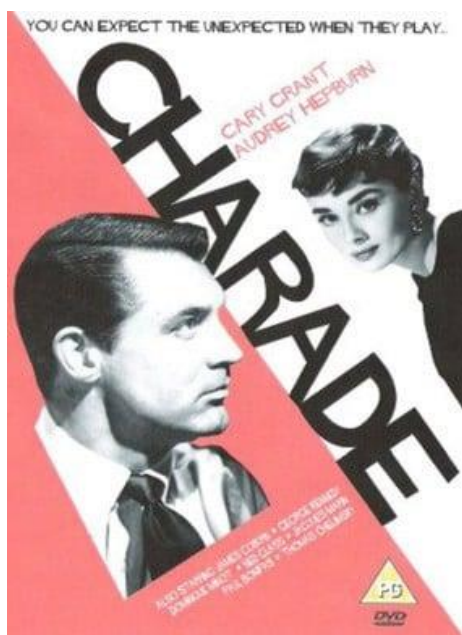


# The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **Charade**

[1 Disc]



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Theatrical release poster

<b>Directed by</b>	Stanley Donen
<b>Screenplay by</b>	Peter Stone
<b>Story by</b>	Peter Stone Marc Behm <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Based on</b>	<i>The Unsuspecting Wife</i> 1961 short story <sup>[2]</sup> by Peter Stone with Marc Behm
<b>Produced by</b>	Stanley Donen
<b>Starring</b>	Cary Grant Audrey Hepburn Walter Matthau James Coburn
<b>Cinematography</b>	Charles Lang
<b>Edited by</b>	James Clark
<b>Music by</b>	Henry Mancini <b>Song:</b> Henry Mancini (music) Johnny Mercer (lyrics)
<b>Production company</b>	Stanley Donen Films
<b>Distributed by</b>	Universal Pictures
<b>Release dates</b>	September 24, 1963 (DC) December 5, 1963 (NYC) December 25, 1963 (LA) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Running time</b>	113 minutes
<b>Country</b>	United States
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Budget</b>	\$3 million <sup>[3]</sup>
<b>Box office</b>	\$13.4 million <sup>[4]</sup>

## Information

**Title:** *Charade* 20<sup>th</sup> February 1963 United Kingdom

Origin: United States

Release date: United States – 05<sup>th</sup> December 1963

AKA: Also known as: Charada

Genres: Mystery, Romantic Comedy, Thriller

Classification: PG

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Duration: 1hr 53m

Region Code:

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Languages: English, French, German, Italian, Spanish

Filming locations: Hôtel du Mont d'Arbois, Megève, Haute-Savoie, France (First sequence, Swimming-pool)

Sound mix: Mono (Westrex Recording System)

Pal – Colour Technicolor, Hollywood (CA), USA

Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1 (35mm) (Spherical) (Eastman 50T 5251)

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## Storyline

The film opens with a passage of a train, a man (Charles Voss Lampert) is violently thrown off the tracks upon his death.

While on holiday in the French Alps, Regina "Reggie" Lampert, an American expatriate working as a simultaneous interpreter, tells her friend and co-worker Sylvie that she is divorcing her husband Charles. She also meets Peter Joshua, a charming American.

Upon her return to the City of Paris, she finds her luxury apartment stripped bare. A police inspector reveals that Charles auctioned off their belongings, then was murdered after leaving the city. Reggie is given Charles's small travel bag containing a letter addressed to her, a ship ticket to Venezuela, four passports in multiple names and nationalities, and miscellaneous personal items. At Charles's sparsely attended funeral, three men show up to view the body. One sticks a pin into the corpse to confirm Charles is dead. Another uses a hand mirror to see if he is breathing.

Reggie is summoned to meet the administrator from the Central Intelligence Agency, Hamilton Bartholomew at the American Embassy. She learns that the three men are Herman Scobie, Leopold W. Gideon and Tex Penthollow. During the Second World War, they, Charles, and Carson Dyle were assigned by the Office of Strategic Services to deliver \$250,000 (\$4.3 million in current dollars) in gold to the French Resistance, but instead stole it for personal gain. Carson was wounded in a German ambush and left behind. Charles double-crossed the others, taking all the gold. The three survivors are after the missing money, as is the U.S. government. Hamilton insists that Reggie has it, even if she does not know what or where it is—and that she is in great danger.

