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Title: **A Series of Unfortunate Events** – Jim Carrey



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Lemony Snicket's  
*A Series of Unfortunate Events*



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Brad Silberling
Screenplay by	Robert Gordon
Based on	<i>The Bad Beginning, The Reptile Room and The Wide Window</i> by Lemony Snicket
Produced by	Walter F. Parkes Laurie MacDonald Jim Van Wyck
Starring	Jim Carrey Liam Aiken Emily Browning Timothy Spall Catherine O'Hara Billy Connolly Meryl Streep
Narrated by	Jude Law
Cinematography	Emmanuel Lubezki
Edited by	Michael Kahn
Music by	Thomas Newman
Production companies	Nickelodeon Movies Parkes/MacDonald Productions
Distributed by	Paramount Pictures (North America) DreamWorks Pictures (International)
Release date	December 17, 2004 (United States)
Running time	103 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$140–142 million <sup>[1][2]</sup>
Box office	\$211.5 million <sup>[1]</sup>

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## Information

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Countries of origin: Germany, United States

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AKA: Also known as:

Genres: Adventure, Comedy, Family

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Region Code:

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EAN: 5014437812438

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Languages: English,

Filming locations

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Colour: Colour, Black and White

Sound mix: Dolby Digital EX, DTS-ES

Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1

# 1. Title: A Series of Unfortunate Events Storyline

In a clock tower, investigator Lemony Snicket begins writing a documentation of the whereabouts of the Baudelaire children: 14-year-old inventor Violet, her 12-year-old bibliophile brother Klaus, and their mordacious baby sister Sunny. One day, the children are orphaned when a mysterious fire destroys their mansion, killing their parents. Mr. Poe, the family banker, manages their affairs and leaves them in the care of Count Olaf, a nefarious stage actor intent upon obtaining their family fortune, which will remain in the custody of the bank until Violet turns eighteen. Olaf forces them to do heavy chores and belittles them.

Driving back from the court where Olaf has legally obtained custody of the children, he stops to go into a general store, leaving them locked in the car parked on train tracks with a train heading toward them. The children divert the train by building a device to remotely activate the railroad switch. Mr. Poe arrives and takes them away, thinking that Olaf was allowing Sunny to drive the car.

The orphans are taken to their uncle, Dr Montgomery Montgomery, an eccentric but kind herpetologist, but Olaf arrives disguised as his assistant "Stephano". The orphans attempt to warn Uncle Monty, but he believes Stephano is after the Incredibly Deadly Viper, a giant misnomer python, in his laboratory. Uncle Monty is discovered dead shortly after, and his death is blamed on the viper. They are almost placed in Stephano's care by Mr. Poe, but Sunny proves his guilt by showing that the snake is harmless, and Stephano escapes.

Mr. Poe takes the children with their Aunt Josephine, a grammar-obsessed widow with panphobia. Olaf later appears, disguised as a sea captain named "Captain Sham", to meddle with their plans again. One day, Josephine is not at the house, leaving an apparent suicide note entrusting them to Captain Sham. Klaus deduces that Olaf forced her to forge the note, but she left a hidden message revealing her location. They sail to the cave where Aunt Josephine is hiding and rescue her but attract leeches. Olaf appears and takes the children, leaving Josephine to be eaten by the leeches. Mr. Poe finds him with the children, and Olaf pretends to have rescued them. Mr. Poe is fooled and gives the children back to Olaf.

Olaf plans a play titled "The Marvelous Marriage", starring Violet and him as a bride and groom, respectively. Klaus's suspicions reveal that Olaf is planning to take advantage of the play to really marry Violet in an attempt to get the fortune, using legally recognized vows and a bona fide justice of the peace. Olaf locks Sunny up in a birdcage, threatening to drop her to her death if Violet refuses to take part in the play. Klaus escapes and finds a hidden tower in Olaf's house, where he discovers a large window with a set of lenses that, if positioned correctly, can focus the rays of the sun. Klaus realizes that Olaf used it to set fire to the Baudelaire mansion. Using the window, Klaus manages to burn the marriage certificate, leading to Olaf's arrest.

Violet, Klaus, and Sunny are taken to visit the charred remains of their old home one final time. A lost letter from their parents finally arrives, and inside is a spyglass announcing their family's secret society. Snicket finishes writing his documentation and hides the papers in the clock tower for his publisher to find. As Mr. Poe drives the Baudelaire's to their next home, Snicket concludes that despite the siblings' recent unfortunate events, they have each other.

