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Title: The Money Pit



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Information

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Certification: 12

Duration: 1h 31m

Region Code:

Region: 2

Product Code:

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Languages: English, Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Portuguese

Filming Location: Lattingtown, Long Island, New York, USA

Sound mix: Dolby Digital

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1

The Money Pit



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Richard Benjamin
Written by	David Giler Lowell Ganz
Based on	<i>Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House</i> by Melvin Frank Norman Panama
Produced by	Kathleen Kennedy Art Levinson Frank Marshall
Starring	Tom Hanks Shelley Long Alexander Godunov Maureen Stapleton
Cinematography	Gordon Willis
Edited by	Jacqueline Cambas
Music by	Michel Colombier
Production company	Amblin Entertainment
Distributed by	Universal Pictures
Release date	March 26, 1986 (United States)
Running time	91 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$18.4 million ^[1]
Box office	\$55 million ^[2]

Storyline

Attorney Walter Fielding and his classical musician girlfriend, Anna Crowley, learn of Walter Sr.'s wedding to a woman named Florinda shortly after fleeing the country for embezzling millions of dollars from their musician clients. The next morning, they are told they need to vacate the apartment they are subletting from Anna's ex-husband, Max Beissart, a self-absorbed conductor who has returned early from Europe.

Through an unscrupulous realtor friend, Walter learns about a million-dollar distress sale mansion on the market for a mere \$200,000. He and Anna meet the owner, Estelle, who claims she must sell it quickly because her husband, Carlos, has been arrested. Her sob story and insistence at keeping the place in candlelight in order to save money "for the bloodsucking lawyers", distracts Walter and enchants Anna, who finds it romantic. They decide to buy it.

From the moment Walter and Anna take possession of the house, it quickly begins to fall apart. Among other problems, the entire front door frame rips out of the wall, the main staircase collapses, the plumbing is full of gunk, the electrical system catches fire, the bathtub crashes through the floor, the chimney collapses, and a raccoon is living in the dumbwaiter.

Contractors Art and Brad Shirk summarily tear the house to pieces using Walter's \$5,000 down payment, leaving him and Anna embroiled in bureaucracy to secure the necessary building permits to complete the work. His continuing frustration at the escalating costs of restoring the house leads him to brand it a "money pit", whilst the Shirks continue to assure him that their work will take "two weeks".

The repair work continues for a gruelling four months and Walter and Anna realize they need more money to complete the renovations. She attempts to secure additional funds from Max by selling him some artwork she received in their divorce. Although he does not care for it, he agrees to its purchase. He wines and dines her, and the next morning, when she wakes up in his bed, he allows her to believe that she has cheated on Walter; in reality, Max slept on the couch. Walter later asks her point-blank if she slept with Max, but she hastily denies it. His suspicions push her to admit that she did so, but the damage is done.

Due to Walter and Anna's stubbornness, their relationship becomes more and more hostile and in a rare moment of agreement, they vow to sell the house once it is restored and split the proceeds. This nearly happens, but he misses her and says he loves her even if she did sleep with Max. She happily tells him that she didn't and they reconcile. In the end, they are married in front of the newly repaired house.

Ultimately, Estelle and her husband/partner-in-crime, Carlos, resurface in Brazil where they try to persuade Walter's father and his new bride to purchase an old house they claim to have lived in for several years, implying that the vicious circle is about to start all over again.

Cast

Tom Hanks as Walter Fielding, Jr.

Shelley Long as Anna Crowley

Alexander Godunov as Max Beissart

Maureen Stapleton as Estelle

Joe Mantegna as Art Shirk

Philip Bosco as Curly

Frankie Faison as James

Josh Mostel as Jack Schnittman

Billy Lombardo as Benny

Joe Ponazecki as Montgomery Shrapp

Yakov Smirnoff as Shatov

Carmine Caridi as Brad Shirk

Brian Backer as Ethan

Mia Dillon as Marika

John van Dreelen as Carlos

Douglass Watson as Walter Fielding, Sr.

Tetchie Agbayani as Florinda Fielding
Michael Jeter as Arnie
Afemo Omilami as Bernie
Bruno Iannone as Sol

Parents Guide

Certification

Argentina:13 Australia:PG Brazil:Livre Canada:PG Czechia:U Finland:S France:Tous publics Germany:12 Hong Kong:I Hungary:12 Iceland:L India:U Italy:T Japan:G Malaysia:U Mexico:A Netherlands:6 New Zealand:G Norway:9 (2016) Norway:12 (1986, cinema rating) Poland:16 (self-applied) Portugal:M/6 Russia:12+ Saudi Arabia:G Singapore:NC-16 Singapore:PG (cut) South Korea:15 South Korea:18 (1989, VHS) Spain:T Sweden:7 United Kingdom:PG (theatrical version, cut) United Kingdom:15 (video version, uncut) United Kingdom:12 (2016, re-rating) United States:TV-PG (TV rating) United States:PG (certificate #28114) United Arab Emirates:Not Rated West Germany:12

Sex & Nudity

Mild

Violence & Gore

None

Profanity

Mild

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

Mild

Frightening & Intense Scenes

None

