

A Journal for Jordan

A Journal for Jordan is a 2021 American romantic drama film directed and co-produced by Denzel Washington from a screenplay written by Virgil Williams, based on the memoir *A Journal for Jordan: A Story of Love and Honor* by Dana Canedy. The film stars Michael B. Jordan (who also co-produced the film) and Chanté Adams in the lead roles, along with Jalon Christian, Robert Wisdom, and Tamara Tunie in supporting roles.

The film was released by Sony Pictures Releasing, through the Columbia Pictures banner, on December 25, 2021. It received mixed reviews from critics and was a box office bomb.

Plot

Based on a true story, while 1st Sergeant Charles Monroe King is deployed in Iraq, he keeps a journal of love and advice for his infant son. Sharing this journal with her son, his fiancée, Dana Canedy reflects on her unlikely yet powerful romantic relationship with King.^[4]

Cast

- Michael B. Jordan as 1st Sergeant Charles Monroe King
- Chanté Adams as Dana Canedy
- Jalon Christian as Jordan
- Robert Wisdom as Sergeant T.J. Canedy
- Tamara Tunie as Penny Canedy
- Jasmine Batchelor as Gwen Canedy
- Marchánt Davis as Mike Canedy
- Susan Pourfar as Miriam
- Cleveland Berto as Mohammed
- Vanessa Aspillga as Robin
- Grey Henson as Ciro
- Johnny M. Wu as Manny
- David Wilson Barnes as Schaefer
- Melanie Nicholls-King as Kaleshia

Production

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Theatrical release poster

Directed by	<u>Denzel Washington</u>
Screenplay by	<u>Virgil Williams</u>
Based on	<i>A Journal for Jordan: A Story of Love and Honor</i> by <u>Dana Canedy</u>
Produced by	<u>Todd Black</u> <u>Denzel Washington</u> <u>Michael B. Jordan</u> <u>Jason Blumenthal</u> <u>Steve Tisch</u>
Starring	<u>Michael B. Jordan</u> <u>Chanté Adams</u>
Cinematography	<u>Maryse Alberti</u> ^[1]
Edited by	<u>Hughes Winborne</u>
Music by	<u>Marcelo Zarvos</u>
Production companies	<u>Columbia Pictures</u> <u>Outlier Society</u> <u>Mundy Lane</u>

In January 2018, it was reported that [Denzel Washington](#) would direct the film *Journal for Jordan* from a script by [Virgil Williams](#) based on [Dana Canedy's](#) memoir.^[5] In February 2019, it was reported that [Michael B. Jordan](#) would play the lead role.^[6] In October 2020, [Chanté Adams](#) was cast in the film.^[7] As of December 2020, production had begun.^{[8][9]} In February 2021, [Robert Wisdom](#), [Johnny M. Wu](#), and [Jalon Christian](#) joined the cast.^[10] In March 2021, [Tamara Tunie](#) joined the cast.^[11]

Release

A Journal for Jordan was originally scheduled by [Sony Pictures Releasing](#) for a limited theatrical release on December 10, 2021, before going wide on December 22.^[12] In October 2021, the film was pushed to a wide theatrical release on December 25, on Christmas Day, without a limited release.^[13] The film had its world premiere at the AMC Lincoln Square Theatre on December 9, 2021.^[14] The film was released [video-on-demand](#) on January 11, 2022 and on [Blu-ray](#) and [DVD](#) on March 8, 2022.^[15]

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Distributed by	Sony Pictures Releasing
Release dates	December 9, 2021 (AMC Lincoln Square) December 25, 2021 (United States)
Running time	131 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$25 million ^[2]
Box office	\$6.7 million ^[3]

Reception

Box office

In the United States, *A Journal for Jordan* was released alongside *American Underdog* and the wide expansion of *Licorice Pizza*, and was projected to gross around \$5 million from 2,500 theaters over its first two days of release.^[2] It made \$1.2 million on its first day and \$1 million on its second, debuting to \$2.2 million and finishing eighth at the box office.^[16] In its second weekend, the film finished ninth with \$1.2 million.^[17] The film dropped out of the box office top ten in its third weekend, finishing twelfth with \$600,880.^[18]

Critical response

On [review aggregator](#) website [Rotten Tomatoes](#), the film holds an approval rating of 39% based on 62 reviews, with an average rating of 5.2/10. The site's critics consensus reads, "*A Journal for Jordan's* affecting fact-based story stumbles onscreen due to Denzel Washington's undistinguished direction and overly sentimental approach."^[19] On [Metacritic](#), it has a [weighted average](#) score of 42 out of 100 based on 20 reviews, indicating "mixed or average reviews".^[20] Audiences polled by [CinemaScore](#) gave the film an average grade of "A−" on an A+ to F scale.^[16]

The motion picture had three nominations at the 53rd NAACP Image Awards for Outstanding Directing in a Motion Picture, Outstanding Writing in a Motion Picture and Outstanding Breakthrough Performance in a Motion Picture for Jalon Christian's performance.^[21]

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