Peter finds Reggie and helps her move into a hotel. The three criminals separately threaten her, each convinced that she knows where the money is. Herman shocks her by claiming that Peter is in cahoots with them, after which Peter says that he is Carson Dyle's brother Alexander and is trying to bring the others to justice, believing they killed Carson. As the hunt for the money continues, Herman and Leopold are murdered. Hamilton tells Reggie that Carson Dyle had no brother. When she confronts Alexander, he says that he is Adam Canfield, a professional thief. Although frustrated by his dishonesty, Reggie still trusts him.

Reggie and Adam go to an outdoor market, the location of Charles's last known appointment. Spotting Tex, Adam follows him. At the stamp-selling booths, Adam and Tex each realize that Charles bought some extremely valuable stamps and affixed them to the envelope in his travel bag. Both men race to Reggie's hotel room, but discover that the stamps are missing from the envelope. Reggie, who gave the stamps to Sylvie's young son Jean-Louis, suddenly realizes their significance. She and Sylvie find Jean-Louis, but he has already traded the stamps to a dealer. They find the dealer, who says that the rare stamps are worth \$250,000; he returns them to Reggie.

Reggie returns to the hotel and finds Tex's body; Tex managed to write the name "Dyle" on the floor before dying. Convinced that Adam is the murderer, Reggie telephones Hamilton, who says to meet him at the Colonnade at the Palais-Royal. Adam sees her and gives chase. At the Colonnade, Reggie is caught in the open between the two men. Adam claims that Hamilton is Carson Dyle; surviving the German ambush, he became obsessed with revenge and reclaiming the treasure. Reggie runs into an empty theatre and hides in the prompt box. Carson is about to shoot her, but Adam activates a trapdoor under him, sending him crashing to the floor far beneath him.

The next day, Reggie and Adam go to the embassy to turn over the stamps, but Adam declines to go in. Inside, Reggie discovers that Adam is Brian Cruikshank, a U.S. Treasury agent responsible for recovering stolen government property. With his true identity now revealed, he proposes marriage to Reggie. She says that she hopes that they have lots of boys so that they can name them all after him. <sup>Wiki</sup>

In what's been called 'the best Alfred Hitchcock film which he didn't direct,' a man is thrown off a train, and when the police locate his wife, it turns out she knew nothing about him - not even his real name. After her are four men, who insist she's in possession of a huge amount of money which they believe to be theirs. If she doesn't give it to them, she'll be killed. <sup>MDb</sup>

## Cast

Cary Grant as Brian Cruikshank (alias Peter Joshua, Alexander Dyle and Adam Canfield)  
Audrey Hepburn as Regina "Reggie" Lampert  
Walter Matthau as Carson Dyle (alias Hamilton Bartholomew)  
James Coburn as Tex Penthollow  
George Kennedy as Herman Scobie

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Dominique Minot as Sylvie Gaudel  
Ned Glass as Leopold W. Gideon  
Jacques Marin as Inspector Edouard Grandpierre  
Paul Bonifas as Mr. Felix, the stamp dealer  
Thomas Chelimsky as Jean-Louis Gaudel  
(Uncredited Person) as Charles Voss Lampert

**Parental Guidance**

**Certification**

Argentina-13, Australia-A Original RatingPG1990, Re-rating, Canada-PGOntarioGQuébec, Denmark-A, Finland-K-16, France-Tous publics, Germany-122003, Re-rating, Greece-K12, India-U, Israel-12self-applied, Italy-T, Japan-G, Mexico-S/CBvideo rating, Netherlands-614Original Rating, Norway-9iTunes rating161963, Philippines-PG-13video rating, Poland-NCself-applied, Singapore-PG, South Korea-Youth not allowedself-applied, Spain-A, Sweden-15, Turkey-DİKKATself-applied, United Kingdom-PGAOriginal Rating, Re-releasePG1991, Re-rating, Re-release, United States-PassedNational Board of ReviewApprovedcertificate #20173, West Germany-16nf, Original Rating

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

