

Weinstein is found guilty of sex crimes in #MeToo watershed

Harvey Weinstein, the powerhouse film producer whose downfall over sexual misconduct ignited a global movement, was found guilty of two **felony** sex crimes Monday after a trial at which six women testified that he sexually assaulted them.

felony 重罪

acquit 无罪释放

A Manhattan jury convicted Weinstein of rape and criminal sexual act but **acquitted** him on three other counts, including the two most serious charges against him: being a sexual predator.

Weinstein sat **motionless** as the **verdict** was read.

motionless 静止的

verdict 结论; 裁定

"But, I'm innocent," he said three times to his lawyers, appearing stunned a few minutes later when he was **handcuffed** and two court officers led him off to jail to await sentencing.

handcuff 手铐; 限制

floodgate 水闸

Sexual misconduct complaints about Weinstein, an Oscar-winning producer of films like "Shakespeare in Love," had circulated for years, but exposés published by The New York Times and The New Yorker opened the **floodgates** in late 2017.

Scores of women went public with accusations that Weinstein had sexually assaulted or harassed them, while thousands more shared similar stories on social media about abuse by powerful men. Weinstein quickly became a symbol not just of Hollywood's **casting-couch** culture, but also of what women had endured in all kinds of workplaces for years.

casting-couch 潜规则

For many, Weinstein's trial in state Supreme Court in Manhattan was a **watershed** moment for the #MeToo movement and a crucial test in the effort to hold influential men accountable for sexual misconduct. He faces a prison sentence of up to 29 years.

watershed 分水岭; 转折点

"This verdict made it real for people watching from afar that you will be held accountable for your actions, " said Dawn Dunning, a former actress who testified at the trial. "You can't take advantage of people just because you have power and money."