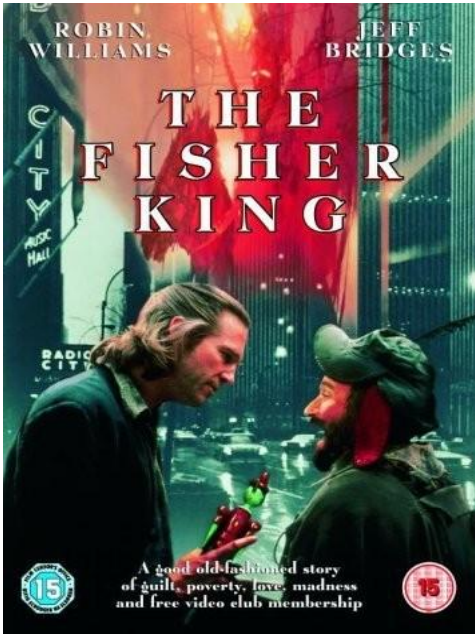


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Title: The Fisher King (Robin Williams)



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grail castle)
Sound mix: Dolby Stereo, Dolby Digital
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Laboratory: Technicolor, Hollywood (CA), USA(colour) Neg Format 35mm
Film Length:
Colour: Colour
Aspect ratio: 1.85 : 1

The Fisher King



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Terry Gilliam
Written by	Richard LaGravenese
Produced by	Debra Hill Lynda Obst
Starring	Robin Williams Jeff Bridges Amanda Plummer Mercedes Ruehl
Cinematography	Roger Pratt
Edited by	Lesley Walker
Music by	George Fenton
Production company	Hill/Obst Productions
Distributed by	Tri-Star Pictures ^[1]
Release date	September 20, 1991
Running time	137 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$24 million ^[2]
Box office	\$72.4 million ^[2]



Storyline – The Fisher King – (Robin Williams)

Jack Lucas, a narcissistic, misanthropic shock jock, dismisses a disturbed regular caller, Edwin, over his infatuation with a woman he met at a Manhattan restaurant, brashly describing her social circle as a vain enemy to people like Edwin that "must be stopped before it's too late". Meanwhile, Jack has an equally vain girlfriend and a high-rise penthouse apartment, and is in consideration for the lead in a comedic TV pilot. While practicing a line read at home, he turns on a news report and discovers, to his horror, that his comments spurred Edwin to commit a mass murder–suicide at the restaurant.

Three years later, Jack is working for his new girlfriend, Anne, in her video store, and is in a mostly drunken, depressed state, fearful of being recognized. One night, while on a bender, he is moments from suicide. However, teenage punks attack Jack and nearly set him on fire, mistaking him for a homeless person. Parry, a delusional homeless man, rescues Jack, claiming to have been tasked by cherubs to find the Holy Grail.

Parry tries to enlist Jack's help in retrieving the Grail, relaying the legend of God charging the Fisher King with finding the Holy Grail, but the King incurring an incapacitating wound for his sin of pride: "A Fool asks the King why he suffers, and when the King says he is thirsty, the Fool gives him a cup of water to drink. The King realizes the cup is the Grail and asks, 'How did you find what my brightest and bravest could not?' The Fool said 'I don't know. I only knew that you were thirsty.'"

Jack is initially reluctant, but acquiesces after learning his role in Parry's current condition. Parry, whose real name is Henry Sagan, had been a teacher at Hunter College. After witnessing his wife's death during Edwin's massacre, Henry had a psychotic break and became catatonic. After awakening, he took on the persona of Parry and became obsessed with the Fisher King's legend. With Parry as his shielding persona, mentions of reality panic him, and he is continually haunted by a hallucinatory Red Knight, from a distorted memory of his wife's face exploding from a shotgun blast.

Jack seeks to redeem himself by helping Parry find love again. Lydia, a shy woman with whom Parry is smitten, is at first sent a cabaret telegram performed by a homeless singer, inviting her to Anne's video store. While there, she is prodded to meet Parry and join Jack and Anne for dinner. Afterward, Parry walks Lydia home and declares his love for her after having been observing her for months. She reciprocates before heading inside, but Parry's initiating a new romance summons the Knight. Fleeing his vision, the memory of his wife's murder, and his institutionalization, he is ambushed by the teenage punks. Beaten and knifed mercilessly, Parry becomes catatonic again. Jack, feeling whole again after "saving" Parry, breaks up with Anne and begins to rebuild his career. However, he has a crisis of conscience during a business meeting after ignoring the homeless cabaret singer's reaching out to him.

Jack eventually finds out what happened to Parry. Ultimately wanting to help his friend, Jack dons Parry's clothing and infiltrates the Upper East Side castle of a famous architect and retrieves a trophy that Parry believes to be the real Grail. During the theft, Jack finds the architect unconscious from attempting suicide. He triggers the alarm while leaving, alerting authorities and saving the man's life.

He brings the "Grail" to Parry, who regains consciousness and says that he is ready to miss his wife. Lydia visits Parry in the hospital; she finds him awake and leading the patients of the ward in a rendition of the song, "How About You?", with Jack. Parry and Lydia embrace, and Jack reconciles with Anne, saying that he loves her. She slaps him, but grabs and kisses him. That night, Jack and Parry lie naked in Central Park gazing at the clouds, as they view a fireworks display over New York. [Wiki](#)

Jack Lucas was once a famous, arrogant and egotistical New York City call-in radio talk show host. Largely self-inflicted due to remorse and grief, Jack goes on a quick downward spiral, both personally and professionally, after a glib comment he makes to one of his regular callers results in that caller going on a murder spree. Three years later, the only emotional and financial support a despondent Jack receives is from his current video store owning girlfriend, Anne. When Jack hits rock bottom, he meets a seemingly crazy and homeless man calling himself Parry. Parry does have mental health issues, namely hallucinations centred around the story of the Fisher King, which is why he has an obsession with obtaining the Holy Grail. When Jack learns of Parry's own background and the reason he got to where he is, Jack feels he needs to be part of Parry's salvation. He figures the way to do so is to connect Parry with Lydia Sinclair, a shy and uncoordinated woman who Parry loves from afar. In doing so, Jack may himself be able to recapture his old life back. But if he does, he may not realize that he was no saint in that former life. - Huggo....

[IMDb](#)

Cast

Robin Williams as Henry "Parry" Sagan
Jeff Bridges as Jack Lucas
Mercedes Ruehl as Anne Napolitano
Amanda Plummer as Lydia Sinclair
Christian Clemenson as Edwin Malnek
Michael Jeter as Homeless Cabaret Singer
David Hyde Pierce as Lou Rosen
Lara Harris as Sondra

William Jay Marshall as Jamaican Bum
Chris Howell as the Red Knight
Kathy Najimy as Crazed Video Customer
John de Lancie as TV Executive
Tom Waits as Disabled Veteran
Melinda Culea as Sitcom Wife
Paul Michael Lombardi as Radio Engineer
Ted Ross as Limo Bum

arry Shearer as Ben Starr

Parents Guide
Certification

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



Robin W. Menu Main Menu

