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Sigourney Weaver achieved fame battling bug-like monsters as Ellen Ripley in *Alien* (1979), a role she reprised in *Aliens* (1986), *Alien 3* (1992), and *Alien Resurrection* (1997). In these action films, Weaver impressed audiences and critics by demonstrating that a woman can be a fierce warrior without sacrificing her femininity. In her other work, Weaver has proven herself in genres ranging from comedies such as *Ghostbusters* (1984) and *Working Girl* (1988) to intensely dramatic roles such as *Gorillas in the Mist* (1988) and *Death and the Maiden* (1994).

### Further Reading:

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