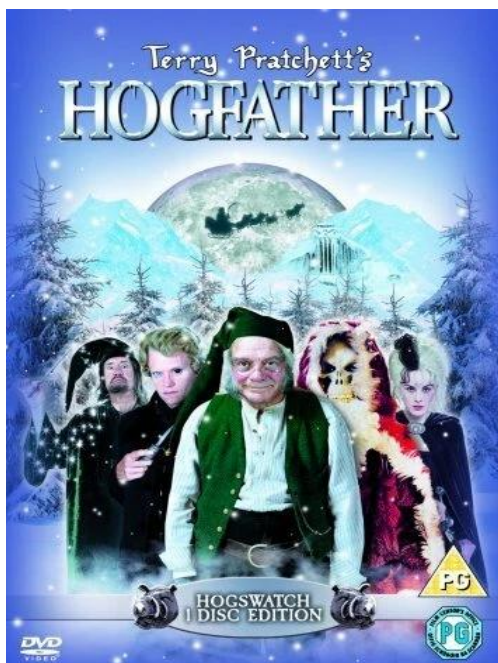
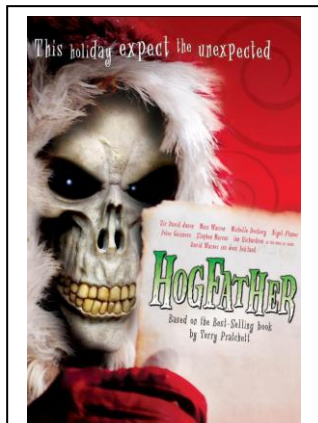


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Title: Hogfather



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Information

Release **Title:** *Hogfather* 17th November 2006 (United Kingdom)

Origin: United Kingdom (TV Premiere)

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Genres: Comedy, Fantasy

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Certification: PG

Duration: 3h 9 min (189min)

Region Code: 2

Product Code:

Languages: English, Spanish, French

Filming locations: Cluney Castle, Balgowan, Highland, Scotland, UK (Castle of Bones)

Sound mix: Stereo

Colour: Colour

Aspect Ratio: 1.78:1



<i>Hogfather</i>	
First edition	
Author	Terry Pratchett
Cover artist	Josh Kirby
Language	English
Series	<i>Discworld</i> 20th novel – 4th Death story
Subject	Christmas, children's stories, the power of belief Characters: Death , Susan Sto Helit Locations: Death's Domain , Ankh-Morpork , Tooth Fairy's domain
Genre	Fantasy
Publisher	Victor Gollancz
Publication date	1996
Awards	Came 137th in the Big Read
ISBN	0-575-06403-X
OCLC	36217246
Preceded by	<i>Feet of Clay</i>
Followed by	<i>Jingo</i>

Storyline – Hogfather – David Jason

The Auditors of Reality, a group of 'celestial bureaucrats', attempt to eliminate the Hogfather, a jolly god-like creature who brings children presents on December 32nd, similar to the figures of Santa Claus and Father Christmas in the US and UK. Forbidden to interfere directly by "The Rules", they pay the Assassin's Guild to kill the Hogfather instead. The task is given to Mr. Teatime who has a reputation for ruthlessness and creative solutions. Mr. Teatime enlists the help of some gangsters to find a delivery person working for the Tooth Fairy, using his magic to break into her kingdom and stealing all the collected teeth. With these teeth, he is able to control all the children on the Discworld, commanding them to no longer believe in the Hogfather.

Knowing that the Hogfather is also responsible for the sun rising, Death attempts to maintain belief by dressing up as the Hogfather and fulfilling his role, aided by his servant Albert. Due to Death's simplistic understanding of the meaning of Hogswatch, he commits several acts supposedly to aid restoring belief in the Hogfather but which Albert believes are unacceptable, including granting more life to a deceased matchgirl and stealing food from a luxury restaurant to give to the Canting Crew (whilst replacing said restaurant's stock with mud and old boots). Since he is unable himself to defeat Mr. Teatime, who is in a realm created by children's belief where death (and thus Death) does not exist, he appears at his granddaughter's place of work dressed as the Hogfather. As he had planned, Susan Sto Helit is unable to resist her curiosity and tries to find the Hogfather. She visits the Hogfather's Castle of Bones, only to find the hung-over Bilious, the "Oh God" of Hangovers. In an attempt to cure Bilious from his hangovers, Susan visits the Unseen University, where it is discovered that several small gods and beings (including Bilious, a Verruca Gnome, a Hair Loss Fairy, an Eater of Pencils, an Eater of Socks, Towel Wasps, and a Cheerful Fairy) are being created due to an abundance of excess belief in the world caused by the Hogfather's disappearance.

