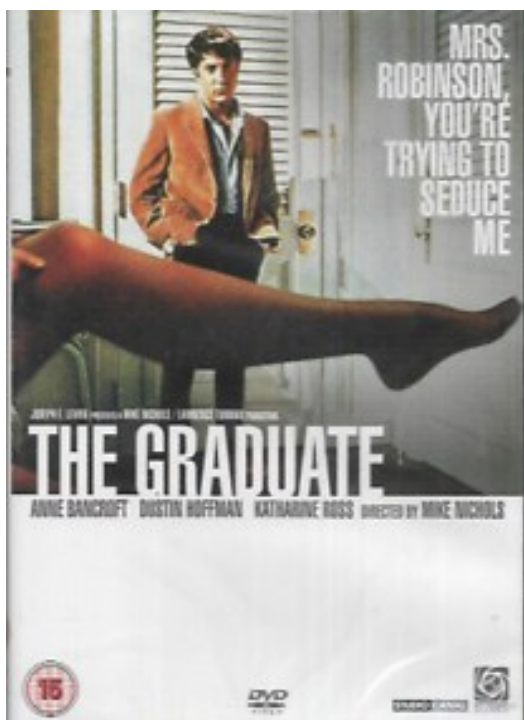
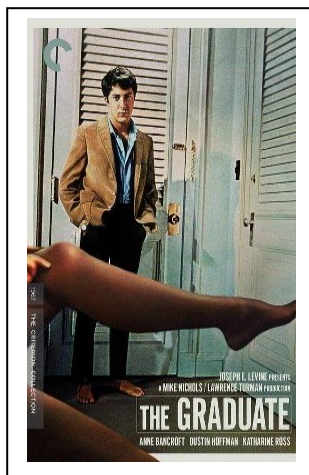


# The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **The Graduate**



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## Information

Release Title: **The Graduate** 15<sup>th</sup> September 1968  
(United Kingdom)

Publication date: 1967

Origin: United States

AKA:

Release date: United States – 20<sup>th</sup> December 1967 1960 (New York City Premiere)

Genres: Comedy, Drama, Romance

Disc Nos. – 1

Certification: X

Duration: 1h 46m

Region Code:

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Languages: English,

Filming locations: 607 North Palm Drive, Beverly Hills, California, USA (Mrs. Robinson's house)

Sound mix: Stereo

Colour: PAL

**The Graduate**

JOSEPH E. LEVINE  
MIKE NICHOLS  
LAWRENCE TURMAN

Theatrical release poster for 'The Graduate' showing a man in a suit standing next to a woman's legs. Text on the poster includes 'THE GRADUATE' and the cast.

This is Benjamin. He's a little worried about his future.

**THE GRADUATE**

ANNE BANCROFT... DUSTIN HOFFMAN... KATHARINE ROSS  
CALDER WILLINGHAM... BUCK HENRY... PAUL SIMON  
SIMON... GARFUNKEL... LAWRENCE TURMAN  
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Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Mike Nichols
Screenplay by	Calder Willingham Buck Henry
Based on	<i>The Graduate</i> by Charles Webb
Produced by	Lawrence Turman
Starring	Anne Bancroft Dustin Hoffman Katharine Ross
Cinematography	Robert Surtees
Edited by	Sam O'Steen
Music by	Paul Simon (songs) Dave Grusin (score)
Color process	Technicolor
Production company	Lawrence Turman Productions
Distributed by	Embassy Pictures (United States) United Artists (International) <sup>[1][2]</sup>
Release dates	December 20, 1967 (premiere) December 21, 1967 (United States) <sup>[3]</sup>
Running time	106 minutes <sup>[1]</sup>
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$3 million
Box office	\$104.9 million (North America) <sup>[4]</sup> \$85 million (worldwide rentals) <sup>[5]</sup>

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## Storyline

After earning his bachelor's degree from an East Coast college, Benjamin Braddock returns to his parents' Pasadena, California home. During his graduation party, he is urged to join a business dealing in plastics—the material of the future. Benjamin cringes as his parents are fulsome in their praise of him during the party and retreats to his bedroom until Mrs. Robinson, the wife of his father's law partner, insists that he drive her home. Once there, she tries to seduce him. He initially resists her advances, but his failed attempts to connect with his parents make him feel isolated. Desperate for any kind of connection, he invites Mrs. Robinson to the Taft Hotel, where he registers under the pseudonym "Mr. Gladstone".

Benjamin spends the summer floating in his parents' pool by day and meeting Mrs. Robinson at the hotel by night. During one of their trysts, Mrs. Robinson reveals that her loveless marriage resulted when she accidentally became pregnant with her daughter, Elaine. When Benjamin jokingly suggests that he date Elaine, Mrs. Robinson angrily forbids it. However, Benjamin's parents, unaware of the affair, are eager for their son to date Elaine and relentlessly pester him to ask her out, as does Mr. Robinson. Benjamin gives in and reluctantly takes Elaine on a date.

