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**Title: Spiderman**



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Theatrical release poster

## Information

Release **Title:** Solace 14<sup>th</sup> June 2002 (United Kingdom)

From:

AKA: Spiderman Motion Picture

Release date: 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2002 USA

Origin: United States

Genres: Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi

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Certification: 12

Duration: 2h 1m (116m)

Region Code:

Region: 2

Product Code:

MPN:

EAN:

UPC:

Languages: English

Filming locations: Queensboro Bridge, Manhattan, New York City, New York, USA

Sound mix: DTS, Dolby Digital, Dolby Atmos

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 1.33:1 1.85:1

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| <b>Directed by</b>          | Sam Raimi  |
| <b>Screenplay by</b>        | David Koepp  |
| <b>Based on</b>             | Spider-Man<br>by Stan Lee<br>Steve Ditko   |
| <b>Produced by</b>          | Laura Ziskin<br>Ian Bryce  |
| <b>Starring</b>             | Tobey Maguire<br>Willem Dafoe<br>Kirsten Dunst<br>James Franco<br>Cliff Robertson<br>Rosemary Harris             |
| <b>Cinematography</b>       | Don Burgess  |
| <b>Edited by</b>            | Bob Murawski<br>Arthur Coburn  |
| <b>Music by</b>             | Danny Elfman   |
| <b>Production companies</b> | Columbia Pictures <sup>[1]</sup><br>Marvel Enterprises <sup>[2]</sup><br>Laura Ziskin Productions <sup>[2]</sup> |
| <b>Distributed by</b>       | Sony Pictures Releasing <sup>[1]</sup>   |
| <b>Release dates</b>        | April 29, 2002 (Mann<br>Village Theater)<br>May 3, 2002 (United<br>States)                                       |
| <b>Running time</b>         | 121 minutes <sup>[3]</sup>   |
| <b>Country</b>              | United States  |
| <b>Language</b>             | English  |
| <b>Budget</b>               | \$139 million <sup>[4]</sup>   |
| <b>Box office</b>           | \$825 million <sup>[5]</sup>   |

## Storyline

On a school trip, high-school senior Peter Parker visits a Columbia University genetics laboratory with his friend Harry Osborn and his love interest Mary Jane Watson. There, a genetically engineered "super-spider" bites him, and he falls ill upon returning home. Meanwhile, Harry's father Norman Osborn, a scientist and the founder and owner of Oscorp, tries to secure an important military contract. He experiments on himself with an unstable performance-enhancing chemical and goes insane, killing his assistant.

The next day, Peter finds he is no longer near-sighted and has developed spider-like abilities: he can shoot webs out of his wrists and has quick reflexes, superhuman speed and strength, and a heightened ability to sense danger. Brushing off his Uncle Ben's advice that "with great power comes great responsibility", Peter considers buying a car to impress Mary Jane. He enters an underground wrestling event to win the money for it and wins his first match, but the promoter cheats him out of his earnings. When a thief robs the promoter's office, Peter allows him to escape. Moments later, he discovers Ben was carjacked and killed. Peter pursues the carjacker, only to find out it was the thief he let escape. The thief attempts to flee but dies after falling out a window. Meanwhile, a crazed Norman interrupts a product test by Oscorp's rival Quest Aerospace and kills several people.

Upon graduating, Peter begins using his abilities to fight injustice, donning a spandex costume and the masked persona of Spider-Man. J. Jonah Jameson, publisher of the Daily Bugle newspaper, hires Peter as a freelance photographer, since he is the only person providing clear images of Spider-Man. Upon discovering that Oscorp's board plans to oust him to sell the company to Quest, Norman assassinates them. Jameson dubs the mysterious killer the "Green Goblin."

The Goblin offers Peter a place at his side, but he refuses. They fight, and Peter is wounded. At Thanksgiving dinner, Peter's Aunt May invites Mary Jane, Harry, and Norman. During the dinner, Norman sees the wound and realizes Peter's identity. Thinking the only way to defeat Peter is to attack those special to him, Norman later attacks May, forcing her to be hospitalized. While visiting Aunt May at the hospital, Mary Jane admits her infatuation with Spider-Man, who has rescued her on two occasions. Harry, who is dating Mary Jane, sees her holding Peter's hand and assumes she has feelings for him. Devastated, Harry tells his father that Peter loves Mary Jane, unknowingly revealing Spider-Man's biggest weakness.

