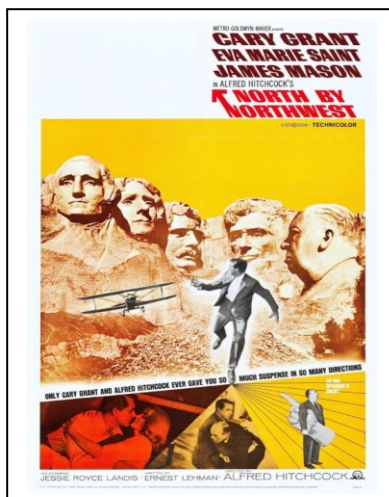
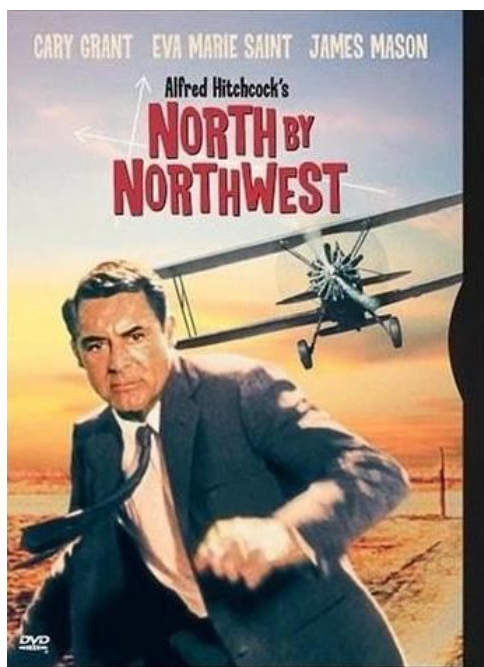


The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **North By Northwest**

[1 Disc]

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Information

Title: *North by Northwest* 20th November 1959, (United Kingdom)

Publication:

Origin: United States,

Release date: United States- 1st July 1959 (Chicago, Illinois, Premiere)

AKA: Also known as - Untitled M. Night Shyamalan Project

Genres: Spy, Action, Adventure, Mystery, Thriller

Classification: PG

Disc Nos. 1

Duration: 2hr 16m

Region Code:

Region: 2

Product Code:

MPN:

EAN:

UPC:

Languages: English, French

Filming locations: Garces Highway 1/10th mile East from Corcoran Road and Kern National Wildlife Preserve, Kern County, California, USA(crop-duster attack)

Sound mix: Dolby SR, Dolby Digital, Mono

Colour – Pal

Aspect Ratio: 1.50:1 (VistaVision, original & negative ratio)

North by Northwest



Theatrical release poster

Directed by [Alfred Hitchcock](#)
Written by [Ernest Lehman](#)
Produced by [Alfred Hitchcock](#)
Starring [Cary Grant](#)
[Eva Marie Saint](#)
[James Mason](#)
[Jessie Royce Landis](#)

Cinematography [Robert Burks](#)
Edited by [George Tomasini](#)
Music by [Bernard Herrmann](#)
Distributed by [Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer](#)^[1]
Release date [July 1, 1959 \(Chicago\)](#)^[1]
Running time [136 minutes](#)
Country [United States](#)
Language [English](#)
Budget [\\$4.3 million](#)^[2]
Box office [\\$9.8 million](#)^[2]

Title:

Storyline

A waiter pages George Kaplan at the Oak Room restaurant at the Plaza Hotel in New York City at the request of two well-dressed thugs. As advertising executive Roger Thornhill summons the same waiter, he is mistaken for Kaplan, kidnapped by the thugs, and brought to the estate of Lester Townsend in Glen Cove. Phillip Vandamm, a foreign spy posing as Townsend, interrogates Thornhill and subsequently arranges to kill him in a staged drunk driving accident; Thornhill survives, but fails to convince the jaded cops or his incredulous mother of what happened. Returning to the estate, Thornhill learns that Townsend is a United Nations diplomat.

Thornhill and his mother visit Kaplan's empty room at the Plaza, where the thugs have followed him. Thornhill heads to the U.N. General Assembly Building to meet Townsend, who he sees is not Vandamm. As he asks Townsend about Vandamm, one of the pursuing thugs throws a knife into Townsend's back. Townsend collapses in Thornhill's arms, and Thornhill is photographed as he grabs the knife, giving the appearance that he is the murderer. Thornhill flees, attempting to find the real Kaplan.

The "United States Intelligence Agency" realizes that Thornhill has been mistaken for Kaplan, but their chief, "the Professor", decides against rescuing him for fear of compromising their operation; Kaplan is a non-existent agent they created to distract Vandamm.

Thornhill sneaks aboard the 20th Century Limited train to Chicago, where he meets Eve Kendall, who hides him from the police. The two establish a relationship—on Kendall's part because she is secretly working with Vandamm—and she tells Thornhill that she has arranged a meeting with Kaplan at a rural bus stop in Indiana. When Thornhill arrives at the bus stop, he is attacked by a crop duster armed with a machine gun. After taking cover in a cornfield, he attempts to halt a tank truck; the airplane crashes into it and explodes, and he steals a pickup truck in the ensuing confusion. Thornhill reaches Kaplan's hotel in Chicago and learns that Kaplan had checked out before the time when Kendall claimed to have met with him. He goes to her room and confronts her, but she leaves.

