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Actress Winona Ryder's ability to appear both vulnerable and sophisticated won her a devoted following among Generation X viewers. Born Winona Laura Horowitz, she is noted for such diverse roles as a death-obsessed teen (*Beetlejuice,* 1988); Mrs. Jerry Lee Lewis (*Great Balls of Fire!,* 1989); a high school student involved in murder (*Heathers,* 1989); a vampire's love interest (*Bram Stoker's Dracula,* 1992); a struggling Gen Xer (*Reality Bites,* 1994); a vindictive Puritan (*The Crucible,* 1996); and an android (*Alien: Resurrection,* 1997). She received Academy Award nominations for her performances in *The Age of Innocence* (1993) and *Little Women* (1994).

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