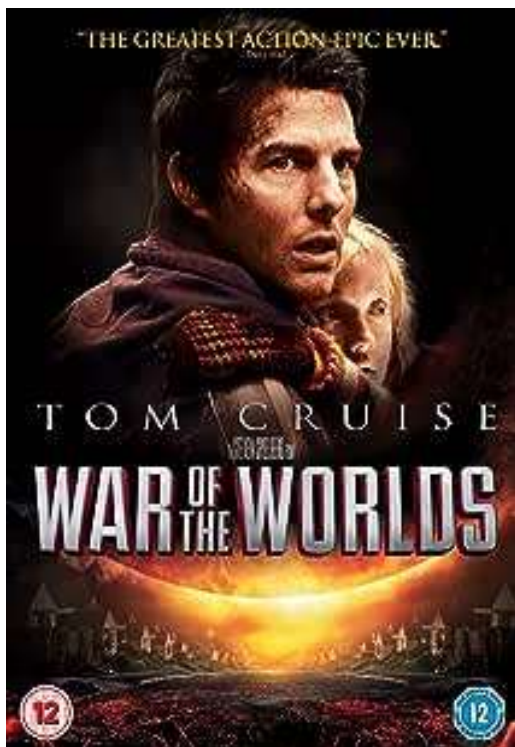


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(1953 Version)

# The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **War of the Worlds** [Tom Cruise]



[2 Disc] Special Edition

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## Information

Release Title: **War of the World's** - 01st July 2005 (United Kingdom)

Publication:

Origin: United States

AKA: Also known as: Out of the Night

Release date: United States – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2005 (Los Angeles, California  
Premiere)

Genres: Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi

Disc Nos. 2

Certification: 12A

Duration: 1hr 56m

Region Code:

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Product Code:

MPN:

EAN:

UPC:

Languages: English

Filming locations: JF Kennedy Blvd., Bayonne, New Jersey, USA (Ray's house - soundstage)

Sound mix: DTS, Dolby Digital, SDDS, Dolby Atmos

Pal – Colour

Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1

Theatrical release poster for 'War of the Worlds'. It features Tom Cruise at the top, the title 'WAR OF THE WORLDS' in large, stylized letters, and a central image of a Martian tripod war machine on a globe. The release date 'JUNE 29' is at the bottom.

Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Steven Spielberg
Screenplay by	Josh Friedman David Koepp
Based on	<i>The War of the Worlds</i> by H.G. Wells
Produced by	Kathleen Kennedy Colin Wilson
Starring	Tom Cruise Dakota Fanning Miranda Otto Tim Robbins
Cinematography	Janusz Kamiński
Edited by	Michael Kahn
Music by	John Williams
Production companies	Paramount Pictures DreamWorks Pictures Amblin Entertainment Cruise/Wagner Productions
Distributed by	Paramount Pictures <sup>[a]</sup>
Release dates	June 23, 2005 (Ziegfeld Theatre) June 29, 2005 (United States)
Running time	116 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$132 million <sup>[1]</sup>
Box office	\$603.9 million <sup>[1]</sup>

# 1 - Title: War of the Worlds [Tom Cruise]

## Storyline

A narrator opens the film stating that extraterrestrials with immense intelligence have grown envious of humanity's dominion of Earth, and are therefore plotting against them.

Divorced longshoreman Ray Ferrier works as a crane operator at a dock in Brooklyn, New York, and is estranged from his children: 10-year-old daughter Rachel, and teenage son Robbie. Ray's pregnant ex-wife, Mary Ann, drops the two off at his house in Bayonne, New Jersey on her way to visit her parents in Boston, Massachusetts. Later, a strange thunderstorm occurs during which lightning strikes multiple times into the middle of a nearby intersection, causing an EMP that instantly disables almost all electronic devices such as vehicles, phones, watches and even mains electricity. On his way to investigate the impacts along with many others, Ray suggests his mechanic friend Manny repair a customer's minivan by replacing the spark plug. Ray joins the crowd at the scene of the impacts, where a massive "tripod" war machine emerges from the ground following an earthquake, and then uses powerful energy weapons to destroy the area and disintegrate most of the witnesses into grey ash.

Ray collects his children, and commandeers the van Manny has repaired; he attempts to convince Manny to join them, but is forced to leave Manny behind to be killed when a tripod attacks. Ray drives his children to Mary Ann's empty home in suburban New Jersey to take refuge. That night, they take shelter in the basement, but they soon hear a strange roaring noise followed by an explosion that destroys the house. At daybreak, they discover that a Boeing 747 had crashed into the neighbourhood. Ray meets a wandering TV news team scavenging the wreckage for food, wherein a correspondent reveals that many tripods have attacked major cities around the world, and that they have force shields that protect them from humanity's defences. She adds that the tripods' pilots travelled to Earth within the lightning storms to enter their machines, which are presumed to have been buried underground a long time ago.

