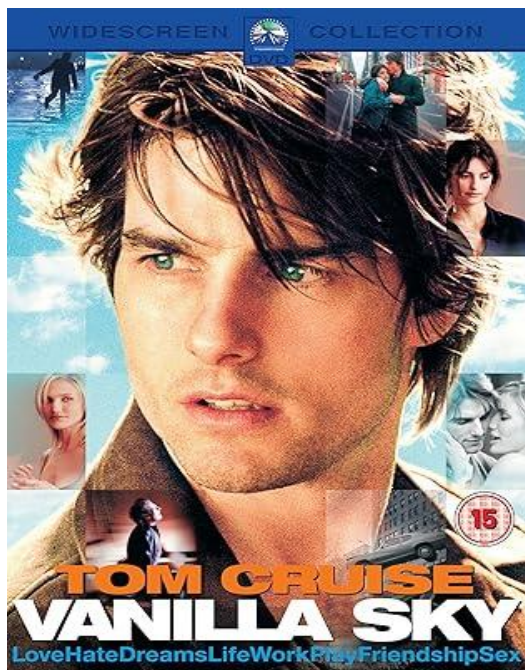


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Title: **Vanilla Sky**



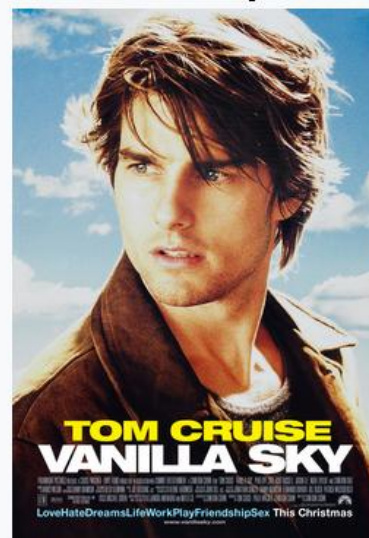
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## Information

Release **Title:** Vanilla Sky 25<sup>th</sup> January 2002 (United Kingdom)  
 Origin: United States, Spain  
 Release Date: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2001 (USA Hollywood California Prem.)  
 Genres: Psychological, Fantasy, Mystery, Romance, Sci-Fi, Thriller  
 AKA: Also known as: Remake of the 1997 – open your eyes  
 Disc Nos. – 1- 1  
 Certification: 15  
 Duration: 2h 16 min (136 min) 2h 21m (Alternative ending)  
 Region Code: 2  
 Product Code:  
 Languages: English, Spanish  
 Filming locations: Bar Building - 44th Street between 5th & 6th Avenue, Manhattan, New York City, New York, USA  
 Sound mix: DTS, Dolby Stereo  
 Colour: Colour  
 Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1  
 Camera: Panavision Panaflex Gold, Panavision Primo Lenses

### Vanilla Sky



Theatrical release poster

<b>Directed by</b>	Cameron Crowe
<b>Screenplay by</b>	Cameron Crowe
<b>Based on</b>	<i>Abre los ojos</i> by Alejandro Amenábar Mateo Gil
<b>Produced by</b>	Tom Cruise Paula Wagner Cameron Crowe
<b>Starring</b>	Tom Cruise Penélope Cruz Kurt Russell Jason Lee Noah Taylor Cameron Diaz
<b>Cinematography</b>	John Toll
<b>Edited by</b>	Joe Hutshing Mark Livolsi
<b>Music by</b>	Nancy Wilson
<b>Production companies</b>	Paramount Pictures <sup>[1]</sup> Cruise/Wagner Productions <sup>[1]</sup> Vinyl Films <sup>[1]</sup> Summit Entertainment <sup>[1][2]</sup> Sogecine <sup>[1]</sup> Artisan Entertainment <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Distributed by</b>	Paramount Pictures (United States) United International Pictures (International)
<b>Release date</b>	December 14, 2001
<b>Running time</b>	136 minutes
<b>Country</b>	United States
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Budget</b>	\$68 million <sup>[3]</sup>
<b>Box office</b>	\$203.4 million <sup>[3]</sup>

## Storyline – Vanilla Sky

David Aames, Jr., the owner of a large publishing company he inherited from his father, is in prison. Wearing a prosthetic mask, David tells his life story to court psychologist Dr. Curtis McCabe. In flashbacks, David leaves the duties of the publisher to his father's trusted associates while living as a playboy in Manhattan. He is introduced to Sofia Serrano by his best friend, Brian Shelby, during a party.

