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THE GOLDEN COMPASS, THE GOLDEN COMPASS DVD MOVIE,
Action, Adventure, Drama, Family, Fantasy, Thriller

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Plot summary for
The Golden Compass (2007)

It was no ordinary life for a young girl: living among scholars in the hallowed halls of Jordan College and tearing unsupervised through Oxford's motley streets on mad quests for adventure. But Lyra's greatest adventure would begin closer to home, the day she heard hushed talk of an extraordinary particle. Microscopic in size, the magical dust- found only in the vast Arctic expanse of the North -was rumored to possess profound properties that could unite whole universes. But there were those who feared the particle and would stop at nothing to destroy it. Catapulted into the heart of a terrible struggle, Lyra was forced to seek aid from clans, Gyptians, and formidable armored bears. And as she journeyed into unbelievable danger, she had not the faintest clue that she alone was destined to win, or to lose, this more-than-mortal battle... Written by Krista

In a parallel Oxford, young Lyra Belacqua begins a dimension-crossing odyssey that builds from a merely atypical children's adventure into a complex (and frequently quite dark) philosophical epic. Written by Tom Aylward-Nally

Lyra Belacqua, living in Oxford's Jordan College, is not but a young girl living among scholars. Her world may seem diverse, from physical embodiments of souls that take the shape of an animal, but similar with people around you to become friends and enemies. She is thrown into a perilous adventure when she overhears a conversation of an extraordinary microscopic particle, Dust. This particle is said to unite different worlds, and is feared by many who want to destroy it forever. As Lyra is flung into the middle of this horrible struggle, she meets wondrous creatures both big and small, and villains who are not what they seem. Gobblers, that kidnap children, will turn out in the most unexpected places. And a magical compass of gold that will answer any question if one is skilled enough to read it. Lyra's adventure continues throughout these three books, and the first is about to be told. Written by Reaz

Overview

Director:Chris Weitz

Writers (WGA):Chris Weitz (screenplay)
Philip Pullman (novel)

Release Date:7 December 2007 (USA) [more](#) [view trailer](#)

Genre:Action / Adventure / Drama / Family / Fantasy / Thriller [more](#)

Tagline:"It is the Alethiometer. It tells the truth. As for how to read it, you'll have to learn by yourself." [more](#)

Plot Outline:In a parallel universe, young Lyra Belacqua journeys to the far North to save her best friend and other kidnapped children from terrible experiments by a mysterious organization. [more](#)

Plot Synopsis:[View full synopsis.](#) (warning! may contain spoilers)

Plot Keywords:London England / Religious / Cabin / Chasm / Orphan [more](#)

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Cast (Cast overview, first billed only)

Nicole Kidman ... Marisa Coulter

Daniel Craig ... Lord Asriel
Dakota Blue Richards ... Lyra Belacqua
Ben Walker ... Roger

Freddie Highmore ... Pantalaimon (voice)

Ian McKellen ... Iorek Byrnison (voice)

Eva Green ... Serafina Pekkala
Jim Carter ... John Faa
Tom Courtenay ... Farder Coram

Ian McShane ... Ragnar Sturlusson (voice)

Sam Elliott ... Lee Scoresby

Christopher Lee ... First High Councilor

Kristin Scott Thomas ... Stelmaria (voice)
Edward de Souza ... Second High Councilor

Kathy Bates ... Hester (voice)

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Additional Details

MPAA:Rated PG-13 for sequences of fantasy violence.

Parents Guide:View content advisory for parents

Runtime:113 min

Country:USA / UK

Language:English

Color:Color

Aspect Ratio:2.35 : 1 more

Sound Mix:Dolby Digital / SDDS / DTS

Certification:Malaysia:U / Sweden:11 / Argentina:13 / Finland:K-11 / Taiwan:PG-12 / South Korea:All / Canada:G (Quebec) / Philippines:PG-13 (MTRCB) / Ireland:12A / Canada:PG (Alberta/British Columbia/Manitoba/Ontario) / Switzerland:10 (canton of Geneva) / Singapore:PG / USA:PG-13 / Switzerland:10 (canton of Vaud) / UK:PG

Filming Locations:Bergen, Hordaland, Norway more

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Fun Stuff

Trivia:Some scenes were shot in Norway, in places such as Bergen and Svalbard, but none of the actors were allowed to perform there, as the producers couldn't find an insurance company that would allow crew members to walk around with shotguns and because the actors could fall ill due to the extreme temperatures. more

Quotes:[from trailer]

Lyra Belacqua: I need to go north! To fight!

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Soundtrack:Lyra more

FAQ

Why is Nicole Kidman playing Mrs. Coulter? She doesn't even look the part... she has blonde hair!

Why is the title of the book different in the US than it is in the UK?

Where is the ending?

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Entertaining, but missed opportunity, 6 December 2007

Author: Jamie Sutherland (burdasingh@hotmail.com) from Midlands, UK

His Dark Materials: Northern Lights, the original name for the book, in the UK. What a poignant, mysterious title for a book. The Golden Compass? Well, it doesn't quite have the same impact, does it? The use of the American name of the book for the film really didn't bother me at first, but as early warning signs come, it doesn't get much more obvious than this; we should have guessed from the off that this was going to be a very different beast to the book.

As a huge fan of Philip Pullman's epic trilogy, I had been eagerly anticipating this film adaptation for at least a year; even more so because I was an extra in one of the scenes. I had fallen in love with the books a while back; not due to the fantastical elements, but due to the way it introduced this fantastical parallel universe to the reader in a slow, subtle, familiar way and made it feel real and tangible. The books are gritty, rugged and at times violent, and the stories' themes are philosophical and even spiritual in a way. It grieves me to say that the film misses the point; concentrating instead, on the fantasy, the action and the giant talking polar bears (panserbjorne).

The story is the same: it follows the exploits of a young orphan girl, Lyra, who lives among scholars at Oxford's Jordan College, in a world parallel to our own, in which every human is joined to a physical manifestation of their soul (daemon). One day Lyra hears hushed talk of an extraordinary particle which is rumoured to possess profound properties that could unite whole universes. But there are those who fear the particle and would stop at nothing to destroy it. Children are also being kidnapped left, right and centre, and Lyra's best friend, Roger, is among them. Catapulted into the heart of a desperate struggle, Lyra is forced to seek aid from witches, gyptians, and formidable armoured bears, to help her save her friends from these evil experiments.

But the soul of the story is all but gone. Gone is the mystery; the slow, developing understanding of a person's bond with their daemon; and the gentle, calm introduction to each character and their entwining relationships. Granted, such a complex story was always going to be difficult to adapt, but surely restricting it to such a short-time span (114 minutes) to tell the story just increases that difficulty. By ripping out the very things that made the novel so spell-binding and original, we're left with an ultimately quite hollow, shallow and self-conscious movie, which is more interested in showing off it's (admittedly breathtaking special effects) than telling an interesting story.

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