

= Jumper ( 2008 film ) =

Jumper is a 2008 American science fiction @-@ action film loosely based on the 1992 science fiction novel of the same name written by Steven Gould . The film is directed by Doug Liman and stars Hayden Christensen , Jamie Bell , Rachel Bilson , Max Thieriot , AnnaSophia Robb , Diane Lane , Michael Rooker , and Samuel L. Jackson . The film follows a young man capable of teleporting as he is chased by a secret society intent on killing him . The script went through a rewrite prior to filming and the roles for the main characters were changed during production . Jumper was filmed in 20 cities in 14 countries between 2006 @-@ 07 . The film was released on February 14 , 2008 and a soundtrack on February 19 . The film held the first position in its opening weekend with \$ 27 @. @ 3 million , but received generally unfavourable reviews from critics , mostly due to the many changes from Gould 's novel , rushed plot and anti @-@ climactic ending .

= = Plot = =

In Ann Arbor , Michigan , 15 @-@ year @-@ old David Rice ( Max Thieriot ) gives his crush , Millie Harris ( AnnaSophia Robb ) , a snow globe . A bully , Mark Kobold ( Jesse James ) , throws it onto a frozen river . While trying to retrieve it , David falls through the ice and is pulled away by the current . He suddenly finds himself in the local library and discovers his ability to " jump " , ( teleporting ) from one place to another . Amazed with his new ability , he leaves his abusive father ( Michael Rooker ) and runs away from home .

Eight years later , an adult David ( Hayden Christensen ) lives lavishly on stolen money . One day , he is ambushed in his home by Roland Cox ( Samuel L. Jackson ) , a member of the Paladins , a group of religious extremists who have been tracking down and killing " Jumpers " . Their reasoning is that Jumpers ' alleged omnipresence is considered blasphemous . Roland tries to capture David with electric cables designed to nullify his ability , but David escapes . He returns to Ann Arbor , seeking his old crush Millie ( Rachel Bilson ) . When Mark ( Teddy Dunn ) attacks him , David teleports him into a bank vault and leaves him there . David then returns to Millie and invites her on a trip to Rome . Roland later discovers Mark in police custody and learns David 's identity .

In Rome , David and Millie grow closer , though he keeps his ability a secret . They visit the Colosseum , where David meets Griffin ( Jamie Bell ) , another Jumper . A group of Paladins appear , and Griffin casually kills them , then jumps away . David tries to leave with Millie , but he 's detained by Italian police and questioned about the deaths . David 's mother , Mary ( Diane Lane ) , who had left him when he was five , appears and helps him escape . She urges him to leave Rome with Millie , to protect her . Millie , upset and afraid when David tries to skirt around the issue , demands to know the truth . David declines and puts her on a plane home .

David runs into Griffin again , and follows him to his hideout in a cave . Griffin reveals that he has been trailing and killing Paladins for years and plans to kill Roland to avenge his parents . David sees Mary 's photo on the wall and realizes she is also a Paladin . Griffin tells David that the Paladins will target his loved ones to draw him out . David teleports home and finds his father lying bleeding . He gets his father to a hospital and returns to Griffin to ask for help . Realizing Roland is personally hunting David , Griffin agrees .

They go to pick Millie up at the airport , but she is no longer there . Griffin returns to his hideout to get weapons . David breaks into Millie 's apartment , angering her . Seeing Roland arriving , David decides to reveal the truth to her . He teleports her to Griffin 's hideout . Using a machine that keeps David 's " jump scar " open , the Paladins , including Roland , invade the hideout . David and Griffin subdue most of them . Roland is chased back through the jump scar , but he manages to snatch Millie with him . He sets up a trap in Millie 's apartment , expecting David to come back for her .

Obsessed with killing Roland , Griffin plans to bomb the apartment ; but David objects , wanting to save Millie . They fight and David traps Griffin with power lines in Chechnya . Ignoring Griffin 's warning , David jumps to Millie 's apartment and is quickly trapped by Roland 's cables . The cables " link " him to the apartment , making him unable to jump away alone . Mustering his strength , David teleports the apartment and everyone inside to a river . Once free of the cables , David teleports

Millie to safety and dumps Roland in a cave in the Grand Canyon . He leaves Roland there , explaining that not all Jumpers are a threat to be destroyed .

