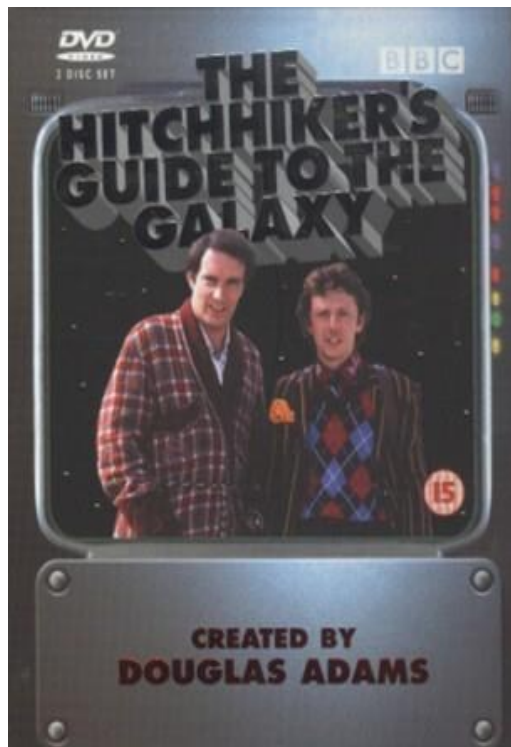


# The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

## Title: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

BBC & Touchstone Pictures  
(2 Disc)  
Library Image



ISBN: 5014503109226

## Information

Release **Title:** The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy 1978-1980 & 2005  
(United Kingdom) 20<sup>th</sup> April 2005

From: Novels of Douglas Adams

Origin: United Kingdom, United States

AKA:

Release date: USA 29<sup>th</sup> April 2005

Genres: Adventure, Comedy, Sci-Fi

Disc Nos. -

Certification: 15

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Region: 2

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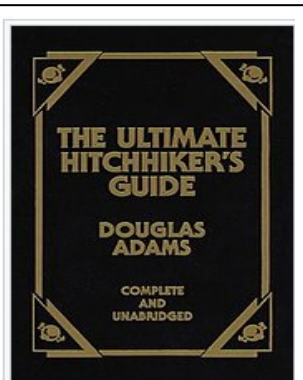
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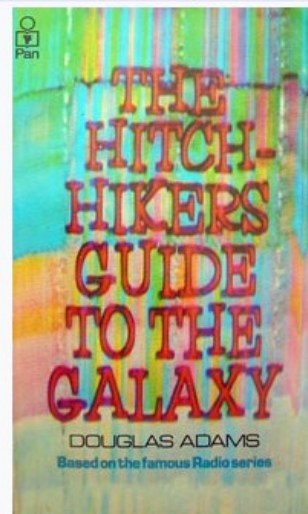
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The front cover of *The Ultimate Hitchhiker's Guide*, a collection of the five books in the series written before Adams's death, a leatherbound volume published in the United States by Portland House, a division of Random House, in 1997



### *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*



First edition cover of the eponymous 1979 novel.

**Created by** Douglas Adams

**Original work** *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy Primary and Secondary Phases* (1978–1980)

#### Print publications

**Book(s)** *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy: The Original Radio Scripts* (1985)

**Novel(s)** *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* (1979)  
*The Restaurant at the End of the Universe* (1980)  
*Life, the Universe and Everything* (1982)  
*So Long, and Thanks for All the Fish* (1984)  
*Mostly Harmless* (1992)  
*And Another Thing...* (2009)

#### Films and television

**Film(s)** *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* (2005)

**Television series** *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* (1981)

#### Games

**Video game(s)** *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* (1984)  
*Starship Titanic* (1997)

#### Audio

**Radio program(s)** *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy Primary and Secondary Phases* (1978–1980)  
*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy Tertiary to Quintessential Phases* (2004–05)  
*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy Hexagonal Phase* (2018)

Aspect Ratio: 2.39:1 . 2.35:1

Series	Episodes	Originally aired	
		First aired	Last aired
<div></div> 1	6	8 March 1978	12 April 1978
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<div></div> 3	6	21 September 2004	26 October 2004
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<div></div> 5	4	31 May 2005	21 June 2005
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## Storyline

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy[a][b] is a comedy science fiction franchise created by Douglas Adams. Originally a 1978 radio comedy broadcast on BBC Radio 4, it was later adapted to other formats, including novels, stage shows, comic books, a 1981 TV series, a 1984 text-based computer game, and 2005 feature film.

See the Synopsis within the Cast section for a brief storyline description...

