

WIKIPEDIA  
The Free Encyclopedia

# Sleeping Dogs (2024 film)

***Sleeping Dogs*** is an American crime thriller film directed by Adam Cooper in his feature-length directorial debut from a screenplay adapted by Cooper and Bill Collage from the 2017 novel *The Book of Mirrors* by E.O. Chirovici, and starring Russell Crowe and Karen Gillan.

The film was released in the United States on 22 March 2024.

## Premise

Retired homicide detective Roy Freeman, while undergoing treatment for Alzheimer's disease, is forced to re-open an old case involving the murder of a college professor when new information comes from a mysterious woman.<sup>[2]</sup>

## Cast

- Russell Crowe as Roy Freeman
- Karen Gillan as Laura Baines
- Marton Csokas as Dr. Joseph Wieder
- Tommy Flanagan as Jimmy Remis
- Harry Greenwood as Richard Finn
- Thomas M. Wright as Wayne Devereaux
- Elizabeth Blackmore as Dana Finn
- Lynn Gilmartin as Diane Lynch
- Pacharo Mzembe as Isaac Samuel
- Paula Arundell as Susan Avery

## Production

The film is an adaptation by Adam Cooper and Bill Collage of E.O. Chirovici's novel *The Book of Mirrors*, with Cooper also on-board as director. Mark Fasano of Nickel City Pictures produced, alongside Cooper, Collage and Pouya Shabazian. Matthew Goldberg, Cliff Roberts and Highland Film Group CEO Arianne Fraser served as executive producers.

In August 2022, Crowe was announced in the lead role.<sup>[3][4]</sup> In February 2023, Karen Gillan, Marton Csokas, Harry Greenwood and Thomas M Wright were added to the cast.<sup>[5]</sup>

### Sleeping Dogs



Release poster

**Directed by** Adam Cooper

**Written by** Adam Cooper  
Bill Collage

**Based on** *The Book of Mirrors*  
by E.O. Chirovici

**Produced by** Deborah Glover  
Pouya Shabazian  
Bill Collage  
Henry Winterstern  
Arun Kumar  
Mark Fasano  
Adam Cooper

**Starring** Russell Crowe  
Karen Gillan  
Marton Csokas

Principal photography commenced in Victoria, Australia in February 2023,<sup>[6][7]</sup> with Crowe making himself at home in Melbourne.<sup>[8]</sup> Production wrapped in May.<sup>[9]</sup>

## Release

In November 2022, it was announced that Highland Film Group had agreed to distribution deals with Signature Entertainment in the United Kingdom.<sup>[10]</sup> Then film will be released in Australia by Galaxy Pictures (a joint venture between Rialto Distribution and Vertigo Releasing).<sup>[11]</sup>

*Sleeping Dogs* was released by The Avenue in the United States on March 22, 2024.<sup>[12]</sup>

## Reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 38% of 34 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 4.6/10.<sup>[13]</sup> Metacritic, which uses a weighted average, assigned the film a score of 43 out of 100, based on 9 critics, indicating "mixed or average" reviews.<sup>[14]</sup>