David visits his mother and discovers his half @-@ sister , Sophie ( Kristen Stewart ) . Mary tells David that when he was five , he made his jump . She is a Paladin and had to either kill David or leave . After leaving her house , David meets with Millie outside , and they jump to an unknown location .

= = Cast = =

Hayden Christensen as David Rice , a young man who discovers the ability to " jump " ( teleport ) .

Max Thieriot as 15 @-@ year @-@ old David

Ryan Grantham as 5 @-@ year @-@ old David

Rachel Bilson as Millie Harris , David 's childhood friend and crush .

AnnaSophia Robb as young Millie Harris

Samuel L. Jackson as Roland Cox , the leader of the Paladins group whose goal is to kill Jumpers . In the book , his name is Brian Cox , but it was changed in the film to prevent confusion with the English particle physicist or the Scottish character actor of the same name .

Jamie Bell as Griffin O 'Connor , a renegade Jumper who tracks down and eliminates the Paladins . During his search , he becomes friends with David . His whereabouts at the end of the movie are unknown .

Diane Lane as Mary Rice , David 's mother who separated from her son when he was five years old

Teddy Dunn as Mark Kobold , David 's childhood bully .

Jesse James as young Mark

Michael Rooker as William Rice , David 's father .

Kristen Stewart as Sophie , David 's half @-@ sister . ( Cameo )

Tom Hulce as Mr. Bowker

Barbara Garrick as Ellen

= = Production = =

= = = Script and storyboards = = =

In November 2005 , New Regency Productions hired director Doug Liman to helm the film adaptation of the science fiction novel Jumper by Steven Gould . Screenwriter Jim Uhls was hired to rewrite an adapted screenplay by David S. Goyer . However , Liman desired another rewrite and Simon Kinberg assisted in completing the script . Liman said about using the novel for developing the script : " This is 100 % Steven Gould 's story , it 's just reinvented as a movie . " In an interview , Gould revealed that he approved of the deviations from the novel . Before filming was to begin , the studio announced plans to develop a trilogy based on the novel 's premise .

While other films tend to use only one storyboard artist , Jumper required six , who each worked on an individual action sequence . The artists were given specific instruction on the rules of the teleportation used in the film , to ensure accuracy in the storyboarding . One of them , Rob McCallum , reflected on the instructions : " I was just thinking , ' How would a guy that can teleport fight ? ' So you were really pushing yourself to try to think of inventive , cool , spectacular ways that you could use this jumping talent that these characters have . "

= = = Casting = = =

In April 2006 , actors Tom Sturridge , Teresa Palmer , and Jamie Bell were cast for Jumper with Sturridge in the lead role ( who won the role over Heath Ledger , Devon Sawa , Eminem , Joseph Gordon @-@ Levitt , and Jared Padalecki ) . The following July , actor Samuel L. Jackson was cast

as an NSA agent , with producer Simon Kinberg rewriting the original screenplay draft by Goyer . Principal photography was scheduled to take place in Tokyo , Rome , Toronto , and New York . Production was stopped in June 2006 after producer Tom Rothman told Liman " The lead is 18 . Wouldn 't the movie be better if he was 25 ? You have a huge movie here and adults won 't go and see an 18 @-@ year @-@ old . They 'll consider it a children 's movie . You could make a bigger movie than that . " Liman agreed on casting older actors for furthering the romantic aspect of the film . In August , actor Hayden Christensen replaced Sturridge in the lead role as David just two weeks before the beginning of shooting , as the studio " became concerned about not having a more prominent actor in their trio of young stars . " After Christensen was recast for the lead role , Liman replaced Palmer with Rachel Bilson .

