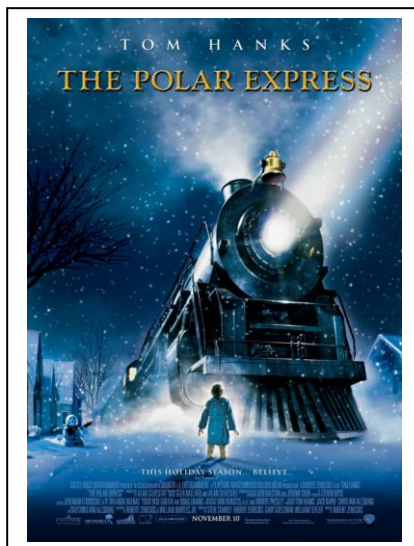
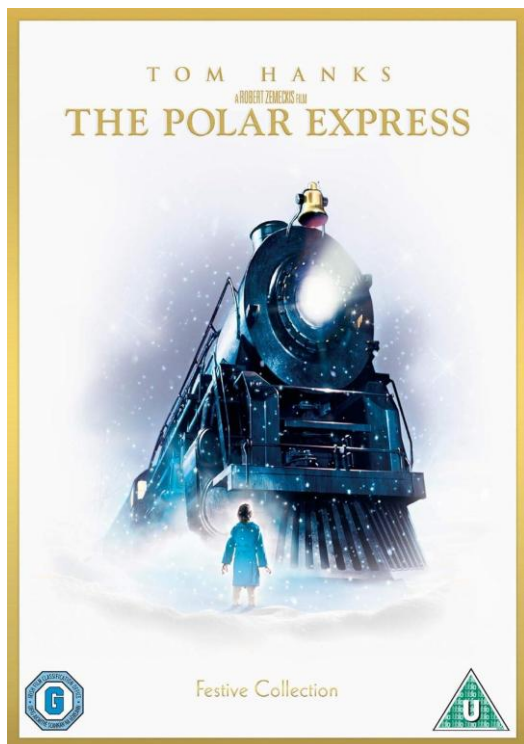


# The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **The Polar Express**

[1 Disc]

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## Information

Release Title: **The Polar Express** 10<sup>th</sup> December 2004 (United Kingdom)

Publication:

Countries of origin: United States, Australia

Release date: United States, – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2004 (Chicago In. Film Fest.)

AKA: Also known as: **The Polar Express: An IMAX 3D Experience**

Genres: Animation, Adventure, Comedy, Family, Fantasy, Musical

Disc Nos. 1

Certification: U

Duration: 1hr 40m

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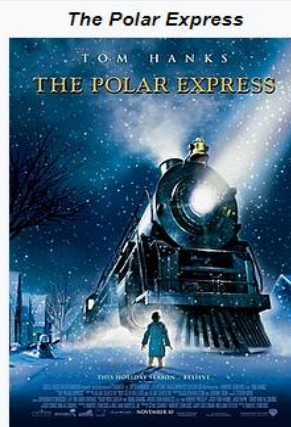
Languages: English,

Filming locations: Arctic Ocean

Sound mix: DTS, Dolby Digital, SDDS, IMAX 6-Track, 12-Track Digital Sound

Colour: Colour

Aspect Ratio: 2.39:1



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Robert Zemeckis
Screenplay by	Robert Zemeckis William Broyles Jr.
Based on	<i>The Polar Express</i> by Chris Van Allsburg
Produced by	Steve Starkey Robert Zemeckis Gary Goetzman William Teitler
Starring	Tom Hanks Daryl Sabara Nona Gaye Jimmy Bennett Eddie Deezen
Cinematography	Don Burgess Robert Presley
Edited by	Jeremiah O'Driscoll R. Orlando Duenas
Music by	Alan Silvestri
Production companies	Castle Rock Entertainment <sup>[1]</sup> Shangri-La Entertainment <sup>[1]</sup> Playtone <sup>[1]</sup> ImageMovers <sup>[1]</sup> Golden Mean Productions <sup>[1]</sup>
Distributed by	Warner Bros. Pictures <sup>[1]</sup>
Release dates	October 13, 2004 (Chicago International Film Festival) November 10, 2004 (United States)
Running time	100 minutes <sup>[2]</sup>
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$165–170 million <sup>[3][4]</sup>
Box office	\$314.1 million <sup>[5]</sup>

# 1. Title: The Polar Express

## Storyline

In a suburban neighbourhood of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on the night of Christmas Eve in the late 1950s, a passenger train known as the Polar Express stops at the house of a boy who is growing sceptical about the existence of Santa Claus. The conductor says the train is traveling to the North Pole, and the boy, although reluctant at first, climbs aboard and meets a spirited girl and a know-it-all boy. The train then stops to pick up a boy named Billy, who initially declines to board, but changes his mind as the train is leaving. The boy applies the emergency brake, and Billy is allowed on, but he has to sit alone in the observation car. The children are then served hot chocolate by a platoon of dancing waiters, and the girl saves a cup for Billy.

When the conductor and the girl go to give Billy his cup, the boy notices that the girl's ticket has not yet been validated and tries to return it to her. In doing so, the wind blows the ticket out into the wilderness, but it soon finds its way back to the train. After the girl discovers that her ticket is missing, the conductor leaves with her. Assuming that she will be thrown off the train, the boy finds the ticket and traverses the rooftops to find the girl. There, he encounters a mysterious ghostly hobo that helps him reach the engine. The boy finds that the girl has been put in charge while the engineer and fireman are replacing the engine's headlight. The boy applies the brakes before a herd of caribou blocks the tracks. As the train continues, it moves at an extreme speed due to the cotter pin shearing off. Once they reach a frozen lake, the cotter pin is replaced and the driver narrowly gets the train back onto the tracks as the ice breaks.

