

Title: We Like to Watch: Anna Kendrick of 'Up in the Air'

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Anna Kendrick has the sneaking suspicion that her life is about to change. She's onto something. The 24-year-old actress will star opposite George Clooney in *Up in the Air*, Jason Reitman's adaptation of the best-selling Walter Kirn novel about a man obsessed with accruing frequent flier miles. "I'm allowing myself to think about the possibility that this could be a big deal, because I think the worst thing would be to get caught off guard," says Kendrick, best known for playing Jessica, the fickle friend to Kristen Stewart's Bella in *Twilight*. (She will reprise the role in this fall's ravenously anticipated sequel, *New Moon*.)

Kendrick first turned heads as a motor-mouth debater in the little-seen festival oddball *Rocket Science*, a performance that impressed Reitman so much he wrote the part in *Up in the Air* with her in mind. (Still, she had to fight to keep it: rumor has it Juno ingénue Ellen Page auditioned for the role.) After *Twilight*, she'll play Michael Cera's sister in *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World*, an adaptation of the quirky graphic novels. With all of these high-profile projects about to be released, Kendrick will have to adjust to some of the more bizarre elements of movie stardom. Namely: premieres. "I always convince myself they're going to be fun," says Kendrick. "But having that much energy thrown at you is always jarring." She'd better get used to it.



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