## Cast

### Episode 1

First broadcast: 5 January 1981

**Synopsis:** Episode one begins with a pre-credits sequence, the only one of the TV episodes to have one. A countdown to the end of the world is displayed through animation, and the narrator begins telling the story of the Guide and Arthur Dent's connection to it as the sun rises over the English countryside for the final time. Arthur wakes, discovers the threat to his house from a yellow bulldozer by looking out the window, and the camera pulls back to the titles. This episode closely follows the plot and dialogue of the first episode of the radio series, cutting the speech by Lady Cynthia Fitzmelton. It ends at a slightly earlier point than the radio episode, after Ford's line "he might want to read us some of his poetry first", and on a cliff-hanger that Arthur and Ford are about to be discovered in a Vagon storeroom, but before the Vagon poetry is actually read.

**Cast** (in order of appearance):

The Book (narrator): Peter Jones

Arthur Dent: Simon Jones

Mr Prosser: Joe Melia

Ford Prefect: David Dixon

Workman One (uncredited): Terry Duran

Workman Two (uncredited): George Cornelius

Alien (girl): Cleo Rocos

Alien (guy): Andrew Mussell

Man at end of bar (uncredited): Douglas Adams

Barman: Steve Conway

Barfly (uncredited): Steve Trainer

### The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy



Opening titles designed by Doug Burd

**Created by** [Douglas Adams](#)

**Based on** [The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy](#)  
by Douglas Adams

**Starring** [Simon Jones](#)  
[David Dixon](#)  
[Mark Wing-Davey](#)  
[Sandra Dickinson](#)  
[David Learner](#)  
[Stephen Moore](#)

**Narrated by** [Peter Jones](#) (as "The Book")

**Theme music composer** [Bernie Leadon](#)

**Opening theme** "Journey of the Sorcerer" by [The Eagles](#)

**Ending theme** "What a Wonderful World" by [Louis Armstrong](#) (Episode 6)

**Country of origin** [United Kingdom](#)

**Original language** [English](#)

**No. of series** [1](#)

**No. of episodes** [6 \(list of episodes\)](#)

#### Production

**Producers** [Alan J.W. Bell](#)  
[John Lloyd](#)

**Running time** [31-36 minutes](#)

#### Release

**Original network** [BBC Two](#)

**Audio format** [Monaural](#)

**Original release** [5 January – 9 February 1981](#)

#### Related

[The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy](#)



Prostetnic Vogon Jeltz (Vogon Captain) and Vogon Guard (uncredited for the latter): Martin Benson  
Sandwich-board man (uncredited): David Grahame  
Irritated man hitting radio (uncredited): Bill Barnsley

## Episode 2

First broadcast: 12 January 1981

Martin Benson as Prostetnic Vogon Jeltz reading poetry to Ford and Arthur

Synopsis: The episode opens with a recap of the story, with Ford and Arthur about to be captured. After being read Vogon poetry, they are thrown out of an airlock and improbably rescued by the star ship Heart of Gold, which has been stolen by Ford's semi-cousin Zaphod Beeblebrox, accompanied by Trillian, a young woman who Arthur once met at a party. Ford and Arthur are escorted to the bridge by Marvin the Paranoid Android and meet Zaphod and Trillian. The episode ends after they are introduced, with no cliff-hanger.

**Cast** (in order of appearance):

The Book: Peter Jones

Unhappy man (uncredited): Douglas Adams

Arthur Dent: Simon Jones

Ford Prefect: David Dixon

Vogon Captain: Martin Benson

Vogon Guard: Michael Cule

Trillian: Sandra Dickinson

Zaphod Beeblebrox: Mark Wing-Davey

Marvin (costume): David Learner

Marvin (voice): Stephen Moore

Young Smartarse (uncredited): Ralph Morse

Newscaster: Rayner Bourton

Bikini girl in commercial for Sirius Cybernetics Corporation (uncredited): Jennifer Goble

