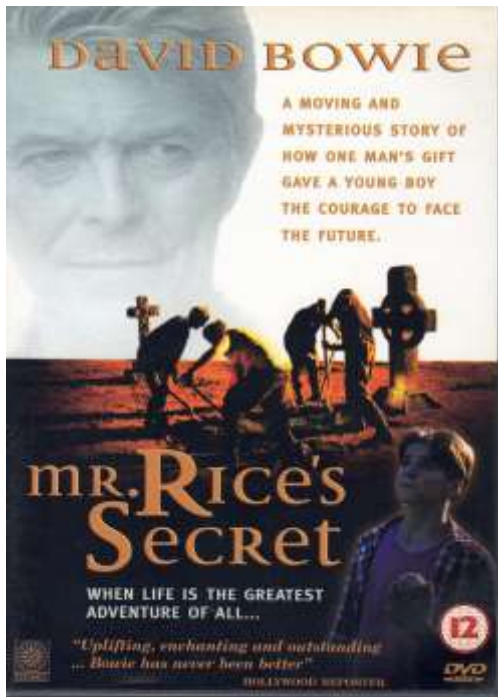


# The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **Mr Rice's Secrets**



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<i>Mr. Rice's Secret</i>	
Directed by	Nicholas Kendall
Written by	J. H. Wyman
Produced by	Colleen Nystedt
Starring	David Bowie Bill Switzer Teryl Rothery Garwin Sanford Zach Lipovsky Jason Anderson Richard de Klerk
Edited by	Ron E. Yoshida
Music by	Simon Kendall Al Rodger
Production company	Panorama
Distributed by	Panorama
Release date	2000
Running time	113 minutes
Country	Canada
Language	English
Budget	\$3.2 million <sup>[1]</sup>

## Information

Release Title: Mr Rice's Secrets – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2001 (Canada)

From: (1999)

AKA: Exhuming Mr Rice

Release date:

Origin: Canada,

Genre: Dram, Family, Fantasy

Disc Nos. - 1

Certification: 12

Duration: 1h 53m

Region Code:

Region: 2

Product Code:

MPN:

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Languages: English

Filming locations: Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Sound mix: Dolby

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 2.39:1

## Storyline

Owen Walters (Bill Switzer) is 12 and suffers from Hodgkin's disease. He has a group of friends who award points to each other for doing risky or strange acts. Owen's parents want him to befriend Simon, who has leukaemia, but he rejects him as he considers Simon to be more ill than he, reminding him of his own mortality. He also rejects his best friend Funnel Head (Zach Lipovsky) to win the approval of bullies.

Owen's mysterious neighbour Mr. Rice dies, and Owen secretly videotapes the funeral to show to his friends. They go to Rice's house to watch it on his video player, and scour through his belongings, finding a letter for Owen. He decodes it with a ring he received from Rice, and finds that it is a series of clues leading to a secret. The boys go looking for the clues, one of which involves exhuming Rice.

Rice appears in flashbacks over the film, including one where he tells Owen "All people, no matter who they are, they all wish they'd appreciated life more. It's what you do in life that's important, not how much time you have". Owen finds the potion of life which allowed Rice to live for 400 years. However, he makes a recovery from his treatment, and instead gives the potion to Simon to save his life.

A terminally-ill boy's life is saved when his deceased 400-year-old friend, "Mr. Rice", leads him on a treasure hunt to find a magical "Potion of Life".

## Cast

David Bowie -Mr. Rice  
Bill Switzer - Owen  
Teryl Rothery - Marylyn  
Garwin Sanford - Stan  
Zach Lipovsky - Funnel Head  
Jason Anderson -Veg  
Tyler Thompson -Gilbert  
Campbell Lane - Mr. Death  
Richard de Klerk - Simon(as Richard De Klerk)  
Tyler Labine - Percy  
Eric Keenleyside - Ray(as Eric Keenlyside)  
Colleen Rennison - Molly  
Kyle Labine - Jonathan  
Tim Dixon - Priest  
Juno Rinaldi - Cindy(as Juno Ruddell)  
Frank C. Turner - Thin Man  
Shayn Solberg - Baseball Kid #1  
Shayne Zwickel - Baseball Kid #2

## Parents Guide

Iceland:L United Kingdom:12 United States:PG (certificate #38466)

Sex & Nudity

-

Violence & Gore

-

Profanity

-

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

-

Frightening & Intense Scenes

-

MPAA Rated PG for thematic elements, language and scenes of bullying

