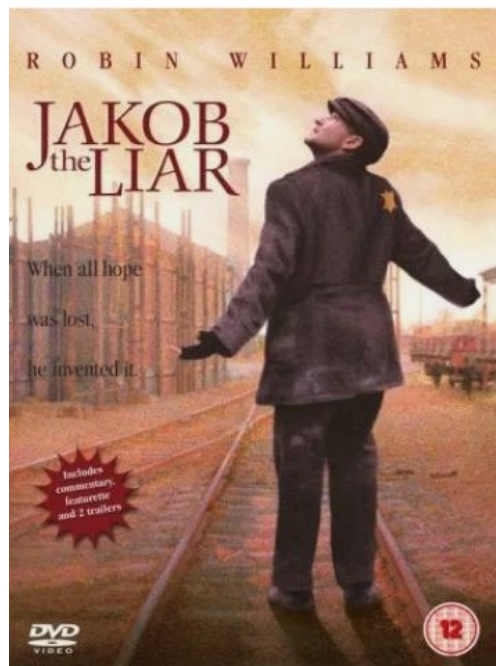


The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS

Title: Jakob the Liar — (Robin Williams)



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Information

Release **Title:** Jakob the Liar 05th November 1999 (United Kingdom)

Origin: United States, Germany

Release Date: 24th September 1999 (United States)

Genres: Dram, War, Comedy?

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Certification: 12

Duration: 1h 55 min (105min)

Region Code: 2

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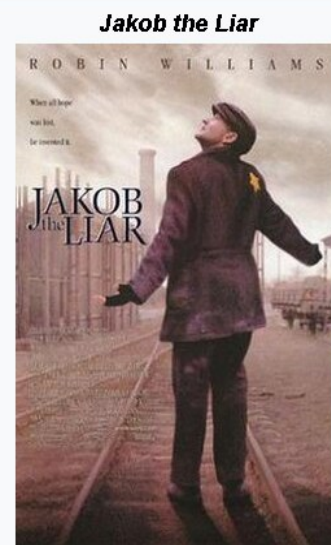
Languages: English

Filming locations: Budapest, Hungary

Sound mix: Dolby, SDDS

Colour: Colour

Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Peter Kassovitz
Screenplay by	Peter Kassovitz Didier Decoin
Based on	Jacob the Liar 1969 novel by Jurek Becker
Produced by	Steven Haft Marsha Garces Williams
Starring	Robin Williams Alan Arkin Bob Balaban Michael Jeter Armin Mueller-Stahl Liev Schreiber
Cinematography	Elemér Ragályi
Edited by	Claire Simpson
Music by	Edward Shearmur
Production companies	Columbia Pictures Blue Wolf Productions Kasso Inc.
Distributed by	Sony Pictures Releasing
Release date	September 24, 1999
Running time	120 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$45 million
Box office	\$4,956,401 (domestic) ^[1]

Storyline – Jakob the Liar

In early 1944 Poland, a Polish-Jewish shopkeeper named Jakob Heym is summoned to the German headquarters after being falsely accused of being out after curfew. While waiting for the commander, Jakob overhears a German radio broadcast speaking about Soviet offensives. Returned to the ghetto, Jakob shares his information with his friend Mischa. Radios are strictly prohibited in Jewish ghettos, punishable with death, but Mischa confides in some folks, and it quickly sparks rumours that Jakob has a secret radio.

After hesitating, Jakob decides to use the opportunity to spread hope throughout the ghetto by continuing to tell the optimistic tales that he has been allegedly hearing on his secret radio. His lies give some hope and humour to the isolated ghetto inhabitants. He also has a real secret; he is hiding a young Jewish girl named Lina who escaped from an extermination camp deportation train.

However, the Gestapo learns of the mythical radio and begins a search for the resistance hero who dares to operate it. Jakob surrenders himself to the Germans when they demand the person with the radio give himself up or risk hostages being killed. During interrogation, Jakob tells the police commander that he had merely listened to the radio inside the commander's office. He is ordered to announce publicly that his radio and its reports were all lies, so that the ghetto's liquidation would proceed in an orderly fashion. However, when presented to the public, Jakob refuses to tell the truth; he smiles and is shot and killed in front of the ghetto's inhabitants.

Jakob says, post-mortem, that all of the ghetto's residents were deported and were never seen again. However, moments later we cut to the train that the ghetto's residents had been placed on destined for the camps, where Jakob continues on from his previous sentence and adds "...but maybe it wasn't like that at all..." and we see Lina on board the train look out from a window to see an approaching detachment of the Soviet red army arriving just in time to liberate the survivors. The film ends with Lina remembering Jakob when they danced back in the ghetto.... [Wiki](#)

In 1944 Poland, a Jewish shop keeper named Jakob is summoned to ghetto headquarters after being caught out near curfew. While waiting for the German Kommandant, Jakob overhears a German radio broadcast about Russian troop movements. Returned to the ghetto, the shopkeeper shares his information with a friend and then rumours fly that there is a secret radio within the ghetto. Jakob uses the chance to spread hope throughout the ghetto by continuing to tell favourable tales of information from "his secret radio." Jakob, however, has a real secret in that he is hiding a young Jewish girl who escaped from a camp transport train. A rather uplifting and slightly humorous film about World War II Jewish Ghetto life. —Anthony Hughes [Imbd](#)

Cast

Robin Williams as Jakob Heym
Alan Arkin as Frankfurter
Bob Balaban as Kowalsky
Liev Schreiber as Mischa
Armin Mueller-Stahl as Dr. Kirschbaum
Hannah Taylor-Gordon as Lina Kronstein
Mark Margolis as Fajngold
Nina Siemaszko as Rosa
Michael Jeter as Avron
Mathieu Kassovitz as Herschel



Parents Guide

Certification

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

Argentina 13, Australia M, Finland K-12, France Tous publics, Germany 12, Iceland 12, India U Chennai, Italy T, Malaysia U, Netherlands 12, Norway 15, Peru 14, Portugal M/12, Singapore PG, South Korea 12, Spain 13, Sweden 15 DVD rating, United Kingdom 12 U video rating, United States PG-13 certificate #36159