Norman holds Mary Jane and a Roosevelt Island Tram car full of children hostage alongside the Queensboro Bridge. He forces Peter to choose whom he wants to save and drops them both. Peter saves both Mary Jane and the tram car. Norman then throws him into a nearby abandoned building and brutally beats him. Peter gains the upper hand, and Norman reveals himself and begs for forgiveness while subtly getting his glider ready to impale Peter from behind. Warned by his spider-sense, Peter dodges the attack, and the glider impales Norman instead. Norman tells Peter not to reveal his identity as the Goblin to Harry before dying. Peter takes Norman's body to the Osborn house and is confronted by Harry, who pulls a gun on him, but Peter escapes.

At Norman's funeral, Harry swears vengeance on Spider-Man, whom he falsely holds responsible for his father's death. Mary Jane confesses to Peter that she loves him. Peter, however, feels he must protect her from the unwanted attention of his enemies, so he hides his true feelings and tells Mary Jane that they can only be friends. As Peter leaves, he recalls Ben's words and accepts his new responsibility as Spider-Man.

## Cast

Tobey Maguire as Peter Parker / Spider-Man:

An academically-gifted high school student who is socially inept. After a genetically engineered spider bites him, he gains spider-like powers, including super-strength, enhanced reflexes, a "spider sense" that warns him of incoming danger, and the ability to climb walls and shoot spiderwebs (in a departure from the comics, where he utilizes web-shooters). Following a personal tragedy, he decides to use his newfound powers for good, and begins fighting crime and injustice as Spider-Man.

Willem Dafoe as Norman Osborn / Green Goblin:

A scientist and the CEO of Oscorp who tests an unstable strength enhancer on himself and develops a crazed alternate personality. He later becomes a costumed villain using advanced Oscorp armour and equipment, such as a weaponized glider and pumpkin-shaped explosives; the media dubs his alter-ego the "Green Goblin". Norman develops animosity for

Spider-Man after the hero refuses to join him, and makes constant attempts to get back at him. Ironically, he quickly takes a liking to Peter, and sees himself as a father figure for the boy, while ignoring his own son, Harry.

Kirsten Dunst as Mary Jane "MJ" Watson:

Peter's love interest ever since he was six years old. Mary Jane has an abusive father, and aspires to become an actress, but gets a job as a waitress at a run down diner, a fact she hides from her boyfriend Harry. She later develops feelings for Peter as they spend more time together, and for his alter-ego, after he saves her on multiple occasions.

James Franco as Harry Osborn:

Peter's best friend and flatmate, Mary Jane's boyfriend and Norman's son who is envious of his father's apparent closeness with Peter. Before being cast as Harry, Franco had screen tested for Spider-Man himself.

Cliff Robertson as Ben Parker:

May Parker's husband and Peter's uncle, a laid off electrician who is trying to find a new job. He is killed by a carjacker whom Peter had earlier refused to stop, and leaves Peter with the message, "With great power comes great responsibility."

Rosemary Harris as May Parker:

Ben Parker's wife and Peter's aunt.

