

= Fantastic Four in film =

The fictional superhero team Fantastic Four featured in Marvel Comics publication has appeared in four live @-@ action films since its inception . The plots deal with four main characters , known formally as Reed Richards , Susan Storm , Ben Grimm and Johnny Storm , and how they adapt to the superpowers they attain .

Constantin Film bought the film rights for the characters in 1986 . A low @-@ budget film was produced in 1992 by New Horizon Studios owned by Roger Corman . In 2004 , with a distribution deal from 20th Century Fox , a second Fantastic Four film entered production . Fantastic Four was released in 2005 and the sequel Fantastic Four : Rise of the Silver Surfer was released in 2007 . Both films received negative reviews from critics , yet earned a combined US \$ 619 million worldwide at the box office . Due to 20th Century Fox 's disappointment with the box @-@ office return of Fantastic Four : Rise of the Silver Surfer , a potential third Fantastic Four film and a Silver Surfer spin @-@ off film were canceled .

In 2009 , the development for a reboot was announced . Directed by Josh Trank , Fantastic Four was released on August 7 , 2015 and received negative reviews from both critics and public , and Trank himself . A sequel to the reboot was scheduled to be released on June 9 , 2017 , but it was removed from Fox 's upcoming slate .

= = Films = =

= = = The Fantastic Four (1994) = = =

The story of the film focused on four astronauts that were bombarded with cosmic rays from a comet while on an experimental space craft . In the process , they acquired extraordinary abilities .

In 1986 , Bernd Eichinger of Constantin Film acquired the film rights of the Fantastic Four from Marvel Comics . In 1992 , Eichinger hired Roger Corman to produce a low @-@ budget film in order to keep the rights . In 1994 , the adaptation , titled The Fantastic Four , had its trailer released to theaters , and its cast and director went on a promotional tour , however the film was not officially released . The film was accused of being an ashcan copy , meaning it was only made to keep the license . Stan Lee and Eichinger stated that the actors had no idea of the situation , instead believing they were creating a proper release . Marvel Comics paid in exchange for the film 's negative , so 20th Century Fox could go ahead with the big @-@ budget adaptation . While the film was never released to theaters and home @-@ video , it was released by bootleg video distributors .

= = = Original film series = = =

= = = = Fantastic Four (2005) = = = =

The story features Reed Richards , Ben Grimm , Susan Storm , Johnny Storm and Victor von Doom getting hit by a space storm after boarding into a space station . As a result , by the radiation from the storm , they get new abilities and powers that they have deal with in their own ways .

Chris Columbus was hired by 20th Century Fox to write and direct the film in 1995 . In 1997 , Peter Segal was attached to a script which had been written by Columbus and Michael France . Segal later left the project in the same year . Phillip Morton worked on the script , and Sam Hamm did rewrites in 1998 . The following year , Raja Gosnell signed on as director . The film was announced in August 2000 as being aimed for a July 4 , 2001 release date . Gosnell decided to leave the project to film Scooby @-@ Doo . Peyton Reed served as replacement in April 2001 . Reed contemplated making the film as a period piece set in the early 1960s during the space race . He later dropped out from the film . In April 2004 , Tim Story was hired to direct and principal

photography began in August in Vancouver , Canada with re @-@ shoots carried on until May 2005 . Starring Ioan Gruffudd , Jessica Alba , Chris Evans , Michael Chiklis and Julian McMahon , the film was released on July 8 , 2005 .

== = Fantastic Four : Rise of the Silver Surfer (2007) = = =

The story , both inspired by Stan Lee and Jack Kirby 's Fantastic Four comic @-@ book storyline " The Galactus Trilogy " and Warren Ellis 's comic @-@ book Ultimate Extinction , features the Silver Surfer , whose cosmic energy has been affecting the planet Earth and leaving craters around the planet . Set against an impending wedding between Reed and Susan , the U.S. Army recruits the Fantastic Four to help stop the Silver Surfer , and separately gain help from Doom .

With Fantastic Four grossing \$ 330 @. @ 5 million worldwide , 20th Century Fox hired director Tim Story and screenwriter Mark Frost in December 2005 to return to work for the sequel . Don Payne was also hired to write the screenplay . Principal photography began on August 28 , 2006 in Vancouver , Canada . The film was released on June 15 , 2007 .

Due to 20th Century Fox 's disappointment in the box @-@ office performance of the film , a potential third Fantastic Four film and a Silver Surfer spin @-@ off film were canceled .

== = Reboot = = =

== = = Fantastic Four (2015) = = = =

The story , loosely based on the Ultimate Fantastic Four comic @-@ books , features four people teleporting to an alternate universe , which alters their physical form and grants them new abilities . They must learn to harness their abilities and work together as a team to save the Earth from a familiar enemy .

In August 2009 , the development for the reboot of the Fantastic Four film franchise was announced by 20th Century Fox . In July 2012 , Josh Trank was hired to direct . Michael Green , Jeremy Slater , Seth Grahame @-@ Smith and Simon Kinberg were hired to write the screenplay with Slater and Kinberg receiving credit . Casting began in January 2014 with the announcement of the cast occurred in the following months . Principal photography began in May 2014 in Baton Rouge , Louisiana and ended in August the same year . Starring Miles Teller , Kate Mara , Michael B. Jordan , Jamie Bell and Toby Kebbell , the film was released on August 7 , 2015 . A sequel was originally planned for 2017 , but was removed from the studio 's schedule in November 2015 .

= = Recurring cast and characters = =

List indicator (s)

This table only includes characters which have appeared in more than one film .

A dark grey cell indicates the character was not in the film , or that the character 's presence in the film has not yet been announced .

= = Crew = =

= = Home media release = =

20th Century Fox Home Entertainment released Fantastic Four and Fantastic Four : Rise of the Silver Surfer on DVD , Blu @-@ ray and digital download . The films were also released on DVD and Blu @-@ ray box sets :

= = Reception = =

== Box office performance ==

The Fantastic Four film series is the fourth highest @-@ grossing film series based on Marvel Comics characters after the Marvel Cinematic Universe , the Spider @-@ Man films and the X @-@ Men film series respectively grossing over \$ 342 million in North America and over \$ 787 million worldwide .

== Critical and public response ==

None of the Fantastic Four films to date have been positively received by critics . Scott Weinberg of eFilmCritic called the 1994 film " [a] painfully silly film , one with more heroic intentions than actual assets . "

Rene Rodriguez of The Miami Herald gave negative reviews to the Fantastic Four films directed by Tim Story . Regarding Rise of the Silver Surfer , he stated , " Story does the same sort of efficient , impersonal job he did on the first film , keeping things at such a basic , almost childish level that it seems the movie is aimed squarely , if not exclusively , at the 12 @-@ and @-@ under set . " However , Roger Moore of Orlando Sentinel gave Story 's Fantastic Four films good reviews . He called the first film as a " popcorn popper " and a " cinematic sugar buzz " and the second film an " entertaining film that doesn 't overstay its welcome . "

The 2015 Fantastic Four film was the weakest reviewed of the series ; it was criticised for its dark , humorless tone , its character arcs , designs (especially that of Dr. Doom) , bland acting , and poorly written story . Josh Trank , who directed the film , was himself not satisfied , posting a message on Twitter stating he had a better version of the film , but was ruined by Fox ; he later deleted the message .