Ray decides to drive the kids to Boston to be with their mother, but a desperate mob swarm their vehicle, forcing them to abandon it. They eventually get to a Hudson River ferry, only to be surrounded by tripods, which either massacre or abduct many refugees, but Ray's family manages to escape. They then witness US Marines engaging in a battle with some tripods. To Ray's dismay, Robbie joins the futile fight out of hatred for the invaders, leaving Ray and Rachel to flee. The Marines are obliterated, with Robbie presumed dead along with them. Shortly afterwards, the pair are offered shelter in a nearby house by a deranged former ambulance driver named Harlan Ogilvy.

The three remain undetected for several hours, even as a tripod's probe and a group of aliens explore the basement. They soon discover that the aliens have started cultivating a red-coloured vegetation across the landscape that is quickly spreading. Later, Harlan suffers a mental breakdown after witnessing the tripods harvesting human blood and tissue to fertilize the alien vegetation. Fearing that his mad shouting will alert the aliens, Ray reluctantly kills him. A second tripod probe then catches the Ferrier's sleeping, causing Rachel to flee outside and be abducted by the tripod. Chasing after the tripod, Ray grabs a belt of grenades from a overgrown Humvee, then intentionally allows himself to be abducted. With the help of other abductees, Ray destroys the tripod from within with the grenades.

Ray and Rachel eventually reach Boston, where they find the alien vegetation withering and the tripods inexplicably collapsing. When an active tripod appears, Ray notices birds landing on it, indicating that its force shields have been disabled. He alerts the soldiers escorting the fleeing crowd, who shoot it down with anti-tank missiles. As the soldiers advance on the downed tripod, a hatch opens and a pale, sickly alien struggle halfway out before dying. Ray and Rachel finally reach Mary Ann's parents' house, where they are reunited with Mary Ann and Robbie, who have somehow survived.

**Note Review:** A better story line than the original with less uncontrollable pseudo screaming a big improvement. Technology has also improved with better special effects. However; the original does have some nostalgic naivety to it for the geek film buffs.

# Cast

Tom Cruise as Ray Ferrier

Dakota Fanning as Rachel Ferrier

Miranda Otto as Mary Ann Ferrier

Tim Robbins as Harlan Ogilvy In closing, the narrator explains that the aliens died because they were vulnerable to the countless microbes that inhabit the Earth, which "God in His wisdom" placed on the planet.

Justin Chatwin as Robbie Ferrier

Rick Gonzalez as Vincent

Yul Vázquez as Julio

Lenny Venito as Manny 'The Mechanic'

Lisa Ann Walter as Sheryl

Ann Robinson as Grandmother (she played the lead role of Sylvia van Buren in the 1953 film)

Gene Barry as Grandfather (he played the lead role of Dr. Clayton Forrester in the 1953 film)

David Alan Basche as Tim

Roz Abrams as Herself

Camillia Sanes as News Producer

Amy Ryan as Neighbour with Toddler

David Harbour as Dock Worker

Danny Hoch as Policeman

Morgan Freeman as The Narrator (voice)

Dee Bradley Baker as Alien Vocals (uncredited)

Columbus Short as Soldier

Daniel Franzese as National Guardsman

Channing Tatum as The Boy in The Church <sup>Wiki</sup>

## Parental Guidance

### Certification

Argentina:13 Australia:M Austria:14 Brazil:12 Canada:14A (Alberta/British Columbia/Manitoba/Ontario) Canada:14A (Canadian Home Video rating) Canada:PG (Nova Scotia) Canada:13+ (Quebec) Chile:TE+7 Czechia:12 Denmark:11 Ecuador:12 (self-applied) Egypt:Not Rated (self-applied) Finland:K-16 France:Tous publics Germany:12 Greece:K-12 Hong Kong:IIA Iceland:14 Iceland:16 (video rating) India:UA Indonesia:16+ (self-applied) Ireland:12A Ireland:12 (DVD rating) Israel:15+ (self-applied) Italy:T Japan:G Malaysia:U Mexico:B Netherlands:12 New Zealand:M Norway:12 (iTunes rating) Norway:15 (2005) Peru:14 Philippines:PG-13 Poland:16 (self-applied) Portugal:M/12 Russia:14+ Singapore:PG South Korea:12 Spain:13 Sweden:11 Switzerland:14 (canton of Geneva) Switzerland:14 (canton of Vaud) Switzerland:14 (canton of Zurich) Taiwan:PG-12 Thailand:u 15+ (self-applied) Turkey:16+ (self-applied) United Kingdom:12A (2005, original rating) United Kingdom:12 (2020, video rating) United States:TV-14 (TV rating) United States:PG-13 (certificate #41830) United Arab Emirates:16+ (self-applied)

**Sex & Nudity** – None, **Violence & Gore**- Moderate, **Profanity**- Moderate, **Alcohol, drugs & smoking**- None, **Frightening & Intense Scenes** - Moderate



