

The Marsh King's Daughter

The Marsh King's Daughter is a 2023 American psychological thriller film directed by [Neil Burger](#) and written by [Elle Smith](#) and [Mark L. Smith](#), based on the 2017 novel of the same name by [Karen Dionne](#). It stars [Daisy Ridley](#), [Ben Mendelsohn](#), [Garrett Hedlund](#), [Caren Pistorius](#), [Brooklyn Prince](#), and [Gil Birmingham](#).

The Marsh King's Daughter was released in the United States on November 3, 2023, by [Lionsgate](#) and [Roadside Attractions](#).

Premise

Two years before Helena was born, the Marsh King abducted her mother, and she spent her childhood in captivity. Now convinced he will try to take her daughter, Helena sets out to outmaneuver the man who taught her everything she knows about surviving in the wilderness.

Cast

- [Daisy Ridley](#) as Helena
 - [Brooklyn Prince](#) as young Helena
- [Ben Mendelsohn](#) as Jacob
- [Gil Birmingham](#) as Clark Bekkum
- [Caren Pistorius](#) as Beth
- [Garrett Hedlund](#) as Stephen
- [Joey Carson](#) as Marigold
- [Yanna McIntosh](#) as Agent Lorna Illing

Production

The project was announced in February 2018, with [Elle Smith](#) and [Mark L. Smith](#) writing the screenplay for director [Morten Tyldum](#). [Alicia Vikander](#) was cast in the lead role, and was also set to serve as an executive producer.^[2]

Filming was due to begin in late July 2019, and continue through autumn,^[3] but no further developments were announced until February 2021, with Tyldum and Vikander no longer involved in the film. [Neil Burger](#) was now directing with [Daisy Ridley](#) cast to star, replacing Tyldum and Vikander.^[4] In

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Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Neil Burger
Screenplay by	Elle Smith Mark L. Smith
Based on	<i>The Marsh King's Daughter</i> by Karen Dionne
Produced by	Teddy Schwarzman Keith Redmon Mark L. Smith
Starring	Daisy Ridley Ben Mendelsohn Garrett Hedlund Caren Pistorius Brooklyn Prince Gil Birmingham
Cinematography	Alwin H. Küchler
Edited by	Naomi Geraghty
Music by	Adam Janota Bzowski

May, Ben Mendelsohn joined the cast.^[5] In June 2021, Brooklyn Prince, Gil Birmingham, Caren Pistorius, and Garrett Hedlund joined the cast of the film.^{[6][7]}

Filming began on June 7, 2021, in Ontario, Canada.^{[6][8][9]} Filming officially wrapped on August 6, 2021.^[10]

Music

In April 2022, it was revealed that Adam Janota Bzowski composed the score for the film.^[11]

Release

Initially meant to be released by STXfilms, the film's distribution was shopped to different distributors following the dissolution of STXfilms' domestic distribution company.^[12] eventually, STXfilms formed a domestic distribution partnership with Lionsgate, Lionsgate and Roadside Attractions scheduling the film for release on October 6, 2023.^[13] It was later delayed to November 3, 2023, to avoid competition with *Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour*.^[14] Amazon Studios will distribute the film in European markets as part of ErosSTX's multi-year output deal with the company via Prime Video.^{[15][16]}

The Marsh King's Daughter was released on digital platforms on November 21, 2023, followed by a Blu-ray and DVD release on January 2, 2024.^[17]

Reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 41% of 46 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 5.5/10. The website's consensus reads: "*The Marsh King's Daughter* begins with plenty of promise and has a remarkable cast, but they're outweighed by the story's dawdling pace and clumsy conclusion."^[18] Metacritic, which uses a weighted average, assigned the film a score of 47 out of 100, based on 14 critics, indicating "mixed or average" reviews.^[19]

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	<u>Black Bear Pictures</u>
	<u>Anonymous Content</u>
Distributed by	<u>Lionsgate</u>
	<u>Roadside Attractions</u> (United States)
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Language	English
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