

Jason Bateman

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Born: Westchester, NY (or Rye, NY); January 14th 1969
Son of producer Kent Bateman, brother of actress Justine Bateman [qv]

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Bateman attracted an early following as Valerie Harper's son in the MTM sitcom which bore her name, but she began to resent the boy's part being beefed up by scriptwriters at the expense of her own, and issued the studio a "he goes or I do" ultimatum. The next season, "**Valerie**" became "**Valerie's Family**" – they sacked her and kept the boy. However, he did himself no favours in the long run with conceited airs and attendant bad publicity. A few years later, he was reinvented as a standard issue teen hunk in films like "**TEEN WOLF TOO**". As always in the nepotistic world of American showbusiness, the question hangs over Bateman and his sister whether either of them would have made it without daddy being a producer.

The Moving Picture Boy entry:

"Handsome Jason, son of a film producer, made a modest start at the age of ten in an educational film. His shrewdest move, though, was to become Ricky Schroder's tormentor, Derek, in the TV sitcom "**Silver Spoons**" – a schoolboy master of sneak and smarm.

He then got his own series, co-starring with David Garrison in "**It's Your Move**", and was the elder brother of Jeremy Licht and Danny Ponce in the more entertaining "**Valerie**", transmogrified after the departure of its star, Valerie Harper, to "**The Hogan Family**", with Sandy Duncan as the new matriarch.

Leads followed in "**CAN YOU FEEL ME DANCING?**" (86), "**TEEN WOLF TOO**" (88) and "**CROSSING THE MOB**" (88).

Jason was a keen sportsman: when he was twelve, for instance, he went to Australia as a member of the American Youth Soccer Organisation team. His sister Justine became a successful actress, in "**Family Ties**" and other TV series."

FILMOGRAPHY

Year	Age	Title	Role
deb 79	10	THE VELDT	
81	12	LEGENDS OF THE WEST	
81-		Little House on the Prairie	US TV Western soap
83	14	THE FANTASTIC WORLD OF D.C. COLLINS	US TV, in title role?
83		JUST A LITTLE MORE LOVE	
83		Silver Spoons	US TV sitcom, as Derek
		with <i>Ricky Schroder</i>	
--		Valerie	US TV sitcom
		with <i>Josh Taylor, Jeremy Licht, Danny Ponce</i>	
--		Valerie' Family	US TV sitcom
--		The Hogan Family	US TV sitcom
84	15	ROBERT KENNEDY AND HIS TIMES	US TV "mini-series", as Joe Kennedy III
84		It's Your Move	US TV sitcom, in central role, 13
85	16	POISON IVY	US TV
		with <i>Cary Guffey</i> , many others	
86	17	THE THANKSGIVING PROMISE	US TV
86		CAN YOU FEEL ME DANCING? †	US TV
		with sister <i>Justine</i>	
--		Family Ties	US TV sitcom
87	18	BATES MOTEL	US TV
87		TEEN WOLF TOO †	in title role
88	19	CROSSING THE MOB	in central role
89	20	BREAKING THE RULES ‡	in central role
91	22	NECESSARY ROUGHNESS	
--		MOVING TARGET	US TV
--		A TASTE FOR KILLING	
		with <i>Henry Thomas</i>	
--		JUST A LITTLE MORE LOVE	US TV
--		CANDID CAMERA: EAT! EAT! EAT!	US TV

[† produced by his father]

[‡ but shelved until 1992]