Gag Halfpint: Gil Morris

Eddie the Computer: David Tate

## Episode 3

First broadcast: 19 January 1981

Synopsis: The episode opens with a guide entry explaining the legendary planet of Magrathea, which manufactured planets millions of years ago, until the galactic economy collapsed. Zaphod has been explaining to Ford that he has found the legendary planet of Magrathea, whilst Trillian tends to a pair of white mice. Zaphod orders the computer to land on the planet surface. Before long, they receive a transmission from the commercial council of Magrathea, informing them that the planet is closed for business and asking them to leave. They ignore this and later receive another message, noting that nuclear missiles have been sent at the ship. Attempts to evade the missiles fail, and Arthur uses the ship's infinite improbability drive, which ends up turning the missiles into a very surprised looking whale and a bowl of petunias. Trillian discovers that during the chaos, her mice escaped. The five characters go onto the surface, where they find it desolate. Zaphod suggests that the Magratheans lived beneath the surface of the planet. They split into two groups – Trillian, Zaphod and Ford explore a tunnel, while Arthur and Marvin remain on the surface. Trillian, Zaphod and Ford's thread ends on a cliffhanger, with them seeing something alarming at the end of the corridor. Meanwhile, Arthur and Marvin watch the sunset. Eventually, Slartibartfast arrives, and asks Arthur to come with him. He explains that the Magratheans were in hibernation for the last five million years. They get into his air-car, and descend deep into a tunnel. A guide narrative intervenes, explaining that while humanity had always assumed that it was the most intelligent species on Earth, in fact the dolphins were more intelligent, and had left the planet some time before. However, both the dolphins and humans were less intelligent than the mice. Meanwhile, Slartibartfast shows Arthur the vast tract of hyperspace that acts as the Magrathean's factory floor, and that they have been brought out of hibernation for a special commission — "the Earth Mk II, we're making a copy from our original blueprints". The Earth was originally made by Magrathea for mice; and it was destroyed five minutes too early. The episode ends here.

**Cast** (in order of appearance):

The Book: Peter Jones

Spaceman (uncredited): John Austen-Gregg  
Spacewoman (uncredited): Zoe Hendry  
Handmaiden One (uncredited): Nicola Critcher  
Handmaiden Two (uncredited): Jacoba  
Handmaiden Three (uncredited): Lorraine Paul  
Handmaiden Four (uncredited): Susie Silvey  
Rich Merchant (uncredited): John Dair  
Ford Prefect: David Dixon  
Zaphod Beeblebrox: Mark Wing-Davey  
Trillian: Sandra Dickinson  
Arthur Dent: Simon Jones  
Eddie the Computer: David Tate  
Holographic Magrathean and Slartibartfast: Richard Vernon  
Marvin the Paranoid Android: David Learner  
Voices of the Whale and Marvin: Stephen Moore

## **Episode 4**

First broadcast: 26 January 1981

Synopsis: Slartibartfast shows Arthur the archive tapes of Deep Thought being given the Search for the Ultimate Answer and of the result reported by the computer seven and a half million years later. After learning that the Earth was set up to search for the Ultimate Question, Slartibartfast and Arthur join Ford, Trillian, Zaphod, and Trillian's mice, who had guided them to Magrathea. The mice dismiss Slartibartfast, then express their desire to determine the Ultimate Question by first extracting Arthur's brain. While the mice attempt to strike a deal, the galactic police arrive, and Ford, Arthur, Trillian and Zaphod flee the dining hall, only to be cornered by the police in a large bay. After a misunderstanding, the police open fire on a computer behind which the four are hiding, causing it to explode and ending the episode on a cliffhanger.

### **Cast** (in order of appearance):

The Book: Peter Jones  
Arthur Dent: Simon Jones  
Slartibartfast: Richard Vernon  
PA Voice (uncredited): David Tate  
Lunkwill/Loon-Quall (latter uncredited): Antony Carrick  
Fook/Phougg (latter uncredited): Timothy Davies  
Deep Thought: Valentine Dyll  
Guard (uncredited): Richard Reid  
Majikthise: David Leland  
Vroomfondel: Charles McKeown  
Alien Robot (uncredited): Eddie Sommer  
G'Gugvunt Leader (uncredited): Eric French  
Vl'Hurg Leader (uncredited): James Muir  
Trillian: Sandra Dickinson  
Zaphod Beeblebrox: Mark Wing-Davey  
Ford Prefect: David Dixon  
Benjy Mouse: David Tate  
Frankie Mouse: Stephen Moore  
Bang Bang: Marc Smith  
Shooty: Matt Zimmerman

Note: The part of "Loon-Quall," one of the two computer programmers who hears Deep Thought announce "The Answer," is stated by the DVD production notes as being played by David Leland. However, the idea of the role was for that character to have been descended from the earlier programmer, Lunkwill, played by Antony Carrick.

## **Episode 5**

First broadcast: 2 February 1981

Synopsis: After an initial period of confusion, the four travellers find they have been transported forward in time to just before the end of the universe. They are in "Milliways, the Restaurant at the End of the Universe", which was built

on the ruins of Magrathea. So, as Arthur says, they have travelled through time but not through space. Waiting for them is Marvin the depressed robot, whom they left on Magrathea 40 million years ago. He's now an attendant at the car park, and still depressed. Just before the universe ends, Zaphod and Ford get Marvin to help them steal a supercool all-black spaceship, which turns out to be the property of a very loud rock band called "Disaster Area". The episode ends on the cliffhanger as the black ship is about to start a dive into the sun of Kakrafoon.

