

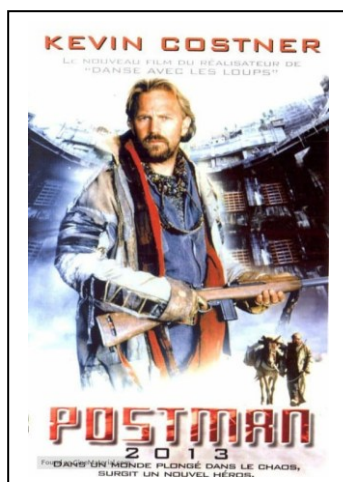
The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **The Postman** (Kevin Costner)



[1 Disc]

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Information

Release Title: **The Postman** - 20th February 1998 (United Kingdom)

Publication: Aside from condensing storylines, the film also eliminates a number of characters and science fiction elements from the story. A significant plotline in the book is the efforts of scientists at Corvallis, Oregon to use an artificially intelligent supercomputer to help rebuild society. Similarly, in the book the leaders of the Holnists are super soldiers who were experimented on by the military in order to augment their strength and speed. The film also eliminates the "Squire of Sugarloaf" a leader of a local community who the Postman tries to enlist to help in the fight against the Holnists

Origin: United States

Release date: United States – 12th December 1997

AKA:

Genres: Action, Adventure, Drama, Sci-Fi

Disc Nos. 1

Certification: 15

Duration: 2hr 57m (170m)

Region Code:

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The Postman

Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Kevin Costner
Screenplay by	Eric Roth Brian Koppelman
Based on	<i>The Postman</i> by David Brin
Produced by	Jim Wilson Steve Tisch Kevin Costner
Starring	Kevin Costner Will Patton Larenz Tate Olivia Williams James Russo Tom Petty
Cinematography	Stephen F. Windon
Edited by	Peter Boyle
Music by	James Newton Howard
Production company	Tig Productions
Distributed by	Warner Bros.
Release date	December 25, 1997
Running time	177 minutes ^[1]
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$80 million ^[2]
Box office	\$20.8 million ^{[2][3]}

Languages: English
Filming locations: Bend, Oregon, USA
Sound mix: Dolby SDDS, DTS
Aspect Ratio: 2.39:1

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Storyline

In a post-apocalyptic world in 2013, an unnamed nomad wanders the scattered communities of the Utah flatlands, trading performances of long-forgotten Shakespearean plays for food and water. At one town, the nomad is forced at gunpoint into the ranks of the Holnists, a neo-feudalist militia, and is branded on his shoulder with their symbol, a figure 8. The Holnists, under their leader, General Bethlehem, are the de facto authority in the area, collecting tribute and recruits from local towns. When the nomad escapes, he takes refuge in a long-deceased postman's mail vehicle.

With the postman's uniform and mail bag, he arrives in the settlement of Pineview claiming to be from the newly-restored U.S. government. He convinces Pineview's leader, Sheriff Briscoe, to let him in by showing a letter addressed to elderly villager Irene March. The postman inspires a teenager named Ford Lincoln Mercury, who asks to be sworn in as a member of the postal service and even helps him to reactivate the long-abandoned post office in the town. The postman also meets spouses Abby and Michael, fulfilling their clinical request to impregnate her. When the postman leaves for the town of Benning, he carries a pile of mail left at the post office door by the townspeople.

During a raid of Pineview, General Bethlehem learns of the postman's tales of a restored government in Minneapolis and becomes afraid of losing power if word spreads. He has the post office burned to the ground, kills Michael, abducts Abby, and raids Benning looking for the postman. The postman surrenders, but Abby saves him from execution, and the two escape into the surrounding mountains. A pregnant Abby and an injured postman ride out the winter in an abandoned cabin. When spring arrives, they leave and run into a girl, who claims to be a postal carrier. She reveals that Mercury has kept the postal service alive by recruiting other carriers and building more post offices. They have established communications with other settlements, creating a quasi-society and inadvertently spreading hope.

Bethlehem continues to hunt and capture postal carriers, all of whom are executed and displayed publicly. Feeling responsible, the postman orders the service to disband and writes a letter to the militia revealing the truth. However, Bethlehem learns to his dismay that the postman's example has spread farther than he could have anticipated when his men capture a carrier from California, and he redoubles his efforts to find the postman. The postman and Abby, closely followed by young carriers Eddie, Ponytail, and Billy, travel to Bridge City. When Bethlehem's scouts catch up, the mayor helps the postman escape on a cable car and urges him to find others willing to resist Bethlehem. Before he leaves, he and Abby reciprocate their feelings and fall in love.

