

Finding You (film)

Finding You is a 2021 American coming-of-age romantic comedy written and directed by Brian Baugh, based on the 2011 young adult novel *There You'll Find Me* by Jenny B. Jones. It stars Rose Reid, Jedidiah Goodacre and Katherine McNamara. It was released theatrically in the United States by Roadside Attractions on May 14, 2021.

Plot

After an ill-fated audition at a prestigious New York music school, Finley Sinclair follows in her late brother Alex's footsteps and takes a up a student exchange program he once took, travelling to a coastal village in Ireland to begin a semester studying abroad. There she meets heartthrob movie star Beckett Rush, who is shooting the latest installment of his medieval fantasy-adventure franchise. They begin an unlikely romance, but when forces surrounding Beckett's stardom threaten to crush their dreams, Finley must decide what she will risk for love.^{[3][4]}

Cast

- Rose Reid as Finley Sinclair
- Jedidiah Goodacre as Beckett Rush
- Katherine McNamara as Taylor Risdale
- Patrick Bergin as Seamus
- Saoirse-Monica Jackson as Emma Callaghan
- Judith Hoag as Jennifer Sinclair
- Tom Everett Scott as Montgomery Rush
- Vanessa Redgrave as Cathleen Sweeney
- Natalie Britton as Gemma Quinlan
- Fiona Bell as Nora
- Marion O'Dwyer as Molly
- Anabel Sweeney as Keeva
- Helen Roche as Fiona Doyle

Production

Filming was in Ireland, in and around Dublin, Clare, Offaly, Kildare, Cooley and Carlingford, County Louth; and also in New York City, Los Angeles and Nashville.^[5] In September 2020, it was announced that Roadside Attractions had acquired the film's

<i>Finding You</i>	
	
Theatrical release poster	
Directed by	Brian Baugh
Screenplay by	Brian Baugh
Based on	<i>There You'll Find Me</i> by Jenny B. Jones
Produced by	Ken Carpenter <p>Julie Ryan</p> Brian Baugh Stephen Preston
Starring	Rose Reid <p>Jedidiah Goodacre</p> Katherine McNamara <p>Patrick Bergin</p> Saoirse-Monica Jackson Judith Hoag

US theatrical distribution rights from Red Sky Studios, Nook Lane Entertainment and MK1 Studios.^[3] The film's initial title, *There You'll Find Me*, was renamed to *Finding You*.

Release

The film was released theatrically in the United States on May 14, 2021,^[6] by Roadside Attractions.^[7]

Reception

Box office

Finding You was projected to gross \$532,000-\$1 million in its opening weekend.^[7] It made \$323,000 from 1,314 theaters on its first day, and \$954,000 over its opening weekend.^[8]

Critical response

According to review aggregator Rotten Tomatoes, 53% of 38 critics reviewed the film positively, with an average rating of 5.2/10. The website's critics consensus reads: "Although *Finding You* manages to fit every contrivance possible into its story, its charming fluff and sharp humor may be enough to win the hearts of romance fans."^[9] Metacritic, which uses a weighted average, assigned the film a score of 41 out of 100, based on 9 critics, indicating "mixed or average" reviews.^[10] Audiences surveyed by PostTrak gave the film a 71% positive score, with 46% saying they would definitely recommend it.^[8]

Giving the film 2.5/4 stars, Michael O'Sullivan positively reviewed the film for the Washington Post, writing that although it contained "no real surprises... *Finding You* kinda, sorta [works]."^[11] Plugged In (publication) reviewer Paul Asay opined that while the story is "fairly predictable", it illustrated well "that sex and romance aren't synonymous; that kindness matters; and that even in moments of disappointment, God may be operating behind the scenes."^[12] Tara McNamara of Common Sense Media also commented on the film's religious themes, writing that "the movie's faith-based elements has a mic-drop moment, but it happens without a single line of dialogue and isn't jarring or forced." McNamara gave the film 3/5 stars, praising the well-assembled cast and the setting in the Irish countryside, noting that the film was more a coming-of-age story than a romance.^[13]

In a mixed review for the Los Angeles Times, Michael Ordoña praised many of the cast members but criticized the film's determination "to be PG-clean" and Finley's character, saying she lacked personality.^[14] Giving the film a grade of "C", Adam Graham of the Detroit News opined that the film was heavily clichéd and lacked anything of substance "except for the exquisite greenery of Ireland."^[15] Kate Erbland of Indie Wire gave it a "C-" grade, deriding it for its predictability, but noting that it contained "brief moments of magic":

	<div>Tom Everett Scott</div> <div>Vanessa Redgrave</div>
Cinematography	Michael Lavelle
Edited by	Chris Witt
Music by	<div>Timothy Williams</div> <div>Kieran Kiely</div>
Production companies	<div>Nook Lane Entertainment</div> <div>Red Sky Studios</div> <div>MK1 Productions</div>
Distributed by	<u>Roadside Attractions</u>
Release date	May 14, 2021
Running time	119 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Box office	\$3.3 million ^{[1][2]}

Finley and Beckett's frequent field trips afford them time to charm each other against lush Irish backdrops, Beckett's troubles with fame shine an unexpectedly prescient light on the movie-making world, and Finley's bond with crotchety Mrs. Sweeney (Redgrave) is both amusing and heartfelt. But even those flashes of sweetness and smartness are stuck in between increasingly odd twists and tropes, eager to play up the "Notting Hill" of it all without actually doing the work to make it stick.^[16]

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