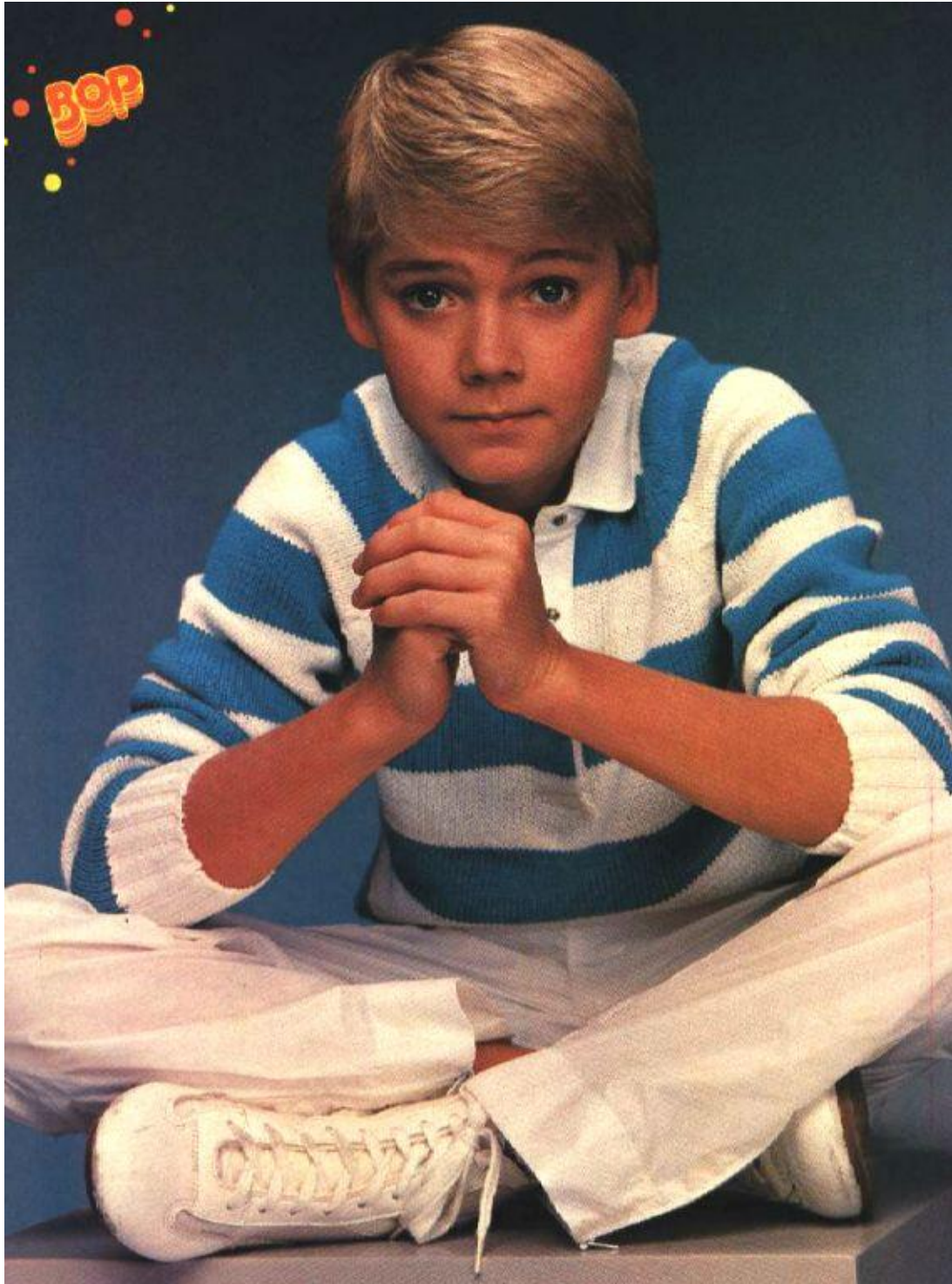
In 1984 he started a long run in the TV sitcom **"Silver Spoons"**. In this - as the pampered but unspoilt son of a quaint young millionaire (Joel Higgins) whose chief pastime is playing with toy trains - he had an amusing script and a chance to sharpen up his comic timing. Needless to say, he proved as professional in this genre as in his previous ones. Though he was allowed some poignant moments, not a tear was shed..."