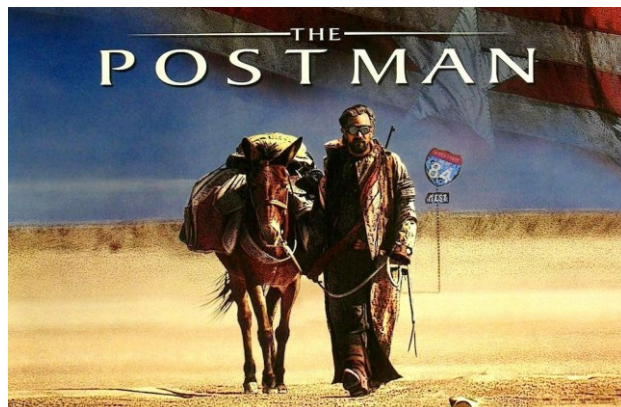
In a recitation of King Henry V's speech prior to the siege of Harfleur, the postman rallies himself and his followers to war. The mounted carriers and Holnists meet across a field. Not wanting any more carnage, the postman instead challenges Bethlehem to a personal hand-to-hand duel, with their troops as witnesses, which is his privilege due to once having been a member of Bethlehem's troops. The postman wins the fight but spares Bethlehem's life to maintain morale. Bethlehem tries to shoot the postman in the back with his revolver, but is shot dead by his own second-in-command, Col. Getty. Getty then surrenders, and the rest of the Holnists follow his lead.

Thirty years later, the postman's grown daughter Hope, accompanied by other public figures and servicemen (including postal workers), speaks at a ceremony unveiling a bronze statue by territorial waters in St. Rose, Oregon in tribute to her father, who has recently died (1973–2043). Her speech, along with the fact that all the attendees are wearing modern clothing and using technology, reveal that the postman and his mail carriers' actions have helped rebuild the United States.

Review - 2013, Post-Apocalyptic America. An unnamed wanderer retrieves a Postman's uniform and undelivered bag of mail. He decides to pose as a postman and deliver the mail to a nearby town, bluffing that the United States government has been reinstated and tricking the town into feeding him. However, he reluctantly becomes a symbol of hope to the townspeople there who begin to remember the world that once was and giving them the courage to stand up to a tyrannical warlord and his army. [IMDb](#)

Cast

Kevin Costner as The Postman
Will Patton as General Bethlehem
Larenz Tate as Ford Lincoln Mercury
Olivia Williams as Abby
James Russo as Captain Idaho
Tom Petty as Bridge City Mayor
Daniel von Bargen as Pineview Sheriff Briscoe
Scott Bairstow as Luke
Giovanni Ribisi as Bandit 20
Roberta Maxwell as Irene March
Joe Santos as Colonel Getty
Ron McLarty as Old George
Brian Anthony Wilson as Woody
Peggy Lipton as Ellen March
Rex Linn as Mercer
Shawn Hatosy as Billy
Ryan Hurst as Eddie March
Charles Esten as Michael
Ty O'Neal as Drew
Tom Bower as Larry
Mary Stuart Masterson as Hope, Postman's Daughter (uncredited)[Wiki](#)



Parental Guidance

Certification

Argentina:13 Australia:M Brazil:16 Canada:14A (Alberta/British Columbia) Canada:PG (Manitoba) Canada:14 (Nova Scotia) Canada:AA (Ontario) Canada:13+ (Quebec) Finland:K-14 France:Tous publics Germany:12 Hong Kong:IIA Iceland:14 Iceland:16 (video rating) India:A India:UA (TV rating) Ireland:15 Italy:T Netherlands:16 Norway:15 (1998, cinema rating) Peru:14 Philippines:PG-13 Poland:18 (self-applied) Portugal:M/12 Russia:16+ Singapore:PG (cut) Singapore:M18 (re-rating) South Africa:13 South Korea:18 Spain:13 Sweden:15 Switzerland:12 (canton of Geneva) Switzerland:12 (canton of Vaud) United Kingdom:15 United States:R (certificate #35752)

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

MPAA - Rated R for violence and some sexuality

Music Film Score: James Newton Howard Released: 23 Dec 1997 Label: Warner Sunset/Warner Bros.

No.	Title	Writer(s)	Artist(s)	Length
1.	"Main Titles"	James Newton Howard		2:13
2.	"Shelter in the Storm"	James Newton Howard		6:23
3.	"The Belly of the Beast"	James Newton Howard		6:49
4.	"General Bethlehem"	James Newton Howard		6:55
5.	"Abby Comes Calling"	James Newton Howard		10:50
6.	"The Restored United States"	James Newton Howard		6:44
7.	"The Postman"	James Newton Howard		9:50
8.	"Almost Home"	Jono Manson	Jono Manson	3:59
9.	"It Will Happen Naturally"	Maria Machado and Jono Manson	Jono Manson	2:18
10.	"The Next Big Thing"	Jono Manson, Joe Flood and Jeffrey Barr	Jono Manson	2:19
11.	"This Perfect World"	John Coinman and Glenn Burke	John Coinman	3:38
12.	"Once This Was The Promise Land"	John Coinman	John Coinman	2:06

13.	"I Miss My Radio"	John Coinman and Blair Forward	John Coinman	2:42
14.	"Come and Get Your Love"	Lolly Vegas	John Coinman	3:07
15.	"You Didn't Have to Be So Nice"	John Sebastian and Steve Boone	Amy Grant and Kevin Costner	3:39
Total length:				60:13

