

## Spider-Man Movie\*



One of the coolest super heroes on the planet made his big screen debut on May 3, 2002. After Batman, X-men and Superman, is now the turn of Spider-Man. Tobey Maguire is the actor who plays the role of the protagonist Peter Parker, that becomes secretly Spider-Man. Tobias Vincent Maguire (Tobey

5 Maguire) started acting when he was 12 after his mom offered him \$100 to take drama classes instead of chef courses. He started to work in commercials for Doritos and McDonald's. He has always been a good friend of Titanic's Leonardo DiCaprio, they starred together in an underground flick they made for a friend called *Don's Plum*. The actor Tobey Maguire spent several months

10 preparing for the role of Spider-Man by practicing Yoga, gymnastics, trampoline work, weight lifting, biking, running as well as kicking and punching. During production, four of his Spider-Man costumes were stolen from the Sony Pictures Studio, these costumes had a web on the outside so it appeared 3 dimensional. A special make-up was also used to paint colours on

15 the back of a live Black Widow Spider that lands on Tobey Maguire's hand. Four assistants helped him controlling the movements of spiders on the set. The Sony Pictures studio is in Los Angeles and not in New York in fact the streets of LA were made to look like New York and that's why audience can see, during the movie, points of view of New York City through Spider-Man's eyes

20 from angles that no one has seen before. *Spidey* clings to buildings, jumps and swings between and around New York's skyscrapers. Only the birds can see the

*Big Apple* like this. Producers didn't want the fight scenes to look "martial artsy" so a fight choreographer invented fighting styles for the characters of Spider-Man and the bad Green Goblin.

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