= = = Filming = = =

In September 2006 , Jumper was filmed at various locations in Peterborough , Ontario and principal photography began in Toronto in October . In December 2006 , Liman negotiated with the Rome Film Commission for rare access to film for three days in the Colosseum . The scene in the Colosseum was originally written for the Pantheon , at which exterior shots were also filmed . The crew was required to keep equipment off the ground by using harnesses and had to rely on natural light for filming . Filming took place for 45 minutes in the morning and in the evening so as not to disturb the public touring the amphitheater throughout the day . In order to maximize the short period for filming , four steadicams were set up to ensure time was not wasted in reloading the camera . A visual effects supervisor explained how visual effects were needed for various aspects after filming : " There were three kinds of shots : there were shots where they were able to get most of what they needed in the Colosseum [ sic ] itself ; and then there were shots on a set that needed extensions beyond the limits of the set ; and then there were shots where we needed to create the Coliseum basically from scratch . " After filming in Rome , scenes were filmed in Toronto during December 2006 to January 2007 and wrapped at the Canadian location on January 19 . On January 26 in Toronto , 56 @-@ year @-@ old David Ritchie , a set dresser , was fatally struck by frozen debris while dismantling an outdoor set in wintry conditions . Another worker was injured and was sent to a hospital with serious head and shoulder injuries . After Toronto , the cast and crew traveled to Tokyo to film scenes . One scene required over 30 shoots as the scene could only be filmed in between traffic light changes . As a result of director Liman insisting Christensen perform his own stunts , the actor injured his hand , split open his ear , and developed a hyperdilated pupil that required hospital care while filming various scenes . In February 2007 , the next filming site was set up at Gallup Park in Ann Arbor , Michigan . Sixty students from the nearby Huron High School were cast as extras for the film . Since additional filming was required of the area , twenty other students were used for a day of filming in September . Altogether , filming took place in 20 cities in 14 countries .

= = = Visual effects = = =

The New Zealand visual effects studio Weta Digital was initially selected to assist in creating a preview clip for the 2007 Comic @-@ Con Convention . The studio 's 100 employees later developed the visual effects for 300 of the 600 shots in the film . In total , there are more than 100 jumps in the film , and each jump was modified based on the distance and location the character ( s ) jumped . The jumps were developed using Nuke and Shake software ; many , including those to Big Ben and the Sphinx were created with Maya . Weta 's VFX supervisor Erik Winquist explained how the visual effects of the jumps were created : " The concept of what a jump looks like changed and evolved a little over the course of post production . There are shots in the film that use still array footage but not in the same way that we saw in The Matrix . The Matrix was largely about stopping time whereas this was about using slow shutter speeds on those still array cameras to end up with a streaky motion @-@ blurred image as the perspective was changing , which is a pretty interesting look . " Other visual effects studios that assisted with the film include Hydraulx , Digital Domain , and

Pixel Magic . Lightwave 3D was also used for some of the movie 's scenes .

= = Critical reception = =

The film received generally negative reviews from critics . Rotten Tomatoes gives the film a score of 16 % based on reviews from 156 critics , with an average score of 4 / 10 ; the consensus was " An erratic action pic with little coherence and lackluster special effects . " Metacritic gives the film an average score of 35 , based on 36 reviews .

Austin Chronicle 's Marc Salov called the film " ... pretty slick , entertaining stuff , well @-@ crafted by Liman , edited into a tight , action @-@ packed bundle of nerviness . " Empire had a verdict of " [ Doug ] Liman ? s least charismatic action movie and the least developed , but it still packs some cracking action into its brief running time and lays foundations on which a great franchise could be built . " Australian film reviewer David Stratton was far less kind , stating that " this film represents a new [ watershed ] in the history of the cinema because it 's got no plot , it 's got no characters , it 's got no action scene that makes any kind of sense " , and awarded it half a star out of five .

