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Title: **The Raven**



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Theatrical release poster by Reynold Brown	
Directed by	Roger Corman
Screenplay by	Richard Matheson
Based on	"The Raven" by Edgar Allan Poe
Produced by	Roger Corman
Starring	Vincent Price Peter Lorre Boris Karloff Hazel Court Olive Sturgess Jack Nicholson
Cinematography	Floyd Crosby
Edited by	Ronald Sinclair
Music by	Les Baxter
Color process	Pathécolor
Production company	Alta Vista Productions
Distributed by	American International Pictures
Release date	January 23, 1963
Running time	86 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$350,000 ^{[1][2]}
Box office	\$1,499,275 ^{[3][4][5]}

Information

Release **Title:** The Raven 20th October 2003
 Varied: 26th August 2008, and 30th June 2024 (United Kingdom)
 Origin: United States
 Release Date: 16th January 1963 (Brooklyn NY)
 Genres: Comedy, Drama, Fantasy, Horror
 AKA: Also known as: El cuervo
 Disc Nos. – 1- 1
 Certification: X
 Duration: 1h 26 min (86 min)
 Region Code: 2
 Product Code:
 Languages: English
 Filming locations: Los Angeles, California, USA(Studio)
 Sound mix: Mono
 Colour: Colour Pathe
 Aspect Ratio: 2.35:1
 Camera:

Storyline – The Raven

In the year 1506, the sorcerer Dr. Erasmus Craven has been mourning the death of his wife Lenore for over two years, much to the dismay of his daughter (Lenore's stepdaughter), Estelle. One night he is visited by a raven, the wizard Dr. Bedlo. Together they brew a potion that restores Bedlo to human form.

Bedlo explains that he was transformed by Dr. Scarabus in an unfair duel. Both decide to see Scarabus, Bedlo to exact revenge and Craven to look for his wife, whom Bedlo saw alive at Scarabus's castle.[8] After fighting off an attack by Craven's coachman, who acted under the influence of Scarabus, they are joined by Estelle and Bedlo's son Rexford, and set out to the castle. Estelle and Rexford become fond of each other over the journey.

At the castle, Scarabus greets his guests with false friendship, and Bedlo is apparently killed as he conjures a storm in an act of defiance. At night, however, Rexford finds Bedlo alive and well, hiding in the castle. Bedlo conspired with Scarabus to deliver Craven to him, so that Scarabus could acquire his magical secrets. Craven, meanwhile, is visited and tormented by Lenore, who is revealed to have faked her death to become Scarabus's mistress.

As Craven, Estelle, Rexford and Bedlo try to escape from the castle, Scarabus stops them, and they are imprisoned. Bedlo panics and begs Scarabus to turn him back into a raven rather than torture him. He then flees the dungeon by flying away. Craven is forced to choose between surrendering his magical secrets to Scarabus or watching his daughter be tortured. Having only pretended to desert his friends and son, Bedlo secretly returns and frees Rexford, and together they aid Craven.

Craven and Scarabus engage in a magic duel. After a series of attacks, counterattacks and insults, during which Scarabus sets the castle on fire, Craven defeats Scarabus. Lenore tries to reconcile with him, claiming that she was bewitched by Scarabus, but Craven disbelieves and rejects her. Craven, Bedlo, Estelle and Rexford escape as the castle collapses on Scarabus and Lenore; both survive, but Scarabus's magic is gone.

Bedlo, still a raven, tries to convince Craven to restore him to human form. Still bitter over Bedlo's earlier betrayal, Craven casts a spell to render him mute. [Wiki](#)

In this tongue-in-cheek movie inspired by Poe's poem, Dr. Craven is the son of a great sorcerer (now dead) who was once himself quite skilled at that profession, but has since abandoned it. One evening, a cowardly fool of a magician named Bedlo comes to Craven for help - the evil Scarabus has turned him into a raven and he needs someone to change him back. He also tells the reluctant wizard that Craven's long-lost wife Lenore, whom he loved greatly and thought dead, is living with the despised Scarabus. [Imbd](#)

Cast

Vincent Price as Dr. Erasmus Craven

Peter Lorre as Dr. Adolphus Bedlo

Boris Karloff as Dr. Scarabus

Hazel Court as Lenore Craven

Olive Sturgess as Estelle Craven

Jack Nicholson as Rexford Bedlo

Connie Wallace as Maid

William Baskin as Grimes

Aaron Saxon as Gort

Parents Guide

Certification

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

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Netherlands-12141964, New Zealand-R16, Portugal-M/12, Sweden-15, United Kingdom- Xoriginal rating PG2003, video
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