The conductor takes the boy and girl back to their seats and they join Billy in the observation car. The train arrives at the North Pole, where the conductor announces that one of the children will be chosen to receive the first gift of Christmas from Santa himself. While the girl and boy attempt to convince Billy to join them, the boy accidentally uncouples the car, sending it hurtling along a route towards a railway turntable inside Santa's workshop. The children make their way through an elf command centre and a gift-sorting office facility, where Billy finds a present in his name. They are dumped into a giant sack of presents, where they also find the know-it-all. After the sack is loaded onto Santa's sleigh, the elves escort them out before Santa and his reindeer arrive.

A bell flies loose from the galloping reindeer's reins; the boy initially cannot hear it ring, until he finds it within himself to believe. He returns the bell to Santa, who selects him to receive the first gift of Christmas. Santa agrees to let him keep the bell. As the children board to go home, the boy discovers that he lost the bell through a hole in his pocket. The boy arrives home, and the conductor wishes him a Merry Christmas. He awakens on Christmas morning to find a present containing his lost bell with a note from Santa. He and his younger sister Sarah joyfully ring the bell, but their parents do not hear it because they do not believe in Santa. The boy reflects on his friends and sister eventually growing deaf to the bell over the years as their belief faded. However, despite the fact he is now an adult, the bell still rings for him, as it does "for all who truly believe."

Quick Storyline: This is the story of a young hero boy who boards on a powerful magical train that's headed to the North Pole and Santa Claus' home on Christmas Eve night. During this ride, he embarks on a journey of self-discovery which shows him that the wonder of life never fades for those who believe. — Anthony Pereyra {hypersonic91@yahoo.com} IMDb

## Cast

Tom Hanks as Hero Boy (Chris) (adult voice and motion-capture), Hero Boy's father, Conductor (James), Hobo, Santa Claus, and Ebenezer Scrooge puppet

Daryl Sabara as Hero Boy (child voice)

Josh Hutcherson as Hero Boy (additional motion-capture)

Nona Gaye as Hero Girl (Holly)

Darrian O Driscoll as Hero Girl (additional motion-capture)

Meagan Moore as Hero Girl (singing voice)

Tinashe as Hero Girl (motion-capture model)

Peter Scolari as Billy the Lonely Boy (motion-capture)

Hayden McFarland as Billy the Lonely Boy (additional motion-capture)

Jimmy Bennett as Billy the Lonely Boy (voice)

Matthew Hall as Billy the Lonely Boy (singing voice)

Eddie Deezen as Know-it-all (Lenny)

Jimmy Pinchak as Know-it-all (additional motion-capture)  
 Michael Jeter as Smokey and Steamer (voice) The film marks the last performance of actor Michael Jeter; Jeter died the year before the film's release, and it is dedicated in his memory.  
 André Sogliuzzo as Smokey and Steamer (additional voice)  
 Leslie Zemeckis as Sister Sarah (motion-capture) and Hero Boy's mother  
 Isabella Peregrina as Sister Sarah (voice)  
 Ashly Holloway as Sister Sarah (additional motion-capture)  
 Dylan Cash as Boy on Train (voice)  
 Brendan King and Andy Pellick as Pastry Chefs  
 Josh Eli, Rolandas Hendricks, Jon Scott, Sean Scott, Mark Mendonca, Mark Goodman, Gregory Gast, and Gordon Hart as Waiters  
 Julene Renee as Red Head Girl and an Elf  
 Chris Coppola as Gus the Toothless Boy and an Elf  
 Connor Matheus as Toothless Boy (additional motion-capture)  
 Phil Fondacaro, Debbie Lee Carrington, Mark Povinelli, and Ed Gale as Elves  
 Charles Fleischer as Elf General  
 Steven Tyler as Elf Lieutenant and Elf Singer [Wiki](#)

## Parental Guidance

### Certification

Argentina:Atp Australia:G Austria:0 Brazil:Livre Bulgaria:A Canada:G (all jurisdictions) Chile:TE Colombia:T Czechia:U Denmark:7  
 Egypt:G (self-applied) Finland:K-3 France:Tous publics Germany:6 Greece:K-8 Hong Kong:7+ (self-applied) Iceland:L India:U  
 Indonesia:SU Ireland:G Israel:6+ (self-applied) Italy:T Japan:G Malaysia:U Mexico:AA Netherlands:AL (original rating, withdrawn)  
 Netherlands:6 (2021, re-rating) New Zealand:G Norway:7 (cinema rating) Peru:Apt Philippines:G Philippines:G (self-applied) Poland:12  
 (self-applied) Portugal:M/4 Russia:6+ Saudi Arabia:G Singapore:G Singapore:G (self-applied) South Africa:A South Korea:All South  
 Korea:7 (TV rating) Spain:A (ICAA) Sweden:7 Switzerland:7 (canton of Geneva) Switzerland:7 (canton of Vaud) Switzerland:8 (canton  
 of Zurich) Taiwan:unrated (self-applied) Thailand:G (self-applied) Turkey:7+ (self-applied) United Kingdom:U United States:TV-Y7  
 (FV) United States:TV-Y (Sprout) United States:TV-G (TV rating) United States:TV-Y (Universal Kids) United States:TV-PG (VHS and  
 DVD rating) United States:G (certificate #41220) United Arab Emirates:G (self-applied) Vietnam:P

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

Xmas Menu



Main Menu

