

# The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **JUMANJI** (1995) ROBIN WILLIAMS (ORIGINAL)



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Theatrical release poster

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## Information

Release Title: JUMANJI (1995) 16th February 1996 (United Kingdom)

From: Original

Origin: United States

AKA:

Release date: United States – 15<sup>th</sup> December 1995

Genres: Adventure, Comedy, Family, Fantasy

Disc Nos. - 1

Certification: PG

Duration: 1h 44m

Region Code:

Region: 2

Product Code:

MPN:

EAN:

UPC:

Languages: English, French

Filming locations: Keene, New Hampshire, USA, (Town of Brantford)

Sound mix: Dolby Digital

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 2.85:1

Directed by	Joe Johnston
Screenplay by	Jonathan Hensleigh Greg Taylor Jim Strain
Story by	Greg Taylor Jim Strain Chris Van Allsburg
Based on	<i>Jumanji</i> by Chris Van Allsburg
Produced by	Scott Kroopf William Teitler
Starring	Robin Williams Kirsten Dunst David Alan Grier Bonnie Hunt Jonathan Hyde Bebe Neuwirth
Cinematography	Thomas E. Ackerman
Edited by	Robert Dalva
Music by	James Horner
Production companies	TriStar Pictures Interscope Communications
Distributed by	Sony Pictures Releasing
Release date	December 15, 1995 (United States)
Running time	104 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$65 million <sup>[1]</sup>
Box office	\$262.8 million <sup>[1]</sup>

# Storyline

In 1969, Alan Parrish lives with his parents Sam and Carol in Brantford, New Hampshire. One day, he escapes a group of bullies and retreats to Sam's shoe factory. He meets his friend, Carl Bentley, who reveals a new shoe prototype he made by himself. Alan misplaces the shoe and damages a conveyor belt, but Carl takes responsibility and loses his job. After the bullies' attack Alan and steal his bicycle, Alan follows the sound of tribal drumbeats to a construction site. He finds a board game called Jumanji, which was buried 100 years earlier, and brings it home.

That night, after arguing with Sam about attending a boarding school, Alan plans to run away, but his friend, Sarah Whittle, returns his bicycle. Alan shows her Jumanji and invites her to play. With each roll of the dice, the game piece moves by itself and a cryptic message describing the roll's outcome appears in the crystal ball at the centre of the board. After Alan inadvertently rolls a five, a message tells him to wait in a jungle until someone rolls a five or eight, and he is sucked into the game. Shortly after, a swarm of bats appears and chases Sarah out of the mansion.

Twenty-six years later, Judy and Peter Shepherd move into the now-vacant Parrish mansion with their aunt Nora, after their parents died in an accident on a ski trip in Canada the winter before. Discovering Jumanji in the attic, Judy and Peter begin playing it. Their rolls summon giant mosquitoes and swarms of monkeys. The game rules state everything will be restored when the game ends, so they continue playing. Peter then rolls a five which releases a lion and a grown-up Alan. As Alan makes his way out, he meets Carl, who is now working as a police officer. Alan, Judy, and Peter go to the now-abandoned shoe factory and learn that Sam abandoned the business to search for his son after his disappearance, until his 1991 death. Eventually, the factory closed, sending Brantford into economic decline.

Realizing they need Sarah to finish the game, the three locate Sarah, now haunted by both Jumanji and Alan's disappearance, and persuade her to join them. Sarah's first move releases fast-growing carnivorous vines, and Alan's next move releases a big-game hunter named Van Pelt, whom Alan first met in the game's inner world. The next roll summons a stampede of various animals, and a pelican steals the game. Peter retrieves it, but Alan is arrested by Carl. Back in town, the stampede wreaks havoc, and Van Pelt steals the game.

Peter, Sarah, and Judy track Van Pelt to a discount store, where they set booby traps to subdue him and retrieve the game, while Alan, after revealing his identity to Carl, is set free. When the four return to the mansion, it is now completely overrun by jungle wildlife. They release one calamity after another until Van Pelt arrives. When Alan drops the dice, he wins the game which causes everything that happened as a result of the game to be reversed.

Alan and Sarah return to 1969, just in time for Alan to reconcile with Sam, who tells him that he does not have to attend boarding school. Alan also admits his responsibility for damaging the conveyor belt. After realizing that they have memories of the game, Alan and Sarah throw Jumanji into a river, then share a kiss.

In an alternate version of the present, Alan and Sarah are married and expecting their first child. Alan's parents are still alive and Alan is now successfully running the family business. Alan and Sarah meet Judy, Peter, and their parents Jim and Martha for the first time during a Christmas party. Alan offers Jim a job and convinces them to cancel their upcoming ski trip, averting their deaths.

Meanwhile, two young girls hear drumbeats while walking on a beach. Jumanji is seen lying partially buried in the sand.

Personal Review: The Robin Williams versions of Jumanji is totally different to the later versions that appear in the 2020s and can be said, overall; is a much better storyline, with more effects, tensions and with drama. This may be down to budgets as well as the later versions are possibly aimed towards a more comedic content.

# Cast

Robin Williams as Alan Parrish

Kirsten Dunst as Judy Shepherd

David Alan Grier as Carl "The Sole-man" Bentley

Adam Hann-Byrd as young Alan Parrish

Bonnie Hunt as Sarah Whittle

Jonathan Hyde as Sam Parrish

Hyde also portrays Van Pelt, a big-game hunter who resides in Jumanji.

Bebe Neuwirth as Nora Shepherd  
Bradley Pierce as Peter Shepherd  
James Handy as the Exterminator  
Patricia Clarkson as Carol Parrish  
Laura Bell Bundy as young Sarah Whittle

## Parents Guide

### Certification

Argentina:Atp Australia:PG Brazil:12 Brazil:10 (Cartoon Network) Brazil:Livre (re-rating) Bulgaria:B Canada:PG (Manitoba/Nova Scotia/Ontario) Ecuador:Not Rated (self-applied) Egypt:R (self-applied) Finland:K-12 (2014) Finland:K-10 (1996) France:Tous publics Germany:12 Greece:K-8 Hong Kong:I Hungary:KN Iceland:10 Iceland:12 (video rating) India:UA India:U (Malayalam dubbed, Tamil dubbed, Telugu dubbed) Indonesia:13+ (self-applied) Ireland:PG Ireland:12RA (VHS) Italy:T Japan:PG12 Kuwait:PG Malaysia:U Mexico:A Netherlands:6 (re-rating) Nigeria:G Norway:7 (2019, TV rating) Norway:11 (1996, cinema rating) Peru:Apt Philippines:PG (self-applied) Poland:12 Portugal:M/6 Russia:6+ Saudi Arabia:G Singapore:PG South Africa:PG South Korea:All Spain:7 Sweden:11 Sweden:13 (Netflix self-rating) Thailand:13+ (self-applied) Turkey:13+ (self-applied) United Kingdom:PG (original rating) United Kingdom:U (recommended rating) United States:TV-PG (TV rating) United States:PG (certificate #33723) United Arab Emirates:PG-15 Vietnam:P

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

MPAA     Rated PG for menacing fantasy action and some mild language.

Robin W. Menu



Main Menu