David and Sofia spend the night together at Sofia's apartment and fall in love, unaware that David's current lover, Julie Gianni, has followed them there. As David leaves, Julie offers him a ride and soon reveals her jealousy of Sofia. She deliberately crashes the car, killing herself and disfiguring David. Doctors cannot repair his face using plastic surgery, forcing David to wear a prosthetic mask, and the mental and physical scarring from the accident causes him to become withdrawn and depressed. David joins Brian and Sofia at a club, but they all leave after David starts an argument while drunk. After David insults them and they part ways, David passes out on the street outside the club.

The next day, Sofia returns and apologises to David. She takes him home; the two form a relationship; and he slowly begins to recover. After surgeons find a way to repair David's face despite their prior prognosis, he is plagued by bizarre experiences - such as brief flashbacks of his disfigurement and an encounter with a mysterious man at a bar who informs him that David is omnipotent, demonstrated by the entire bar falling silent at David's command. One day, while at Sofia's, David awakens to find himself in bed with Julie, whose face has replaced Sofia's in their photographs. In shock, he suffocates Julie. David is arrested and imprisoned and his facial disfigurement is mysteriously restored.

McCabe conducts several more interviews, which serve to help David to recall the name "Life Extension". Seeing a company with that name on TV, McCabe arranges to take David there under guard. Rebecca Dearborn, a company representative, explains how Life Extension uses cryonic suspension to save those with terminal illnesses until a cure can be found, keeping them in a lucid dream state to otherwise exercise their mind. David realises that he is in cryonic suspension and that the world he inhabits is his lucid dream, which has become a nightmare. He escapes McCabe and the guards while calling for "tech support", and rushes for the building's lobby, which is suddenly empty. An elevator opens, revealing the strange man from the bar. As the elevator climbs to the top of an impossibly tall building, the man explains that he is Tech Support and that David has been in suspension for 150 years.

Unable to face the twin traumas of the loss of his love, Sofia, and his facial injuries, he had opted for Life Extension, to be awakened when technology could repair his face, and left the publishing company in the hands of his father's associates, ultimately overdosing on medication and causing Brian to arrange a three-day memorial for him in his home. As part of the programme, David had chosen to experience a lucid dream, in which his life would resume the morning after Sofia left him; however, a glitch in the software had caused other elements of his subconscious to distort his dream.

David and Tech Support emerge on the rooftop, high above the clouds. There, Tech Support tells David that although they have corrected the flaw, he now has a choice of either being returned to the dream or being restored to life, requiring a literal leap of faith off the roof that will wake him from his sleep. David chooses the latter, despite McCabe warning him against it. Before jumping, David envisions Brian and Sofia to say his goodbyes. He leaps from the edge of the building, and his life flashes before him. A female voice invites him to open his eyes, and the movie ends with a shot of his eye opening and looking at the audience. [Wiki](#)

Incarcerated and charged with murder, David Aames Jr. is telling the story of how he got to where he is to McCabe, the police psychologist. That story includes: being the 51% shareholder of a major publishing firm, which he inherited from his long deceased parents; the firm's board, appointed by David Aames Sr., being the

49% shareholders who would probably like to see him gone as they see him as being too irresponsible and immature to run the company; his best bro friendship with author, Brian Shelby; his "friends with benefits" relationship with Julie Gianni, who saw their relationship in a slightly different light; his budding romance with Sofia Serrano, who Brian brought to David's party as his own date and who Brian saw as his own possible life mate; and being in an accident which disfigured his face and killed the person who caused the accident. But as the story proceeds, David isn't sure what is real and what is a dream/nightmare as many facets of the story are incompatible to be all real. The mysterious man in the restaurant may be able to shed some light on David's confusion. [Imbd](#)

## Cast

Tom Cruise as David Aames, Jr.  
Cameron Diaz as Julianna "Julie" Gianni  
Penélope Cruz as Sofia Serrano  
Kurt Russell as Dr. Curtis McCabe  
Jason Lee as Brian Shelby  
Noah Taylor as Edmund Ventura / Tech Support  
Timothy Spall as Thomas Tipp  
Tilda Swinton as Rebecca Dearborn  
Michael Shannon as Aaron  
Shalom Harlow as Colleen  
Oona Hart as Lynette  
Ivana Miličević as Emma  
Johnny Galecki as Peter Brown  
Alicia Witt as Libby  
Ken Leung as art editor  
Conan O'Brien as himself  
Tommy Lee as a frozen vintage car man  
Laura Fraser as The Future  
Steven Spielberg as a guest at David's party (uncredited)

## Parents Guide

Certification

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

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