= = Box office = =

The film was released on February 14 , 2008 in the United States and Canada , in the hopes of pulling in business on Valentine 's Day . The film was targeted at an audience of both males and females below the age of 25 . Jumper grossed \$ 27 @. @ 3 million on 4 @, @ 600 screens in 3 @, @ 428 theaters from Friday to Sunday , ranking first for the weekend at the box office . In its first weekend , the film set the record for the largest February release in Korea and had the first place position in 11 of the 30 markets it was released in . For the first two weekends of its release , the film maintained its number one position in international markets , while slipping to the second position in the United States to the release of Vantage Point . The film 's worldwide gross is \$ 221 @, @ 231 @, @ 186 with \$ 80 @, @ 172 @, @ 128 from the box office in the United States and Canada and \$ 142 @, @ 059 @, @ 058 from other territories . It was the 28th highest @-@ grossing film worldwide for 2008 .

= = Soundtrack = =

The score for the film was released on February 19 , 2008 , after the film 's release in theaters . The tracks were all written by John Powell . The music was conducted by Brett Weymark and performed by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra .

= = Home media = =

The film was released on DVD and Blu @-@ ray Disc in North America on June 10 , 2008 and internationally on June 16 . Special features include a commentary , deleted scenes , an animated graphic novel , featurettes , and a digital copy allowing consumers to watch the film on portable devices .

= = = Video game = = =

A video game titled Jumper : Griffin 's Story was made for the Xbox 360 , PlayStation 2 , and Wii consoles . The storyline focuses on the character Griffin as he attempts to avenge the death of his parents . Nicholas Longano of the video game publisher Brash Entertainment stated , " From the very first script read , we knew this had to be made into a game . The teleportation elements make for some very compelling gameplay . " The game was released on February 12 , 2008 , two days before the film 's wide release . Game Rankings gave the Xbox 360 version of the game a 28 % positive rating , based on 12 reviews . The PlayStation 2 version received a 35 % positive rating while the Wii version had a 23 % positive rating . Daemon Hatfield of IGN reviewed the Xbox 360

version and gave it a negative review : " Low production values , monotonous gameplay , and lackluster visuals make this a story you can jump past . "

= = = Novel tie @-@ ins = = =

Steven Gould , the author of Jumper and Reflex also wrote Jumper : Griffin 's Story as a tie @-@ in for the film . The novel , released on August 21 , 2007 , focuses on the character Griffin which was created by screenwriter David S. Goyer specifically for the film . Because Griffin had not appeared in the two prior novels , Gould developed Jumper : Griffin 's Story as a backstory of the character 's early childhood before the film . When writing the novel , Gould had to work closely with a producer of the film to ensure that the story did not conflict with the film 's premise .

Oni Press released a graphic novel , Jumper : Jumpscars , that portrays several backstories related to the film . The novel was released on February 13 , 2008 , one day before the film 's wide release . A publisher for Oni Press commented on the tie @-@ in to the film , stating : " The world that was being built around these characters was so well @-@ realized and the mythology so interesting that other stories about this conflict would be plentiful and add to what the filmmakers were building . " The novel was written by Nunzio DeFilippis and Christina Weir and illustrated by Brian Hurtt .

= = Sequel = =

Author Steven Gould second novel in the Jumper series , Reflex , was published in 2004 ( by 2014 , two more Gould novels in the series have been published ) .

Prior to the film 's 2008 release , Hayden Christensen reflected on the possibility of one or more sequels : " This has definitely been set up in a way that will allow for more films , and Doug has been careful to make sure that he 's created characters that will have room to grow . " Lucas Foster during production of the film stated in an interview : " The ideas got so large , that they really couldn 't fit into , you know , one or two movies , they needed to evolve over at least three movies . So we planned the story out over three movies and then we sliced it up in such a way as to leave room for the other two movies . "

In response to the film 's box office performance , director Doug Liman has spoken of his ideas for a sequel . Among them are that Jumpers can reach other planets and travel in time , as well as their capacity for espionage . He has also stated that Rachel Bilson 's character would learn how to jump ( hinted by David falling unconscious before the jump from the river to the library ) , just as in Gould 's sequel , Reflex .

= = Prequel = =

Jumper : Griffin 's Story follows the character Griffin as he deals with the death of his parents and the relentless pursuit of the Paladins through his adolescent and teenage years .