**Cast** (in order of appearance):

The Book: Peter Jones  
Arthur Dent: Simon Jones  
Ford Prefect: David Dixon  
Trillian: Sandra Dickinson  
Zaphod Beeblebrox: Mark Wing-Davey  
Garkbit (Head Waiter): Jack May  
Girl on stairs (uncredited): Mary Eveleigh  
Hotblack Desiato: Barry Frank Warren  
Bodyguard: Dave Prowse  
Max Quordlepleen: Colin Jeavons  
Dish of the Day: Peter Davison  
Marvin (costume): David Learner  
Marvin (voice): Stephen Moore  
The Great Prophet Zarquon: Colin Bennett

**Episode 6**

First broadcast: 9 February 1981

Synopsis: Just before the supercool all-black ship crashes into a sun, Zaphod, Trillian, Ford, and Arthur escape in a teleport module that they convince Marvin to stay behind and operate. He is still on the ship when it heads into the sun. Ford and Arthur arrive - without Zaphod and Trillian - on a spaceship carrying millions of people in cryogenic pods. The ship's inhabitants are from Golgafrincham; they are unskilled workers in apparently pointless jobs, the people that the clever Golgafrinchams, the thinkers and the doers, back home wanted to get rid of. The ship lands on pre-historic Earth. Ford realises that the Golgafrinchams, not the primitive cave dwellers already on the planet, are the ones that will evolve into the human race. The episode ends with the two friends lamenting the eventual destruction of the Earth. The regular theme music follows the song What a Wonderful World by Louis Armstrong.

**Cast** (in order of appearance):

The Book: Peter Jones  
Arthur Dent: Simon Jones  
Ford Prefect: David Dixon  
Trillian: Sandra Dickinson  
Zaphod Beeblebrox: Mark Wing-Davey  
Marvin (costume): David Learner  
Marvin (voice) and Radio voices (latter uncredited): Stephen Moore  
Newscaster: Rayner Bourton  
Number One: Matthew Scurfield  
Number Three: Geoffrey Beevers  
B Ark Captain: Aubrey Morris  
Marketing Girl: Beth Porter  
Hairdresser: David Rowlands  
Management Consultant: Jon Glover  
Number Two: David Neville

Note: 2005

**CAST:**

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy 2005

PG

1h 49m

Alan Rickman, Warwick Davis, and Martin Freeman in The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (2005)





## The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (2005) Full Movie

Mere seconds before the Earth is to be demolished by an alien construction crew, journeyman Arthur Dent is swept off the planet by his friend Ford Prefect, a researcher penning a new edition of "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy."

Director - Garth Jennings

Writers - Douglas Adams, Karey Kirkpatrick

Stars: Top cast

Martin Freeman - Arthur Dent

Yasiin Bey - Ford Prefect (as Mos Def)

Sam Rockwell - Zaphod Beeblebrox

Zooey Deschanel - Trillian

Bill Bailey - The Whale (voice)

Anna Chancellor - Questular Rontok

Warwick Davis - Marvin

Su Elliot - Pub Customer (as Su Elliott)

Stephen Fry – Narrator (voice)...

Richard Griffiths – Jeltz (voice)

Dominique Jackson - Fook

Simon Jones - Ghostly Image

Thomas Lennon - Eddie the Computer (voice)

Mark Longhurst - Bulldozer Driver

Kelly Macdonald - Reporter

John Malkovich - Humma Kavula

Ian McNeice - Kwaltz (voice)

Helen Mirren - Deep Thought (voice)

### Parents Guide

#### Certification

Argentina:Atp Australia:PG Brazil:10 Canada:PG Canada:PG (Alberta/Manitoba/Nova Scotia/Ontario) Canada:G (British Columbia/Quebec) Finland:K-11 France:Tous publics Germany:6 Hong Kong:IIA Hungary:14 Iceland:10 Iceland:LH (video rating) Ireland:12A Ireland:12 (DVD rating) Italy:T Japan:G Lithuania:V Malaysia:U Mexico:A Netherlands:MG6 (DVD rating) New Zealand:PG Norway:7 Philippines:PG-13 Poland:12 (self-applied) Russia:12+ Singapore:PG South Korea:All Spain:7 Sweden:11 Switzerland:7 (canton of Geneva) Switzerland:7 (canton of Vaud) Taiwan:GP Turkey:7A (self-applied) United Kingdom:PG United Kingdom:12 (DVD rating) United States:PG (certificate #41593) United Arab Emirates:PG (self-applied)

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

MPAA Rated PG for thematic elements, action and mild language.