**Quick Storyline:** Three children - Violet (Emily Browning), Klaus (Liam Aiken), and Sunny Baudelaire (Kara and Shelby Hoffman) - are left orphaned when their house burns down, with their parents in it, in mysterious circumstances. They are left in the custody of a distant relative, Count Olaf (Jim Carrey). It is soon apparent that Count Olaf only cares about the children for their large inheritance. —grants IMDb



# Cast

Jim Carrey as Count Olaf, a villainous stage actor and master of disguise who lusts after the Baudelaire family fortune.

Stephano, Count Olaf's first disguise who pretends to be Dr Montgomery's new assistant, he later kills Montgomery and tries to frame The Incredibly Deadly Viper but fails.

Captain Sham, a peg leg sea captain and Count Olaf's second disguise. He makes Josephine give the Baudelaire's to him and later kills Josephine by making her fall into the lake with leeches.

Emily Browning as Violet Baudelaire, a brilliant inventor. She is the eldest of the Baudelaire siblings and makes inventions out of everyday items.

Liam Aiken as Klaus Baudelaire, an intelligent and kind-hearted bibliophile. He is the middle child of the Baudelaire siblings and uses his encyclopaedic knowledge to get them out of trouble.

Kara and Shelby Hoffman as Sunny Baudelaire, the youngest Baudelaire sibling. She is an infant with four very sharp teeth. Her dialogue is mostly subtitled as she communicates via unintelligible babbling.

Jude Law as the voice of Lemony Snicket, an introverted writer and the narrator of the story. Background actor James Henderson plays Snicket physically.

Timothy Spall as Arthur Poe, a banker who informs the Baudelaire children of the fire and manages their affairs in its aftermath.

Billy Connolly as Dr Montgomery Montgomery, an eccentric but kindly herpetologist and the Baudelaire's' uncle and temporary guardian.

Meryl Streep as Josephine Anwhistle, a paranoid, OCD-stricken grammar stickler and the Baudelaire's' aunt and temporary guardian.

Jamie Harris as the Hook-Handed Man, Count Olaf's main minion.

Catherine O'Hara as Justice Strauss, Count Olaf's kind neighbour and a judge.

Cedric the Entertainer as the Constable, a sceptical detective.

Luis Guzmán as the Bald-Headed Man, one of Count Olaf's minions.

Craig Ferguson as the Person of Indeterminate Gender, one of Count Olaf's minions.

Jennifer Coolidge and Jane Adams as the White-Faced Women, two of Count Olaf's minions.

Fred Gallo as Judge Gallo, a judge who grants custody of the Baudelaire's to Count Olaf.

Deborah Theaker as Mrs. Poe, Mr. Poe's wife

Rick Heinrichs and Amy Brenneman (both unbilled) as Bertrand and Beatrice Baudelaire, Klaus, Violet and Sunny's deceased parents.

Helena Bonham-Carter (uncredited) as Beatrice Baudelaire, the Baudelaire children's late mother.

Dustin Hoffman (uncredited) as a Critic who attends Count Olaf's The Marvelous Marriage.

Jane Lynch (uncredited) as realtor

Gilbert Gottfried (uncredited) as the voice of the Aflac Duck, who appeared in a cameo.

Daniel Handler, the writer of the Lemony Snicket stories, appears as a photographer.

**Notes** Handler initially viewed Count Olaf as a James Mason type. Carrey was not familiar with the book series when he was cast, but he became a fan of the series. "Handler's books are just a bold and original way to tell a children's story," he said. Carrey was also attracted to the role despite self-parody concerns. Silberling was open to Carrey's idea of improvisation for various scenes, especially the Stephano and Captain Sham alter egos. To make his prosthetic makeup more comfortable and easier to apply, Carrey shaved his head bald for the part. His inspiration for Olaf's voice was combining the voices of Orson Welles and Bela Lugosi.

Emily Browning was cast as Violet Baudelaire when she auditioned at a casting call in Australia. She was sent Handler's original script when Barry Sonnenfeld was planning to direct, and screen tested for the part using an English accent. Browning became a fan of the books after reading Handler's original script. The actress was not cast until Silberling took over, then her character's accent was changed to American. [Wiki](#).

## Parental Guidance

### Certification

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

MPAA Rated PG for thematic elements, scary situations and brief language