## References


- "*Sleeping Dogs* (18)" (<https://www.bbfc.co.uk/release/sleeping-dogs-q29sbgvjdgvlbjpwwc0xmdiwnrtgx>). *BBFC*. May 2, 2024. Retrieved May 3, 2024.
- "Karen Gillan Cast Opposite Russell Crowe in Crime Thriller 'Sleeping Dogs'" (<https://collider.com/karen-gillan-cast-sleeping-dogs>). *Collider*. February 18, 2023.
- "Russell Crowe to Star in Crime-Thriller 'Sleeping Dogs' for Nickel City Pictures" (<https://variety.com/2022/film/news/russell-crowe-alzheimers-crime-thriller-sleeping-city-toronto-film-festival-1235355479>). *Variety*. August 31, 2022.
- "Russell Crowe Cast as Lead in Adam Cooper's Directorial Debut 'Sleeping Dogs'" (<https://collider.com/sleeping-dogs-cast-russell-crowe-adam-cooper-directing>). *Collider*. August 31, 2022.
- "Karen Gillan and Marton Csokas Join Russell Crowe in Cold Case Crime Film 'Sleeping Dogs' (Exclusive)" (<https://variety.com/2023/film/asia/karen-gillan-marton-csokas-sleeping-dogs-1235525294>). *Variety*. February 18, 2023.
- "Russell Crowe To Star In *Sleeping Dogs* Filmed in Victoria" (<https://www.miragenews.com/russell-crowe-to-star-in-sleeping-dogs-filmed-948628>). *Miragenews.com*. February 15, 2023.
- "Russell Crowe's thriller *Sleeping Dogs* sets tongues wagging as filming starts across Melbourne" (<https://thenewdaily.com.au/entertainment/2023/03/02/russell-crowe-sleeping-dogs>). March 2, 2023. Retrieved March 7, 2023.
- "Russell Crowe spotted with fans in Melbourne's west" (<https://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/victoria/russell-crowe-spotted-with-fans-in-melbournes-west/news-story/d9cd5a1220913ecd031b0c32b746a970?amp&nk=147b67f4e3510c733bb54fbcafc7d977-1676747577>). *Herald Sun*.

	<div>Thomas M. Wright</div> <div>Harry Greenwood</div> <div>Tommy Flanagan</div>
<b>Cinematography</b>	Ben Nott
<b>Edited by</b>	<div>Matt Villa</div>
<b>Music by</b>	<div>David Hirschfelder</div>
<b>Production companies</b>	Nickel City Productions  Highland Film Group
<b>Distributed by</b>	The Avenue
<b>Release date</b>	March 22, 2024
<b>Running time</b>	112 minutes <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Country</b>	United States
<b>Language</b>	English

9. "Russell Crowe & Tommy Flanagan Investigate the Past in 'Sleeping Dogs' Image" (<https://collider.com/sleeping-dogs-image-russell-crowe-tommy-flanagan/>). *Collider*. May 20, 2023. Retrieved September 12, 2023.
10. "AFM: Russell Crowe Thriller 'Sleeping Dogs' Sells Key International Territories" (<https://variety.com/2022/film/news/afm-russell-crowe-thriller-sleeping-dogs-1235418267>). *Variety*. November 2022.
11. Frater, Patrick (October 27, 2023). "New Film Distributor Galaxy Pictures to Launch in Australia, New Zealand" (<https://variety.com/2023/film/news/film-distributor-galaxy-pictures-australia-new-zealand-1235770156/>). *Variety*. Retrieved October 27, 2023.
12. Nash, Anthony (January 25, 2024). "*Sleeping Dogs* Trailer Previews Russell Crowe-Led Crime Thriller" (<https://www.comingsoon.net/movies/trailers/1508317-sleeping-dogs-trailer-p-reviews-russell-crowe-led-crime-thriller>). *ComingSoon.net*. Retrieved January 26, 2024.
13. "*Sleeping Dogs*" ([https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/sleeping\\_dogs\\_2024](https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/sleeping_dogs_2024)). *Rotten Tomatoes*. Fandango Media. Retrieved April 19, 2024.
14. "*Sleeping Dogs*" (<https://www.metacritic.com/movie/sleeping-dogs>). *Metacritic*. Fandom, Inc. Retrieved April 14, 2024.

## External links

---

- [Official website](https://theavenue.film/movies/sleeping-dogs) (<https://theavenue.film/movies/sleeping-dogs>) 
  - *Sleeping Dogs* (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt8542964/>) at [IMDb](#)
- 

Retrieved from "[https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Sleeping\\_Dogs\\_\(2024\\_film\)&oldid=1222056058](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Sleeping_Dogs_(2024_film)&oldid=1222056058)"

▪