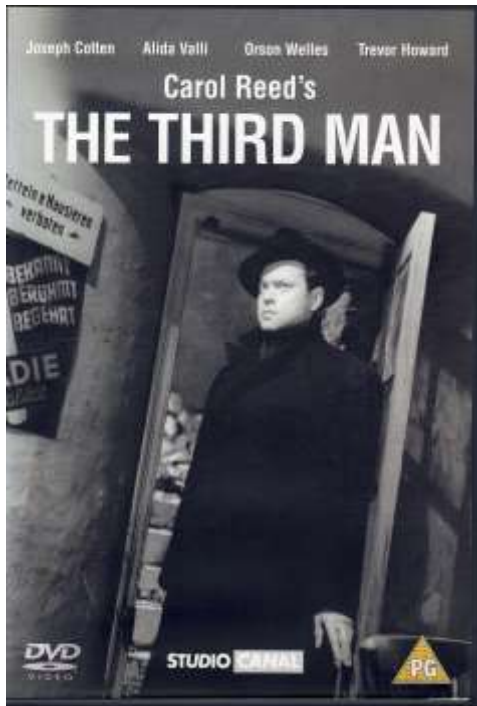
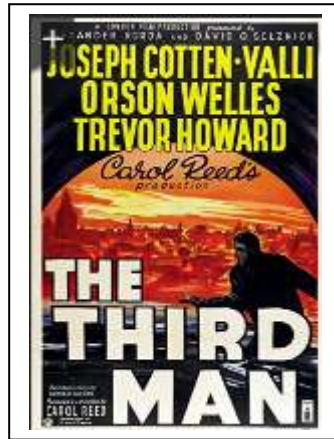


The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **The Third Man**



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Information

Release **Title:** The Third Man 1st September 1949 (United Kingdom)
Hastings, Premiere

From:

AKA:

Release date: 1st February 1950 (New York City USA)

Origin: United States,

Genres: Film-Noir, Mystery, Thriller

Disc Nos. - 1

Certification: PG A

Duration: 1h 44m

Region Code:

Region: 2

Product Code:

MPN:

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UPC:

Languages: English, German, Russian, French

Filming locations: 8 Schreyvogelgasse, Vienna, Austria (doorway where Harry Lime first appears)

Sound mix: DTS, Dolby Digital, SDDS

Colour: Black & White

Aspect Ratio: 1.37:1

The Third Man

American theatrical release poster

Directed by	Carol Reed
Screenplay by	Graham Greene
Produced by	Carol Reed Alexander Korda ^[1] David O. Selznick
Starring	Joseph Cotten Alida Valli Orson Welles Trevor Howard
Cinematography	Robert Krasker
Edited by	Oswald Hafenrichter
Music by	Anton Karas
Production company	London Films
Distributed by	British Lion Film Corporation (UK) Selznick Releasing Organization (US)
Release dates	1 September 1949 (United Kingdom ^[2]) 2 February 1950 (United States)
Running time	108 minutes ^[3]
Country	United Kingdom ^[4]
Languages	English German
Box office	£277,549 (UK) ^[5]

Storyline

Holly Martins, an American author of western fiction, arrives in post-World War II Vienna seeking his childhood friend, Harry Lime, who has offered him a job. Martins is told that Lime was killed by a car while crossing the street. At Lime's funeral, Martins meets two British Royal Military Police: Sergeant Paine, a fan of Martins' books, and Major Calloway. Afterward, Martins is asked by Mr. Crabbin to lecture at a book club a few days later. He then meets a friend of Lime's, "Baron" Kurtz, who tells Martins that he and another friend, a Romanian called Popescu, carried Lime to the side of the street after the accident. Before he died, Lime asked them to take care of Martins as well as Lime's girlfriend, actress Anna Schmidt.

As Martins and Anna query Lime's death, they realise that accounts differ as to whether two or three men carried away the body. The porter at Lime's apartment tells them that he saw a third man help carry away the body. Later, the porter offers to give Martins more information, but he is murdered before Martins can talk to him. Martins confronts Major Calloway and demands that Lime's death be investigated. Calloway reveals that Lime was stealing penicillin from military hospitals, diluting it, then selling it on the black market, injuring or killing countless infants. Martins, convinced by hard evidence, agrees to leave.

Martins visits Anna that evening. After leaving he walks the streets, until he notices Harry's cat and realises someone is watching from a darkened doorway. It is Harry. Martins calls out but Lime flees and vanishes. Martins summons Calloway, who realizes that Lime has escaped through the city's extensive sewers. The British police exhume Lime's coffin and discover that the body is the missing orderly who stole the penicillin for Lime. Anna is to be sent to the Soviet sector, and is questioned again by Calloway.

Martins meets Lime and they ride the Wiener Riesenrad. Lime obliquely threatens Martins before leaving quickly. Calloway then asks Martins to help arrest Lime. Martins agrees to help on one condition, demanding Anna's safe conduct out of Vienna. Anna is about to leave on the train when she spots Martins, who has come to observe her departure. She forces the plan out of him but wants no part of it. Exasperated, Martins decides to leave Vienna, but on the way to the airport, Calloway stops at a hospital to show Martins children crippled or dying of meningitis who were treated with Lime's diluted penicillin. Martins agrees to help the police again.

Lime arrives at a small café to meet Martins, but Anna is able to warn Lime that the police are closing in. He tries again to escape using the sewer tunnels, but the police are there. Lime shoots and kills Paine, but Calloway shoots and wounds Lime. Badly injured, Lime drags himself up a cast-iron stairway to a street grating; however, he cannot lift it. Martins finds Lime at the grating, and hears Calloway shouting to shoot Lime on sight, Lime and Martins exchange a look, and then Martins shoots and kills Lime, using Paine's pistol. Martins attends Lime's second funeral. At the risk of missing his flight out of Vienna, he waits on the street to speak with Anna, but she totally ignores him and walks right past without even glancing in his direction.

Cast

Joseph Cotten as Holly Martins

Orson Welles as Harry Lime

Alida Valli (credited as Valli) as Anna Schmidt

Trevor Howard as Major Calloway

Paul Hörbiger as Karl, Lime's porter (credited as Paul Hoerbiger)

Ernst Deutsch as "Baron" Kurtz

Erich Ponto as Dr. Winkel

Siegfried Breuer as Popescu

Hedwig Bleibtreu as Anna's old landlady

Bernard Lee as Sergeant Paine

Wilfrid Hyde-White as Crabbin

Parents Guide

Certification

Argentina:13 Australia:A (original rating) Australia:PG (2003, re-rating) Brazil:14 Canada:PG Denmark:11 Finland:K-16 France:Tous publics Germany:12 Iceland:12 India:U Italy:T Japan:G Japan:G (2009) Malaysia:U Netherlands:6 (DVD rating) New Zealand:PG Nigeria:PG Norway:15 Norway:16 (cinema rating) Philippines:PG-13 (MTRCB, video rating) Poland:12 (self-applied) Portugal:M/12 Russia:12+ South Korea:15 (2003) Spain:A Sweden:15 Taiwan:PG-12

(2017) United Kingdom:A (original rating) United Kingdom:PG (1989, re-rating) United States:TV-PG (DVD rating)
United States:TV-14 (TV rating) United States:Approved (certificate no. 14125) West Germany:12

Sex & Nudity

Mild

Violence & Gore

Mild

Profanity

None

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

Mild

Frightening & Intense Scenes

Mild

