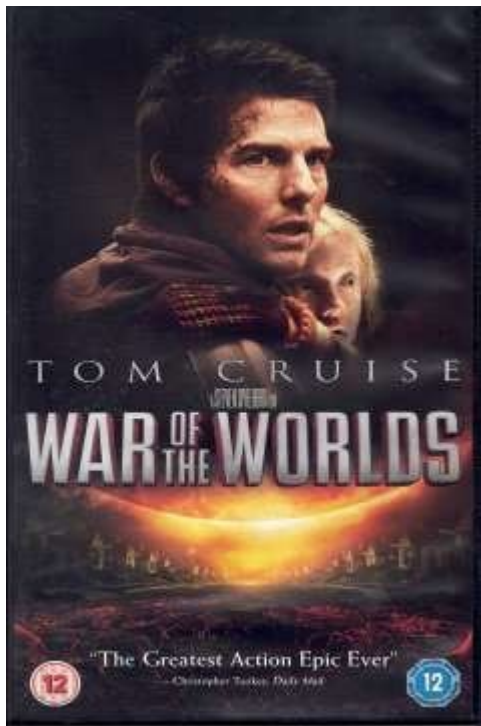


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## The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **War of the Worlds**



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### Information

Release **Title:** War of the World's 1<sup>st</sup> July 2005 (United Kingdom)

From:

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Release date: 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2005 (New York City, Premiere)

Origin: United States

Genres: Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi

Disc Nos. - 1

Certification: 12A

Duration: 1h 56m

Region Code:

Region: 2

Product Code:

MPN:

EAN:

UPC:

Languages: English

Filming locations: JF Kennedy Blvd., Bayonne, New Jersey, USA  
(Ray's house - soundstage)

Sound mix: DTS, Dolby Digital, SDDS, Dolby Atmos

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio:1.85:1



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Steven Spielberg
Screenplay by	Josh Friedman David Koepp
Based on	<i>The War of the Worlds</i> by H.G. Wells
Produced by	Kathleen Kennedy Colin Wilson
Starring	Tom Cruise Dakota Fanning Miranda Otto Tim Robbins
Cinematography	Janusz Kamiński
Edited by	Michael Kahn
Music by	John Williams
Production companies	Paramount Pictures DreamWorks Pictures Amblin Entertainment Cruise/Wagner Productions
Distributed by	Paramount Pictures <sup>[a]</sup>
Release dates	June 23, 2005 (Ziegfeld Theatre) June 29, 2005 (United States)
Running time	116 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$132 million <sup>[1]</sup>
Box office	\$603.9 million <sup>[1]</sup>

# Storyline

A narrator opens the film stating that extra-terrestrials with immense intelligence have grown envious of humanity's dominion of Earth, and are plotting against them.

Divorced longshoreman Ray Ferrier works as a crane operator at a dock in Brooklyn, New York, and is estranged from his children: 10-year-old daughter Rachel, and teenage son Robbie. Ray's pregnant former wife, Mary Ann, drops the two off at his house in Bayonne, New Jersey on her way to visit her parents in Boston. Later, a strange storm occurs during which lightning strikes multiple times into the middle of a nearby intersection, causing an EMP that instantly fries almost all electronic devices. Ray joins the crowd at the scene of the impacts, where a massive "tripod" war machine emerges from the ground and uses powerful energy weapons to destroy the area, disintegrating most of the witnesses into grey ash.

Ray collects his children, steals the only working van, and drives to Mary Ann's empty home in suburban New Jersey to take refuge. That night, they take shelter in the basement, but they soon hear a strange roaring noise followed by an explosion that destroys the house. At daybreak, they discover that a Boeing 747 had crashed into the neighborhood. Ray meets a wandering TV news team scavenging the wreckage for food, wherein a correspondent reveals that tripods have attacked major cities around the world, and that they have force shields that protect them from humanity's defences. She adds that the tripods' pilots travelled to Earth within the lightning storms to enter their machines, which were apparently buried underground for thousands of years.

Ray decides to drive the kids to Boston to be with their mother, but a desperate mob swarm their vehicle, forcing them to abandon it. They eventually get to a Hudson River ferry, only to be surrounded by tripods, which either massacre or abduct many of the refugees, but Ray's family manages to escape. They witness US Marines engaging in a battle with some tripods. Much to Ray's dismay, Robbie joins the futile fight against the aliens out of hatred for the invaders, while Ray and Rachel quickly flee. The Marines are obliterated, with Robbie presumed to have been killed with them. Shortly afterward, the pair are offered shelter in a nearby house by a deranged former ambulance driver named Harlan Ogilvy.

