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Playing wandering gambler Bret Maverick in the television western *Maverick* (1957-60), James Garner established the persona of the cynical, witty anti-hero, a persona which he would carry with him in the majority of his later roles. Garner enjoyed television success again in *The Rockford Files* (1974-80) as crusty private eye Jim Rockford, a role which earned him an Emmy (1976). In films such as *The Americanization of Emily* (1964), *Support Your Local Sheriff!* (1969), *H.E.A.L.T.H.* (1979), *Victor/Victoria* (1982), and *Barbarians at the Gate* (1993), Garner has proven that his trademark persona has an enduring popularity.

Further Reading:

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