

# The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

## Title: **You've Got Mail**



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## Information

Release Title: You've Got Mail 26<sup>th</sup> February 1999  
(United Kingdom)

From:

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AKA: You've Got M@il

Release date: United States – 18<sup>th</sup> December 1998

Genres: Comedy, Drama, Romance

Disc Nos. – 1

Certification: PG

Duration: 1h 59m

Region Code:

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MPN:

EAN:

UPC:

Languages: English

Filming locations: Upper West Side, Manhattan, New York City, New York, USA

Sound mix: DTS, Dolby Digital, SDDS

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Nora Ephron
Screenplay by	Nora Ephron Delia Ephron
Based on	<i>The Shop Around the Corner</i> by Samson Raphaelson <i>Parfumerie</i> by Miklós László
Produced by	Lauren Shuler Donner Nora Ephron
Starring	Tom Hanks Meg Ryan Parker Posey Jean Stapleton Dave Chappelle Steve Zahn Dabney Coleman Greg Kinnear
Cinematography	John Lindley
Edited by	Richard Marks
Music by	George Fenton
Production company	Lauren Shuler Donner Productions
Distributed by	Warner Bros.
Release date	December 18, 1998
Running time	119 minutes <sup>[1]</sup>
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$65 million <sup>[2]</sup>
Box office	\$250.8 million <sup>[2]</sup>

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## Storyline

Kathleen Kelly is in a relationship with Frank Navasky, a left-leaning newspaper writer for The New York Observer who is always in search of an opportunity to root for the underdog. While Frank is devoted to his typewriter, Kathleen prefers her laptop and logging into her AOL email account. Using the screen name "Shopgirl", she reads an email from "NY152", the screen name of Joe Fox, whom she first met in an "over-30s" chatroom. As her voice narrates her reading of the email, she reveals the boundaries of the online relationship: no specifics, including no names, career or class information, or family connections. She only knows he has a dog named Brinkley.

Joe belongs to the Fox family that runs Fox Books, a chain of mega bookstores. Kathleen runs the independent bookstore The Shop Around the Corner that she inherited from her mom. The two are shown passing each other on their respective ways to work, revealing that they frequent the same neighbourhoods on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. Joe arrives at work, overseeing the opening of a new Fox Books in New York City with the help of his best friend, branch manager Kevin. Kathleen and her three store assistants, George, Aunt Birdie, and Christina, open up her small shop that morning.

Following a day with his 11-year-old aunt Annabel and 4-year-old half-brother Matthew, Joe enters Kathleen's store to let his younger relatives experience Storytime. Joe and Kathleen have a pleasant conversation that reveals Kathleen's fears about the Fox Books store opening around the corner. He omits his last name and makes an abrupt exit with the children. At a publishing party for New York book business people later that week, Joe and Kathleen meet again where Kathleen discovers Joe's true identity in the Fox family. She accuses him of deception and spying, while he responds by belittling her store.

When "Shopgirl" and "NY152" finally decide to meet, Joe discovers with whom he has been corresponding. At the table, he joins her without revealing his online identity, leading them to clash once more. When Kathleen writes him asking him why he didn't appear, adding that she had a terrible encounter with an awful person, Joe apologizes eloquently for standing her up, and tells her that whatever she said to the awful person she met was probably deserved.

Despite protests against Fox Books and publicity in support of The Shop Around the Corner, sales continue to decline and Kathleen decides to close her store. Her employees move on, including George, who gets a job in the children's department at Fox Books and ensures the staff are knowledgeable. Kathleen and Frank amicably end their relationship when they realize they don't love each other, despite being perfect for each other. Kathleen takes a break to figure out what she wants to do, and her conversations with NY152 inspire her to start writing children's books. After becoming stuck in an elevator with his acerbic girlfriend Patricia and his doorman, who resolves to propose to his girlfriend if they're rescued, Joe ends his relationship and decides to pursue Kathleen. He brings her flowers to apologize for her store closing, and they begin building a friendship, with Joe still keeping his online identity a secret. Kathleen confides in Joe about her online romance.

Eventually, NY152 arranges a meeting between his online persona and Shopgirl, but right before she is to meet her online friend, Joe reveals to Kathleen how he feels, hoping she would choose him over NY152 and forgive him despite their past animosity. Kathleen hints at feeling the same way but cannot bring herself to forego her feelings for NY152, not realizing they are the same man, and the two parts. Upon arriving at the meeting place, she hears Joe calling Brinkley and sees that NY152 is, in fact, Joe Fox. Kathleen cries tears of joy and reveals that she hoped it would be him.

## Cast

Tom Hanks as Joe Fox

Meg Ryan as Kathleen Kelly

Katie Sagona as Young Kathleen Kelly

Parker Posey as Patricia Eden

Jean Stapleton as Birdie

Dave Chappelle as Kevin

Steve Zahn as George

Dabney Coleman as Nelson Fox

Greg Kinnear as Frank Navasky  
Heather Burns as Christina  
John Randolph as Schuyler Fox  
Deborah Rush as Veronica Grant  
Hallee Hirsh as Annabel Fox  
Sara Ramirez as Rose, the cashier  
Chris Messina as Fox salesperson  
Cara Seymour as Gillian Quinn  
Jeffrey Scaperrotta as Matt Fox  
Kathryn Meisle as Cecilia Kelly  
Reiko Aylesworth as Thanksgiving guest

### Parents Guide

#### Certification

Argentina:Atp Australia:PG Austria:0 Brazil:14 Canada:PG (Alberta/British Columbia/Manitoba/Nova Scotia/Ontario)  
Canada:G (Quebec) Czechia:12 Denmark:A Ecuador:12 (self-applied) Egypt:Not Rated (DVD rating) Finland:S France:Tous  
publics Germany:6 (w) Hong Kong:I Iceland:L India:U Ireland:PG Israel:12 (self-applied) Italy:T Japan:G Malaysia:U  
Mexico:G (DVD rating) Netherlands:AL New Zealand:PG Nigeria:PG Norway:A Peru:Apt Poland:12 (self-applied)  
Portugal:M/12 Russia:12+ Singapore:PG South Africa:A South Korea:12 Spain:T Sweden:Btl Switzerland:7 (canton of  
Geneva) Switzerland:7 (canton of Vaud) Taiwan:GP Turkey:7+ (self-applied) United Kingdom:PG United States:TV-PG  
United States:TV-G (TV rating) United States:PG (certificate #36339) United Arab Emirates:PG (self-applied)

**Sex & Nudity** –Mild **Violence & Gore** – Moderate **Profanity** – Moderate **Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking** – Mild **Frightening  
& Intense Scenes** – Moderate

MPAA Rated PG for some language