The three remain undetected for several hours, even as a tripod's camera drone and a group of aliens explore the basement. They soon discover that the aliens have started cultivating a red-coloured vegetation across the landscape that is quickly spreading. A few hours later, Harlan suffers a mental breakdown after witnessing the tripods harvesting human blood and tissue to fertilize the alien vegetation. Fearing his mad shouting will alert the aliens, Ray reluctantly kills him. A second tripod camera then catches the Ferrier's sleeping, causing Rachel to flee outside and be abducted by the tripod. Chasing after the tripod, Ray grabs a belt of grenades from a destroyed military truck, then intentionally attracts the aliens' attention and is pulled into the tripod. With the other abductees' help, Ray destroys the tripod from within with the grenades.

A few days later, Ray and Rachel arrive in Boston, where they find the alien vegetation withering and the tripods inexplicably collapsing. When an active tripod appears, Ray notices birds landing on it, indicating that its force shields have been disabled. He alerts the soldiers escorting the fleeing crowd, who shoot it down with anti-tank missiles. As the soldiers advance on the downed tripod, a hatch opens and a pale, sickly alien struggles halfway out before dying. Ray and Rachel finally reach Mary Ann's parents' house, where they are reunited with Mary Ann and Robbie, who have somehow survived.

In closing, the narrator explains that the aliens died because they were vulnerable to the countless microbes that inhabit the Earth, which "God in His wisdom" placed on the planet.

# Cast

Tom Cruise as Ray Ferrier  
Dakota Fanning as Rachel Ferrier  
Miranda Otto as Mary Ann Ferrier  
Tim Robbins as Harlan Ogilvy  
Justin Chatwin as Robbie Ferrier  
Rick Gonzalez as Vincent  
Yul Vázquez as Julio

Lenny Venito as Manny the Mechanic  
Lisa Ann Walter as Sheryl  
Ann Robinson as Grandmother (she played the lead role of Sylvia van Buren in the 1953 film)  
Gene Barry as Grandfather (he played the lead role of Dr. Clayton Forrester in the 1953 film)  
David Alan Basche as Tim  
Roz Abrams as Herself  
Camillia Sanes as News Producer  
Amy Ryan as Neighbour with Toddler  
David Harbour as Dock Worker  
Danny Hoch as Policeman  
Morgan Freeman as the Narrator (voice)  
Dee Bradley Baker as Alien Vocals (uncredited)  
Columbus Short as Soldier  
Channing Tatum as Boy in Church Scene (scene cut)

## Parents Guide

### Certification

Argentina:13 Australia:M Austria:14 Brazil:12 Canada:14A (Alberta/British Columbia/Manitoba/Ontario) Canada:14A (Canadian Home Video rating) Canada:PG (Nova Scotia) Canada:13+ (Quebec) Chile:TE+7 Czechia:12 Denmark:11 Ecuador:12 (self-applied) Egypt:Not Rated (self-applied) Finland:K-16 France:Tous publics Germany:12 Greece:K-12 Hong Kong:IIA Iceland:14 Iceland:16 (video rating) India:UA Indonesia:16+ (self-applied) Ireland:12A Ireland:12 (DVD rating) Israel:15+ (self-applied) Italy:T Japan:G Malaysia:U Mexico:B Netherlands:12 New Zealand:M Norway:12 (iTunes rating) Norway:15 (2005) Peru:14 Philippines:PG-13 Poland:16 (self-applied) Portugal:M/12 Russia:14+ Singapore:PG South Korea:12 Spain:13 Sweden:11 Switzerland:14 (canton of Geneva) Switzerland:14 (canton of Vaud) Switzerland:14 (canton of Zurich) Taiwan:PG-12 Thailand:u 15+ (self-applied) Turkey:16+ (self-applied) United Kingdom:12A (2005, original rating) United Kingdom:12 (2020, video rating) United States:TV-14 (TV rating) United States:PG-13 (certificate #41830) United Arab Emirates:16+ (self-applied)

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

MPAA Rated PG-13 for frightening sequences of sci-fi violence and disturbing images

