

Best Sellers (film)

Best Sellers is a 2021 comedy-drama film directed by Lina Roessler and written by Anthony Grieco. It stars Michael Caine, Aubrey Plaza, Scott Speedman, Ellen Wong, Veronica Ferres, and Cary Elwes.

The film was an official selection at the Berlin International Film Festival. It was released in the United States and Canada on September 17, 2021, by Screen Media Films and Mongrel Media, respectively.

Plot

Lucy Stanbridge is a young publisher who inherited her father's once successful publishing house. To keep it afloat in face of a recent streak of disastrous releases, she seeks the help of cantankerous old writer Harris Shaw, a legendary author who hasn't published a book in 50 years. Lucy has a contract that stipulates Shaw still owes the publishing house a book and is required to do a book tour for it. Reluctantly, Harris agrees to gives his unpublished manuscript to Lucy and to go on tour with her, but his wild antics prove to be hard to handle.

Cast

- Michael Caine as Harris Shaw
- Aubrey Plaza as Lucy Stanbridge
- Scott Speedman as Jack Sinclair
- Ellen Wong as Rachel Spence
- Cary Elwes as Halpren Nolan
- Veronica Ferres as Drew Davis

Production

The script was awarded a prestigious Nicholl Fellowship in Screenwriting in 2015.

The project was announced in May 2019 while it was being sold during the Cannes Film Festival. Michael Caine was cast to star, with Lina Roessler set to make her directorial debut. Filming was originally set to begin in July that year.^[2] However no additional news was announced until November,

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Theatrical release poster

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| Directed by | <u>Lina Roessler</u> |
| Written by | <u>Anthony Grieco</u> |
| Produced by | <u>Jonathan Vanger</u> <u>Pierre Even</u> <u>Cassian Elwes</u> <u>Arielle Elwes</u> <u>Wayne Marc Godfrey</u> |
| Starring | <u>Michael Caine</u> <u>Aubrey Plaza</u> <u>Scott Speedman</u> <u>Ellen Wong</u> <u>Veronica Ferres</u> <u>Cary Elwes</u> |
| Cinematography | <u>Claudine Sauv </u> |
| Edited by | <u>Arthur Tarnowski</u> |
| Music by | <u>Paul Leonard-Morgan</u> |
| Production companies | <u>R. U. Robot Entertainment</u> |

when Aubrey Plaza and Scott Speedman were added to the cast.^{[3][4]} In December, Ellen Wong and Cary Elwes joined the cast of the film.^{[5][6]}

Filming began in November 2019 in Montreal, Quebec, with filming expected to continue until December 12.^[7]

Release

The film was selected but did not have its world premiere at the Berlin International Film Festival in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.^[8] In July 2021, Screen Media Films acquired U.S. distribution rights to the film.^[9] It was released in the United States and Canada on September 17, 2021.^{[1][10]}

Reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 53% of 55 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 5.4/10.^[11]

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| Distributed by | <u>Screen Media Films</u> (United States) <u>Mongrel Media</u> (Canada) ^[1] |
| Release dates | March 1, 2021 (Berlinale) September 17, 2021 (North America) |
| Running time | 102 minutes |
| Countries | United States Canada |
| Language | English |

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