Susan and Bilious travel to the Tooth Fairy's realm and discover Mr. Teatime's plot. Mr. Teatime attacks Susan using Death's sword, but since it does not work in this realm, Susan is able to overpower him and throw him down the tower, causing him to disappear. After Susan witnesses the Tooth Fairy (in fact, the original Bogey Man, who became the Tooth Fairy to protect children) die from the exhaustion from defending its kingdom, she tasks the childlike Banjo Lilywhite, the last surviving gangster, to carry on the task of protecting the teeth. She then manages to rescue the Hogfather, who has reverted to his former self as a hog, from Auditors who hound him in the form of attack dogs. As Susan is returning to her place of work, Death explains what happened to Susan but she is attacked by Teatime whom she finally manages to kill using the kitchen poker. [Wiki](#)

On the planet of Discworld, it is the eve of Hogswatch, the time when the Hogfather visits all the homes in the land and delivers presents to all the children. This year, however, there may be a slight hitch: a mysterious group, The Auditors, has hired the Guild of Assassins to kill Hogfather. Sensing the disruption this will cause, Death steps in for Hogfather in delivering presents. - grants In the city of Ankh Morpork, most important city on the Discworld (in the opinion of the Morporkians, and what other opinion is worth considering?) it is Hogswatch - a midwinter festival of celebration and gift-giving which might remind you of quite another holiday on another world entirely. The Hogfather - a jolly fat man, dressed in red - is distributing presents from his flying sleigh and all the children wait to hear trotter-beats on the roof. But this Hogswatch, they may have to wait quite a while... Someone, or something, wants the Hogfather out of the way. And if you're an anthropomorphic personification, you can't be helped by humans - but perhaps a, shall we say 'colleague', could assist. And so Death (voiced by Ian Richardson), his manservant Albert (Sir David Jason) and his granddaughter (don't ask) Susan (Michelle Dockery) set out to save the day, er, night. But while they're doing that, the redoubtable Mr Teatime (Mark Warren) of the Guild of Assassins and his team which includes the inept student wizard Mr Sideney (Nigel Planer) and the man-mountain Banjo (Stephen Marcus) set in motion a devious plan which means much, much more than just the end of Hogswatch...[Imbd](#)

Cast

Jonathan Teatime, an assassin
Susan Sto-Helit, Death's granddaughter
Death
Auditors of Reality
Hogfather, a god
Albert
Bilious, the Oh God of Hangovers

The Wizards of the Unseen University:

Mustrum Ridcully, Archchancellor of Unseen University
Lecturer in Recent Runes
Chair of Indefinite Studies
The Bursar - Hex
Ponder Stibbons
Adrian Turnipseed aka Mad Drongo - Dean
Senior Wrangler - the Librarian

Pratchett himself has a cameo as a toymaker, in addition to his official script credit of 'Mucked About By'. Although not named in the original book or the script, Pratchett decided the toymaker was named Joshua Isme, and his shop was Toys Is Me (a play on Toys R Us). The set dressing for the toyshop included appropriate labels.

The Death of Rats was credited as played by "Dorckey Hellmice", an anagram of "Michelle Dockery".

Both Nigel Planer, who plays Sideney and the voice of the Auditors, and Tony Robinson, who plays Mr Crumley, have been the readers for many of the audiobook editions of the Discworld novels, and have both had voice acting roles in the Discworld video games.

Ian Richardson also played Francis Urquhart in the BBC series House of Cards; Death's line to Albert, You may think I've already thought of that, but I could not possibly comment, mirrors a similar phrase of Urquhart's. This would be his last role on television shown before his death.

David Jason would later go on to play Rincewind in the adaptation of:
The Colour of Magic.



Parents Guide

Certification

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

Singapore PG, United Kingdom PGP-13 self-applied.