Roger Thornhill, Eve Kendall, and Phillip Vandamm at the Mount Rushmore visitor centre

Thornhill tracks Kendall to an art auction, where Vandamm is purchasing a Mexican Purépecha statue. Vandamm leaves his henchmen to deal with Thornhill. To escape, Thornhill disrupts the auction until police are called to remove him. He says he is the fugitive murderer, but the Professor intervenes and tells him that Kaplan was a fiction and their real agent is Eve Kendall. Vandamm lives near Mount Rushmore, and the agency thinks he will be leaving the country by plane from there. Thornhill agrees to help maintain Kendall's cover.

At the Mount Rushmore visitor center, now willingly playing the role of Kaplan, he negotiates Vandamm's turnover of Kendall to be arrested. Kendall shoots Thornhill with blanks and flees. Afterward, the Professor arranges for Thornhill and Kendall to meet; Thornhill learns that Kendall must depart on the plane with Vandamm and his right-hand man Leonard. He tries to dissuade her from going, but is knocked unconscious at the Professor's behest and locked in a hospital room.

Thornhill escapes and goes to Vandamm's house to rescue Kendall, where he overhears that the sculpture holds microfilm and that Leonard has discovered the blanks in Kendall's gun. Vandamm indicates that he will kill Kendall by throwing her from the plane; Thornhill manages to warn her with a surreptitious note. Vandamm, Leonard, and Kendall head for the plane. Thornhill is momentarily held at gunpoint by the housekeeper until he realizes hers is the gun loaded with blanks. As Vandamm boards, Kendall takes the sculpture, runs to the pursuing Thornhill, and they flee to the top of Mount Rushmore. As they climb down, they are pursued by Vandamm's men. A park ranger fatally shoots Leonard, and Vandamm is taken into custody by the Professor.

As Kendall hangs on by her fingertips. Thornhill reaches down to pull her up, at which point the scene cuts to him pulling her—now Mrs. Thornhill—into an upper berth on a train, which suggestively enters a tunnel. [Wiki](#)

Madison Avenue advertising man Roger Thornhill finds himself thrust into the world of spies when he is mistaken for a man by the name of George Kaplan. Foreign spy Philip Vandamm and his henchman Leonard try to eliminate him but when Thornhill tries to make sense of the case, he is framed for murder. Now on the run from the police, he manages to board the 20th Century Limited bound for Chicago where he meets a beautiful blond, Eve Kendall, who helps him to evade the authorities. His world is turned upside down yet again when he learns that Eve isn't the innocent bystander, he thought she was. Not all is as it seems however, leading to a dramatic rescue and escape at the top of Mt. Rushmore.—garykmc

IMDb

Note: Reference Only – Not available for loan or Sale – Private Collection

Cast

Cary Grant as Roger Thornhill
Eva Marie Saint as Eve Kendall
James Mason as Phillip Vandamm
Jessie Royce Landis as Clara Thornhill
Leo G. Carroll as The Professor
Josephine Hutchinson as "Mrs. Townsend"
Philip Ober as Lester Townsend
Martin Landau as Leonard
Adam Williams as Valerian
Edward Platt as Victor Larrabee
Robert Ellenstein as Licht
Les Tremayne as Auctioneer
Philip Coolidge as Dr. Cross
Patrick McVey as Sergeant Flamm
Edward Binns as Captain Junket
Ken Lynch as Charlie

Uncredited cast

Maudie Prickett as Elsie the Maid
Malcolm Atterbury as Man at the crossroads
Tol Avery as State Police Detective
John Beradino as Sergeant Emile Klinger
Ned Glass as Ticket Seller
Doreen Lang as Maggie, Roger's Secretary
Nora Marlowe as Anna, the housekeeper
Ralph Reed as Bellboy
Olan Soule as Assistant Auctioneer
Frank Wilcox as Herman Weitner
Robert Shayne as Larry Wade
Patricia Cutts as Hospital Patient
Sara Berner as Telephone Operator (voice)

Parental Guidance Certification

Argentina:13 Australia:G (original rating) Australia:M (2009, DVD rating) Australia:PG (2001, re-rating) Brazil:14 Canada:18A (Blu-Ray rating)
Canada:PG (Ontario) Canada:14 (2000, Nova Scotia) Finland:K-12 (2013) Finland:K-16 (1966) France:Tous publics Germany:12 (DVD
rating) Iceland:L India:U Ireland:PG Italy:T Japan:G (2009) Malaysia:U Mexico:B Netherlands:12 (2008 re-release) Netherlands:AL (DVD
rating) Netherlands:12 (re-rating) Nigeria:G Norway:16 Peru:14 Philippines:PG-13 Poland:16 (self-applied) Portugal:M/12 Russia:12+
Saudi Arabia:G Singapore:PG13 Singapore:PG South Africa:PG (video rating) South Korea:12 Spain:13 Sweden:15 Turkey:13A (self-
applied) United Kingdom:PG United Kingdom:A (original rating) United Kingdom:PG (tv rating) United Kingdom:PG (2006, re-rating, re-
release) United Kingdom:PG (2004, video rating) United States:Approved (pca #19156) United States:TV-G (TV rating) United Arab
Emirates:PG-15 (self-applied) West Germany:16 (original rating) West Germany:12 (re-rating)

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