News of the World (retch!) - Mar 91 - biographical item:

"Child movie star Ricky Schroder told last night how boyhood fame made growing up hell. He shot to fame when he was just eight in the tear-jerker movie **"THE CHAMP"** and was a millionaire by 16. But he hit a teenage crisis when the starring roles dried up. "I couldn't get an acting job for 18 months" said Rick, 20, who first appeared on telly when he was three months old. "Nobody would even give me an audition because they could only see me as a kid."

"I blew everything out of proportion, doubting the abilities I had built up over my years in the

business. I spent my spare time terminally depressed and doing nothing but watching



Boy actor as pin-up – Schroeder ±13

Source: indeterminate website

television. I just felt unwanted and unloved." It took a role in tonight's epic western mini-series "**Lonesome Dove**" to drag the handsome

youngster back into the big time – as a rugged hero. He grew a moustache and dyed his blond hair brown to play Newt Dobbs – the son of a

where. Rick, who is 21 next month, said: "It was the most important part of my transition from childhood roles. But I've not finished yet. I've been in this business all my life and I intend to stay in it the rest of my life".

Excerpt from **Films Illustrated** - Nov 80 - interview with Elliott Gould promoting "LAST FLIGHT OF NOAH'S ARK" :

"...Gould was full of praise for Genevieve Bujold and Ricky Schroder, his co-stars in **"THE LAST FLIGHT OF NOAH'S ARK"**. "We shot the water scenes in the same tank at MGM where Esther Williams used to swim" he began. "It was very frightening. There was a scene where I had to rescue Ricky from some sharks after he has fallen overboard. And Ricky is a brilliant young actor whose talent knows no limits. If he had fins he could have acted me right out of the water! "

"Ricky is a jewel of a boy. He comes from Staten Island which is just across the causeway from Brooklyn where I was born. I recognised his parents and his elder sister, Dawn. I didn't see his film of **"THE CHAMP"** until after we'd finished **"NOAH'S ARK"**. I could tell you so many anecdotes about him."

"We're kindred spirits - Ricky, Genevieve Bujold and I. We all used to go skinny-dipping when we were making that film. Right there in the studio back yard there's a little house with a pool and we all used to go swimming together every day. " "

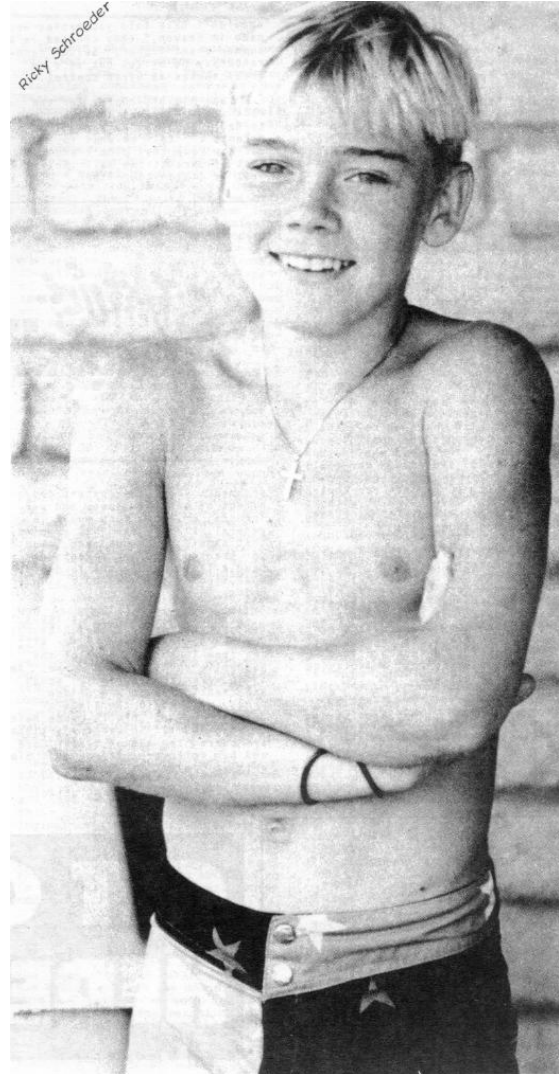
NAMBLA Bulletin media notes:

"1983: A TV Guide article on Ricky Schroeder *[sic]* tells us: Ricky contributes ideas to **"Silver Spoons"** scripts; his mom is with him constantly; he's naive about things like off-colour jokes; and he got in trouble riding his bike over the collapsible bridge at the **"JAWS"** lake... " [vol 4/5]

"1983: ..The *"Enquirer"* reports Ricky Schroeder *[sic]* received threats of "a painless death". Additional bodyguards were assigned... " [vol 4/10]

"1984: ..Ricky Schroder, 13, has been dating Natasha Wagner, 13, daughter of Robert Wagner and the late Natalie Wood." [vol 5/4]

"1984: The Fifth Annual Youth (21 and under) Film Awards ceremony took place in Beverly Hills. Among the winners were Jason Bateman, Emmanuel Lewis and Ricky Schroder for comedy." [vol 5/5]



Source: *NAMBLA Bulletin*

What the Critics said:

In **"THE CHAMP"**:

"...Young Schroder cries (and cries) convincingly." - **Leonard Maltin**

"A rather more serious if sentimental view of the fight business was taken in the MGM-CIC remake of the famous old 1931 tear-jerker **"THE CHAMP"**... the roles now played by Jon Voight and brilliant, heart-stealing little lad Ricky Schroeder *[sic]*.."

"...There's some quite astonishingly mature, brilliantly guided acting from little blue-eyed, golden boy Ricky Schroeder, a female-charmer if ever there was one..."

- **Film Review 1980-1981**

"...Voight mugs fanatically as the Champ... And we can say the same for Ricky Schroder."

- **TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995**

"...In this edition Schroder projects a comparable emotional range and depth *[to Jackie Cooper's performance in the 1931 original]*..."

- **Variety**

In **"LITTLE LORD FAUNTLEROY"**:

"..10-year old Ricky Schroder - who was so good in **"THE CHAMP"** - manages to make [Fauntleroy's] precocity *[sic]* immensely appealing. His relationship with the old man - American egalitarianism confronts English aristocracy - may be sentimental but it is never mawkish. The scenes he shares with Alec Guinness are beautifully acted." [?]

In **"OUT ON THE EDGE"**:

"Rick Schroder, yet to make a high-impact transition to the big screen since his early success in **"THE CHAMP"**, has, however, made a useful contribution to countless TV movies. He certainly doesn't blot his copybook here, even when events begin to break free of credibility. Schroder homes in convincingly on the inner life of a sun-kissed youth whose looks and demeanour are an effective cover for his angst. Schroder is as accomplished at confusion, sensitivity and unease as he is at mouthy rebellion."

- **Radio Times**

FILMOGRAPHY

Year	Age	Title	Role
deb 79	8	THE CHAMP	
80	10	LITTLE LORD FAUNTLEROY	in title role, Cedric
80		THE EARTHLING	
80		THE LAST FLIGHT OF NOAH'S ARK <i>with Tammy Lauren</i>	
82	12	SOMETHING SO RIGHT	US TV
82		Faerie Tale Theater: "Hansel and Gretel" <i>with Bridgette Andersen</i>	US TV – as Hansel
82-86		Silver Spoons <i>with Jason Bateman, Alfonso Ribeiro</i>	US TV sitcom
83	13	TWO KINDS OF LOVE	US TV
84	14	A REASON TO LIVE	US TV
- -		APT PUPIL	US TV
88	18	TOO YOUNG THE HERO †	US TV – in central role, as a sailor aged 12 !!
89	19	Lonesome Dove	US TV Western serial – as Newt Dobbs
- -		TERROR ON HIGHWAY 91	US TV
89		OUT ON THE EDGE	as Danny Evetts
- -		A SON'S PROMISE	US TV
90	20	ACROSS THE TRACKS	
90		THE STRANGER WITHIN	
91	21	BLOOD RIVER	US TV
91		MILES FROM NOWHERE	
91		MY SON JOHNNY <i>with Corin "Corky" Nemec, Mark Hildreth, Derek Senft</i>	US TV – in title role

[† Associate producer = Diane Schroder]