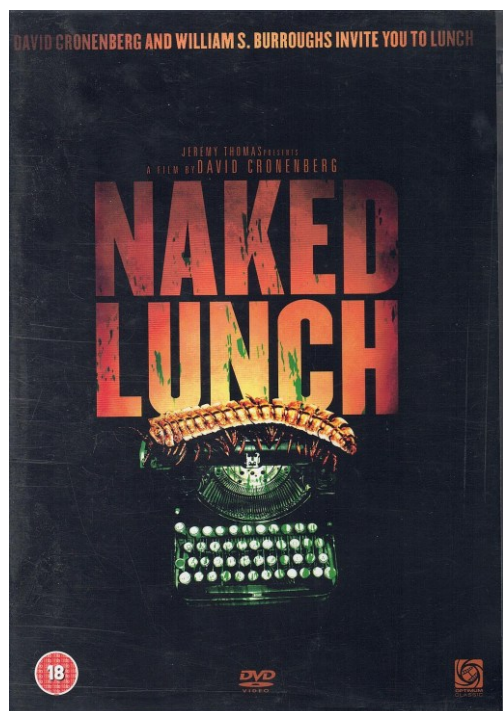


The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **Naked Lunch**



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Information

Release **Title:** Naked Lunch 24th April 1992 (United Kingdom)

From:

AKA: David Cronenberg's Naked Lunch

Release date: 27th December 1991 (Limited)

Origin: Canada, United Kingdom, Japan

Genres: Drama

Disc Nos. - 1

Certification: 18

Duration: 1h 55m

Region Code:

Region: 2

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Languages: English, Arabic

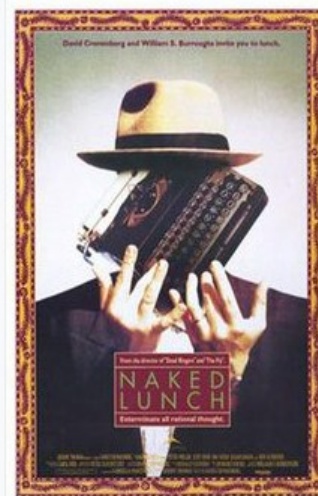
Filming locations: Toronto, Ontario, Canada (Studio, only interiors)

Sound mix: Dolby Stereo

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1

Naked Lunch



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	David Cronenberg
Written by	David Cronenberg
Based on	<i>Naked Lunch</i> by William S. Burroughs
Produced by	Jeremy Thomas Gabriella Martinelli
Starring	Peter Weller Judy Davis Ian Holm Julian Sands Roy Scheider
Cinematography	Peter Suschitzky
Edited by	Ronald Sanders
Music by	Howard Shore Ornette Coleman
Production company	Recorded Picture Company
Distributed by	Alliance Releasing (Canada) ^[1] First Independent Films (United Kingdom) ^[2] Shochiku-Fuji Company (Japan) ^[3]
Release dates	27 December 1991 (United States) 24 April 1992 (United Kingdom)
Running time	115 minutes ^[2]
Countries	Canada United Kingdom Japan ^[4]
Language	English
Budget	\$16–18 million ^{[5][6][7]}
Box office	\$2.6 million ^[8]

Storyline

In 1953, exterminator William Lee finds that his wife Joan is stealing his supply of insecticide to use as a recreational drug. Lee is arrested by the police, and he begins hallucinating due to being exposed to the insecticide. Lee comes to believe that he is a secret agent, and his boss, a giant talking beetle, assigns him the mission of killing Joan, who is allegedly an agent of an organization called Interzone Incorporated. Lee dismisses the beetle's instructions and kills it. Lee returns home to find Joan having sex with Hank, one of his writer friends. Shortly afterwards, he accidentally kills her while attempting to shoot a drinking glass off her head to emulate William Tell.

Having inadvertently accomplished his mission, Lee flees to Interzone, located in a city somewhere in North Africa. He spends his time writing reports concerning his mission; these documents, at the insistence of his visiting literary colleagues, are eventually compiled into the titular book. While Lee is addicted to assorted mind-altering substances, his replacement typewriter, a Clark Nova, becomes a talking insect which tells him to find Dr Benway by seducing Joan Frost, a doppelgänger of his dead wife. There is a row at gunpoint with Joan's husband Tom, after Lee steals his typewriter, which is then destroyed by the Clark Nova insect. Lee also encounters Yves Cloquet, who is apparently an attractive young gay Swiss gentleman. However, Lee later discovers that Yves is merely disguised as a human, and that his true form is a huge monstrous shapeshifting centipede.

After concluding that Dr Benway is actually secretly masterminding a narcotics operation for a drug called "black meat" which is supposedly derived from the guts of giant Brazilian centipedes, Lee encounters Tom's housekeeper Fadela, previously observed to be an agent of the narcotics operation. Fadela reveals herself as Dr Benway in disguise. After being recruited as a double agent for the black meat operation, Lee completes his report and flees Interzone to Annexia with Joan Frost. Stopped by the Annexian border patrol and instructed to prove that he is a writer as he claims, Lee produces a pen. When this proves insufficient for passage, Lee, now having realized that accidentally murdering his wife has driven him to become a writer, demonstrates his William Tell routine using a glass atop Joan Frost's head. He again misses, and thus re-enacts the earlier killing of his wife. The border guards cheerfully bid him welcome to Annexia, and his new life as a writer. Lee is shown shedding a tear at this bittersweet accomplishment.

Cast

Peter Weller as William Lee
Judy Davis as Joan Frost / Joan Lee
Ian Holm as Tom Frost
Julian Sands as Yves Cloquet
Roy Scheider as Dr. Benway
Monique Mercure as Fadela
Nicholas Campbell as Hank
Michael Zelniker as Martin
Robert A. Silverman as Hans
Joseph Scorsiani as Kiki
Peter Boretski as the Creatures (voice)
Yuval Daniel as Hafid
John Friesen as Hauser
Sean McCann as O'Brien

Parents Guide

Certification

Argentina:18 Australia:M Brazil:16 Canada:16+ (Quebec) Chile:18 Finland:K-16 France:12 France:16 (DVD rating)
Germany:16 Hong Kong:III Iceland:16 India:Not Rated Ireland:18 Italy:VM18 Japan:R18+ Mexico:C Netherlands:16
New Zealand:R13 Norway:15 (VOD) Norway:15 (cinema rating) Poland:18 Portugal:M/16 Russia:18+ Singapore:M18
South Korea:18 (2004) Spain:18 Sweden:15 Switzerland:16 United Kingdom:18 United States:R (certificate #31536)

Sex & Nudity

Moderate

Violence & Gore

Moderate

Profanity

Moderate

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking
Severe
Frightening & Intense Scenes
Severe

MPAA Rated R for heavy drug content, bizarre eroticism, and language

