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Title: David Niven 007 – Casino Royale



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Information

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Languages: English, French, Gaelic, German, Japanese, Spanish, Italian

Filming locations: Killeen Castle, Dunsany, County Meath, Ireland (M's home)

Sound mix: -

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 2.39:1

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British cinema poster by Robert McGinnis

Directed by	John Huston Ken Hughes Robert Parrish Joe McGrath Val Guest
Screenplay by	Wolf Mankowitz John Law Michael Sayers
Based on	<i>Casino Royale</i> by Ian Fleming
Produced by	Charles K. Feldman Jerry Bresler
Starring	Peter Sellers Ursula Andress David Niven Woody Allen Joanna Pettet Orson Welles Daliah Lavi Deborah Kerr William Holden Charles Boyer Jean-Paul Belmondo George Raft John Huston Terence Cooper Barbara Bouchet Gabriella Licudi Graham Stark Tracy Reed Tracey Crisp Kurt Kaszner Elaine Taylor Angela Scoular
Cinematography	Jack Hildyard John Wilcox Nicolas Roeg
Edited by	Bill Lenny
Music by	Burt Bacharach
Production company	Famous Artists Productions ^[1]
Distributed by	Columbia Pictures
Release dates	13 April 1967 (London) 28 April 1967 (United States)
Running time	131 minutes
Countries	United Kingdom United States
Language	English
Budget	\$12 million
Box office	\$41.7 million

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Storyline

Sir James Bond 007, a legendary British spy who retired 20 years ago, is visited by, M, the head of British MI6, CIA representative Ransome, KGB representative Smernov, and Deuxième Bureau representative Le Grand. All implore Bond to come out of retirement to deal with SMERSH, who have been eliminating agents. Bond spurns their pleas. He stands firm, and his mansion is destroyed by a mortar at the orders of M, who dies in the explosion.

Bond returns M's remains (a toupee) to his widow, Lady Fiona McTarry, at M's Scottish estate. However, the real Lady Fiona has been replaced by SMERSH's Agent Mimi. The household has been replaced with beautiful women. SMERSH aims to destroy Bond's "celibate image". The bevy of beauties fail to seduce Bond, and Mimi/Lady Fiona is so impressed that she helps Bond foil the plot against him and joins a convent.

On his way back to London, Bond survives another attempt on his life.

Bond is named head of MI6. He learns that many British agents around the world have been eliminated by enemy spies because of their inability to resist sex. Bond also learns that the "sex maniac" who was given the name of "James Bond" when he retired has gone to work in television. Bond orders that all remaining MI6 agents will be named "James Bond 007", to confuse SMERSH. He creates a rigorous programme to train male agents to ignore women's charms. Moneypenny recruits Coop, a karate expert. He also meets an exotic agent known as the Detainer.

Bond hires Vesper Lynd, a retired agent turned millionaire, to recruit baccarat expert Evelyn Tremble, whom he intends to use to beat SMERSH agent Le Chiffre. Le Chiffre has embezzled SMERSH's money, and is desperate to cover up his theft before he is executed.

Following a clue from agent Mimi, Bond persuades his estranged daughter, Mata Bond, to travel to West Berlin and infiltrate International Mothers' Help, an au pair service that is actually a SMERSH training centre. Mata uncovers a plan to sell compromising photographs of military leaders from the US, USSR, China and Great Britain at an "art auction", another money-raising scheme from Le Chiffre. Mata destroys the photos leaving baccarat Le Chiffre's only remaining option.

Tremble arrives at the Casino Royale accompanied by Lynd, who foils an attempt by seductive SMERSH agent Miss Goodthighs to disable him. Later that night, Tremble observes Le Chiffre at the casino and realises that he is using infrared sunglasses to cheat. Lynd steals the sunglasses, allowing Evelyn to eventually beat Le Chiffre in a game of baccarat. Lynd is apparently abducted outside the casino, and Tremble is also kidnapped while pursuing her. Le Chiffre, desperate for the winning cheque, tortures Tremble using hallucinogens. Lynd rescues Tremble, only to subsequently kill him.

Meanwhile, SMERSH agents raid Le Chiffre's base and kill him.

In London, Mata is kidnapped by SMERSH in a giant flying saucer, and Sir James and Moneypenny travel to Casino Royale to rescue her. They discover that the casino is located atop a giant underground headquarters run by the evil Dr. Noah, Sir James's nephew Jimmy Bond, a former MI6 agent who defected to SMERSH to spite his famous uncle. Jimmy reveals that he plans to use biological warfare to make all women beautiful and kill all men over 4-foot-6-inch (1.37 m) tall, leaving him the "big man" who gets all the girls. Jimmy has already captured The Detainer, and he tries to persuade her to be his partner. She agrees, but only to dupe him into swallowing one of his atomic time pills, turning him into a walking atomic bomb.

Sir James, Moneypenny, Mata and Coop manage to escape from their cell and fight their way back to the casino director's office where Sir James establishes that Lynd is a double agent. The casino is overrun by secret agents and a battle ensues. American and French support arrives, adding to the chaos. Meanwhile, Jimmy counts down a series of hiccups, each bringing him closer to doom. The atomic pill explodes, destroying Casino Royale and everyone inside. Sir James and his agents appear in Heaven, and Jimmy Bond descends to Hell.