When he sees how upset Mrs. Robinson is, Benjamin attempts to sabotage his date by ignoring Elaine, driving recklessly, and taking her to a strip club. She flees the club in tears, but Benjamin, feeling remorseful, runs out after her, apologizes, and kisses her. They eat at a drive-in restaurant, where they bond over their shared uncertainty about their future plans. After they visit the Taft Hotel for a late-night drink and the staff greet Benjamin as "Mr. Gladstone", Elaine deduces that Benjamin is having an affair with a married woman. Benjamin swears that the affair is over and makes plans for another date with Elaine for the following day.

To prevent Benjamin from dating Elaine, Mrs. Robinson threatens to tell Elaine about their affair. To thwart this, Benjamin reveals to Elaine that the married woman is her mother. Elaine is so upset that she refuses to see Benjamin again and returns to school at Berkeley. Benjamin follows her to Berkeley hoping to regain her affections. Elaine initially rejects him and briefly dates medical student Carl Smith, but then learns that her mother lied to her when she claimed that Benjamin raped her, and the pair reconcile. Benjamin pushes for an early marriage, but Elaine is uncertain despite her feelings for him. Later, an angry Mr. Robinson arrives at Berkeley and confronts Benjamin in his boarding-house room, where he informs him that he and his wife will be divorcing soon, and threatens to have Benjamin jailed if he continues to see Elaine. He then forces Elaine to leave college to marry Carl.

Benjamin drives back to Pasadena and breaks into the Robinson home in search of Elaine. Instead, he finds Mrs. Robinson who calls the police and claims that her house is being burglarized. She then tells Benjamin that he cannot prevent Elaine's marriage to Carl. Before the police can arrest him, Benjamin flees the Robinson home and drives back to Berkeley. There, he visits Carl's fraternity and discovers from one of Carl's fraternity brothers that the wedding will take place in Santa Barbara that day. He rushes towards the area near the church, when his Alfa Romeo runs out of gas, causing him to jog towards the church, and he arrives just as the ceremony ends. Benjamin's desperate appearance on the glass church gallery stirs Elaine into defying her mother and fleeing the sanctuary. Benjamin fights off Mr. Robinson and repels the wedding guests by swinging a large cross, which he uses to barricade the church doors, trapping them inside. Elaine and Benjamin escape aboard a bus and sit among startled passengers. As the bus drives on, their ecstatic smiles slowly fade away as they begin to look toward an uncertain future.

## Cast

Anne Bancroft as Mrs. Robinson  
Dustin Hoffman as Benjamin Braddock  
Katharine Ross as Elaine Robinson  
William Daniels as Mr. Braddock  
Murray Hamilton as Mr. Robinson  
Elizabeth Wilson as Mrs. Braddock

Buck Henry as Room Clerk  
Brian Avery as Carl Smith  
Walter Brooke as Mr. McGuire  
Norman Fell as Mr. McCleery  
Alice Ghostley as Mrs. Singleman  
Marion Lorne as Miss DeWitte

Additionally, Richard Dreyfuss makes an uncredited appearance in one of his early roles as one of the tenants in Mr. McCleery's building, and Ben Murphy also has an uncredited appearance, as the shaving fraternity brother who comes out with a double entendre.

### Parents Guide

#### Certification

Argentina:16 Australia:SOA (original rating) Australia:M (1975, re-rating) Brazil:14 Canada:14A (Alberta/British Columbia, DVD rating) Canada:R (British Columbia) Canada:PA (Manitoba) Canada:R (Nova Scotia) Canada:AA (Ontario) Canada:G (Quebec) Denmark:A (TV rating) Egypt:R (DVD rating) Finland:K-16 Finland:K-15/13 Finland:K-12/9 Finland:K-15 (DVD) France:Tous publics Germany:12 Hong Kong:II Hungary:16 (original rating) Iceland:L India:UA (re-rating) India:A (1970, original rating) Ireland:15 Israel:14 (self-applied) Italy:T Japan:G (2019) Malaysia:U Mexico:C Netherlands:6 (DVD) Netherlands:MG6 (re-rating) Netherlands:AL (re-rating) Netherlands:18 (re-rating, 1973 re-release) Netherlands:16 (withdrawn) New Zealand:R18 (original rating) New Zealand:M (2017, re-rating) Nigeria:PG Norway:15 (DVD) Norway:12 (iTunes rating) Norway:16 (1968) Peru:14 Philippines:R-13 (self-applied) Poland:15 Portugal:M/12 Saudi Arabia:PG Singapore:PG South Africa:13 South Korea:15 (2001) South Korea:18 (1988) Spain:16 (ICAA) Spain:12 (re-rating) Spain:13 (video) Sweden:15 Turkey:15+ (DVD rating) United Kingdom:12A United Kingdom:12 (YouTube) United Kingdom:12A (2017, theatrical re-release) United Kingdom:15 (2007, video rating) United Kingdom:AA (1970, re-rating) United Kingdom:X (1968, original rating) United States:TV-MA (TV rating) United States:PG (certificate #23344) United States:Approved (original rating) United Arab Emirates:15+ (Blu-ray rating) West Germany:16 (original rating) West Germany:12 (re-rating)

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

