



## Jojen Reed ~ Thomas Brodie-Sangster

At the age of 23 Thomas Brodie-Sangster has already had a phenomenally successful career, almost too much to summarise, but I will try. *Love Actually*, *Nanny McPhee*, *The Last Legion*, *Nowhere Boy*, *Doctor Who*, *Entrusted*, *Tristan and Isolde*, *Bright Lights* and the voice of Ferb Fletcher in *Phineas and Ferb*.

In the books Jojen and his sister Meera are introduced much earlier, mid way through the second book. For budgetary reasons it was decided to leave the characters out of the TV show until the start of the 3rd season. I think initially this caused some confusion for viewers because after the events at the end of the second season the audience were primed not to trust anybody, but the roles they play in the story require them to be trusted companions of Bran Stark. I feel like it was the friendly warmth that Ellie Kendrick brought to the role of Meera that helped establish the Reeds as friends, but it's the mysterious Jojen and his dreaming ability that drive Bran on his quest north to find the Three-Eyed Raven. In another actor's hands it might have come off a bit corny but Thomas seemingly effortlessly makes it enigmatic and engaging.



## Art Parkinson Rickon Stark



There were times during the first three seasons of *Game of Thrones* where the character of Rickon Stark seemed to be absent from the screen a lot of the time. Some fans even suggested that he should be put on the side of a milk carton to see if anyone has seen this missing person.

So it might come as a surprise to some that Art Parkinson is set to become a huge movie star with three big films due for release in 2014. Chief amongst these is *Dracula*, a big budget summer blockbuster from Universal Pictures being filmed right here in Northern Ireland. Art plays the role of Ingeras, the son of Count Dracula (Luke Evans).

The other two films coming in 2014 are *Love, Rosie* with Lily Collins and Sam Claflin, and *The Anomaly* alongside Alexis Knapp, Brian Cox, Luke Hemsworth and Ian Somerhalder. Art is gathering quite the list of co-stars to name drop with!