Cast

Peter Sellers as Evelyn Tremble / James Bond: A baccarat master recruited by Vesper Lynd to challenge Le Chiffre at Casino Royale.

Ursula Andress as Vesper Lynd / James Bond: A retired British secret agent forced back into service in exchange for writing off her tax arrears.

David Niven as Sir James Bond: A legendary British secret agent forced out of retirement to fight SMERSH.

Orson Welles as Le Chiffre: SMERSH's financial agent, desperate to win at baccarat to repay the money he has embezzled from the organisation.

Joanna Pettet as Mata Bond / James Bond: Bond's daughter, born of his love affair with Mata Hari.

Daliah Lavi as The Detainer / James Bond: A British secret agent who successfully poisons Dr. Noah with his own atomic pill.

Woody Allen as Jimmy Bond / Dr. Noah: Bond's nephew and head of SMERSH under his Dr. Noah alias. Because he is rendered mute in the presence of his uncle, he uses a prerecorded voice (that of Valentine Dyall) in some scenes.

Deborah Kerr as Agent Mimi / Lady Fiona McTarry: A SMERSH agent who masquerades as the widow of M but cannot help falling in love with Bond.

William Holden as Ransome: A CIA executive who accompanies the cross-spy-agency team to persuade Bond out of retirement, then reappears in the final climactic fight scene.

Charles Boyer as Legrand: A Deuxième Bureau executive who accompanies the cross-spy-agency team to see Bond.

John Huston as M / McTarry: Head of MI6 who dies from an explosion caused by his own bombardment of Bond's estate when the cross-spy-agency team visits.

Kurt Kaszner as Smernov: A KGB executive who accompanies the cross-spy-agency team to see Bond.

George Raft as himself, flicking a coin as he did in Scarface.

Jean-Paul Belmondo as French Legionnaire

Terence Cooper as Cooper / James Bond: A British secret agent specifically chosen, and trained for this mission to resist the charms of women.

Barbara Bouchet as Miss Moneypenney / James Bond 007: The beautiful daughter of Bond's original Moneypenney, who works for the service in the same position her mother had years before.

Major stars, such as Raft and Belmondo, were given top billing in marketing and screen trailers despite only appearing for a few minutes in the final scene.

Casino Royale also boasts the greatest number of actors in a Bond film either to have appeared or to go on to appear in the rest of the Eon series – besides Andress in *Dr. No*, Sheybal appeared as Kronsteen in *From Russia with Love*, Kwok featured as Mr. Ling in *Goldfinger* and an unnamed SPECTRE operative in *You Only Live Twice*, Roland plays a masseuse in *You Only Live Twice*, and Scoular appeared as Ruby Bartlett in *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*. Jack Gwillim, who has a minor role as a British Army officer, played a Royal Navy officer in *Thunderball*. Caroline Munro, seen very briefly as one of Dr Noah's gun-toting guards, went on to play Naomi in *The Spy Who Loved Me*, and also appeared with other models on the cover of the 1969 Pan Books edition of *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*. Milton Reid, who appears in a bit part as the temple guard, opening the door to Mata Bond's hall, played one of Dr. No's guards and Stromberg's underling, Sandor, in *The Spy Who Loved Me*. John Hollis, who plays the temple priest in Mata Bond's hall, went on to play the implied Ernst Stavro Blofeld character in the pre-credits sequence of *For Your Eyes Only*. John Wells, Q's assistant, appeared in *For Your Eyes Only* as Denis Thatcher. Hal Galili, who appears briefly as a US Army officer at the auction, had earlier played gangster Jack Strap in *Goldfinger*.

Uncredited cast

Well-established stars such as Peter O'Toole, and sporting legends like Stirling Moss took uncredited parts solely to work with the other cast members. O'Toole supposedly took payment in a case of champagne.

Stunt director Richard Talmadge employed Geraldine Chaplin to appear in a brief Keystone Cops insert. The film proved to be young Anjelica Huston's first experience in the film industry as she was called upon by her father, John Huston, to cover the screenshots of Kerr's hands. It features the first theatrical appearance of David Prowse as Frankenstein's monster. John Le Mesurier features in early scenes as M's driver.

Parents Guide

Certification

Australia:PG (DVD/video rating) Australia:A (original rating) Austria:16 Brazil:14 Canada:PG (Manitoba/Ontario) Canada:A (Nova Scotia) Canada:G (Quebec) Denmark:15 Finland:K-12 France:Tous publics Germany:12 (2001, re-rating) Hungary:12

Iceland:12 India:U (re-rating) India:A (1968, original rating) Ireland:PG (Video rating) Ireland:G (1967) Israel:14 (self-applied) Italy:T Japan:G Netherlands:14 (original rating) Netherlands:6 (re-rating) Norway:9 (recommended rating) Norway:16 (1967, cinema rating) Poland:b.o. (self-applied) Singapore:PG Spain:18 Sweden:11 United Kingdom:U (original rating) United Kingdom:PG (re-rating) United States:Approved (pca #21448) United States:TV-14 (TV rating) West Germany:16 (original rating, cut)

Sex & Nudity –Mild **Violence & Gore** – Mild **Profanity** – Mild **Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking** – Mild **Frightening & Intense Scenes** – None

