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Adrien Brody - Zero To Hero

By James Shenton

One of the least typecast actors in Hollywood, Adrien Brody — star of the new period biopic

Hollywoodland — has defied critics by choosing a wide range of roles on the basis that they "look like fun". This approach has taken him from the most serious role imaginable, as a Polish Jew in Roman Polanski's *The Pianist*, to portraying Jack Driscoll in Peter Jackson's big budget adventure *King Kong*.

Despite Brody's seemingly overnight success in *The Pianist* — a role that made him the youngest actor to win the Oscar for Best Actor — he had actually been struggling to make a name for himself since he appeared in Steven Soderbergh's 1993 movie *King of the Hill*. He went on to receive praise for his turns in *The Thin Red Line* and *Summer of Sam*, but wasn't widely noticed until the success of *The Pianist*.

Since his Oscar success, however, Brody's movies — with the exception of M. Night Shyamalan's *The Village* — have tended to underperform at the box office. His 2005 psychological thriller *The Jacket* made only \$15million at the worldwide box office, barely half of its \$28million budget. Even the blockbuster *King Kong* failed to live up to expectations. In fact, his only success since *The Pianist* came from *Esquire Magazine*, who voted him Best Dressed Man in America 2004.

All this may be set to change, though, with the release of *Hollywoodland*, Brody's crime drama/biopic of Louis Simo, the detective investigating the suspicious death of TV's Superman, George Reeves, in 1959. Including Brody himself, the movie boasts two Oscar winners and two nominees — Ben Affleck, Bob Hoskins and Diane Lane. Such star power, combined with reports that *Hollywoodland* was described before production began as "one of the best scripts unproduced", will have Brody hoping to return to our good graces and box office success. Will it work? Well, we'll have to wait and see.

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THE HERO IN YOU

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So much we look up to higher places for help and encouragement. We all want someone who comes to us when we fall, when we are down. Someone to hold on to. But this hero is not always there, and as a thought "an angel has broken my heart".

But there's a hero, who's always there in joy, sadness, laughter and pain. Always there, he comes through for me. It's funny, when within me, I say "I don't see my hero", because though I may not see Him, I know He is there. Like an angel, He watches over me.

But you know what? We all have that hero. He is available to all of us– including you. We see Him, on the dawn of each new day; when we look through the image in the mirror. Even at night when we lay our head to sleep, our hero is always there; forgetting the past, concentrating on the present and seeing a bright future.

It's really simple.

"The Hero Lies in You"

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