J. K. Simmons portrays J. Jonah Jameson, the grouchy publisher of the Daily Bugle newspaper who considers Spider-Man a criminal. Ron Perkins portrays Mendel Stromm, Osborn's head scientist, while Gerry Becker and Jack Betts play board members Maximillian Fargas and Henry Balkan. Stanley Anderson plays General Slocum and Jim Ward plays the Project Coordinator. John Paxton portrays Bernard Houseman, the butler to the Osborn family. Joe Manganiello portrays Parker's bully and rival Flash Thompson, while Sally Livingstone portrays Liz Allan. Jason Padgett portrays Flash's Crony. Bill Nunn, Ted Raimi and Elizabeth Banks portray Daily Bugle editor Robbie Robertson, Daily Bugle employees Ted Hoffman, and Jameson's secretary Betty Brant, respectively. Michael Papajohn appears as "The Carjacker", the robber who kills Ben Parker. Bruce Campbell, a long-time colleague of director Sam Raimi, cameoed as the announcer at the wrestling ring Parker takes part in. Raimi himself appeared off-screen, throwing popcorn at Parker as he enters the arena to wrestle Bonesaw McGraw (played by former professional wrestler "Macho Man" Randy Savage), while Jack Murdock (played by former professional wrestler Scott L. Schwartz) is carried off on a stretcher. Spider-Man co-creator Stan Lee briefly appears in the film to grab a young girl from falling debris during the battle between Spider-Man and the Green Goblin at the World Unity Fair in Times Square. Raimi originally thought Stan Lee doing a cameo in the film was a bad idea.

Octavia Spencer appears as a staff member at Parker's wrestling match. Tig Notaro was offered the role by Raimi and auditioned, but lost it to Spencer. R&B/soul singer Macy Gray appears as herself performing at the World Unity Fair. Lucy Lawless also appears as a punk rock girl who says "Guy with eight hands... sounds hot." She did the appearance as a favor to her husband, Xena: Warrior Princess creator Rob Tapert, on which Raimi had served as an executive producer alongside Tapert. One of the stunt performers in this film is actor Johnny Tri Nguyen. Kickboxer Benny "The Jet" Urquidez has an uncredited cameo as a mugger who attacks Mary Jane. Comedian Jim Norton shows up in one scene as a truck driver who has an unfavourable opinion of Spider-Man. R.C. Everbeck was intended to play Eddie Brock, but his scenes were unreleased; Brock eventually appeared in Spider-Man 3, portrayed by Topher Grace. Sara Ramirez appears as a police officer at Uncle Ben's death scene. K. K. Dodds plays Simkins, Scott Spiegel plays a Marine Cop, while Larry Joshua plays a promoter who cheats Parker out of his winnings. Hugh Jackman, who played Logan / Wolverine in Fox's X-Men film series was planned to have a cameo appearance as the character, with Jackman even arriving in New York to shoot the scene, only for it to be scrapped after the production team realized they did not have the character's suit. Matt Gerald as Sloman

Autumn Dial as Emma Clancy

Joshua Close as Linus Harp

Luisa Moraes as Victoria Raymond

## Parents Guide

### Certification

Argentina:13 Australia:M Austria:10 Brazil:Livre (re-rating) Canada:PG (Alberta/British Columbia/Manitoba/Nova Scotia/Ontario) Canada:G (Quebec) Chile:TE Denmark:11 Egypt:13+ (self-applied) Finland:K-12 France:Tous publics Germany:12 Greece:K-12 Hong Kong:IIA Hungary:12 Iceland:10 (original rating) Iceland:LH (video rating) India:U Indonesia:13+ (self-applied) Ireland:12 Israel:ALL (self-applied) Italy:T Japan:G Malaysia:U Mexico:A Netherlands:12 New Zealand:M Norway:11 (cinema rating) Norway:12 (iTunes rating) Peru:Apt Philippines:G Poland:12 Portugal:M/12 Russia:12+ Singapore:PG Singapore:PG13 (TV rating) South Africa:10 South Korea:12 Spain:A (ICAA) Sweden:11 Switzerland:10 (canton of Geneva) Switzerland:10 (canton of Vaud) Switzerland:12 (canton of the Grisons) Taiwan:PG-12 Thailand:u 15+ (self-applied) Turkey:13+ (self-applied) United Kingdom:12 (original cinema rating) United Kingdom:12A (re-rating) United Kingdom:12 (2002, video rating) United States:TV-PG (LV, Cartoon Network) United States:TV-14 (V, some channels) United States:PG-13 (certificate #37531) United Arab Emirates:PG (self-applied) Vietnam:C13 (self-applied)

### Sex & Nudity

Mild

Violence & Gore

Moderate

Profanity

Mild

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking  
None  
Frightening & Intense Scenes  
Moderate

MPAA Rated PG-13 for stylized violence and action

