

= The Fault in Our Stars (film) =

The Fault in Our Stars is a 2014 American romantic drama film directed by Josh Boone , based on the novel of the same name by John Green . The film stars Shailene Woodley , Ansel Elgort , and Nat Wolff , with Laura Dern , Sam Trammell , and Willem Dafoe playing supporting roles . Woodley plays Hazel Grace Lancaster , a sixteen @-@ year @-@ old cancer patient who is forced by her parents to attend a support group , where she subsequently meets and falls in love with Augustus Waters , another cancer patient , played by Elgort .

Development of The Fault in Our Stars began in January 2012 when Fox 2000 , a division of 20th Century Fox , optioned the rights to adapt the novel into a feature film . Principal photography began on August 26 , 2013 , in Pittsburgh , Pennsylvania , with a few additional days in Amsterdam , Netherlands , before concluding on October 16 , 2013 . Pittsburgh doubled for all the scenes set in Indianapolis , Indiana , as well as for some interior scenes set in Amsterdam .

The Fault in Our Stars was released on June 6 , 2014 , in the United States to positive critical reception , with praise going to Woodley 's performance as well as the script . The film was also a blockbuster , becoming number one at the box office during its opening weekend and grossed over US \$ 307 million worldwide against its budget of \$ 12 million . It was released on Blu @-@ ray and DVD on September 16 , 2014 .

= = Plot = =

Hazel Grace Lancaster (Shailene Woodley) is an intelligent and witty teenager living in Indianapolis , who has terminal thyroid cancer that has since spread to her lungs . Believing she is depressed , Hazel 's mother Frannie (Laura Dern) urges her to attend a weekly cancer patient support group to help her make friends who are going through the same thing .

One week , Hazel meets Augustus Waters (Ansel Elgort) , a charming teenager who lost a leg from bone cancer years earlier but has since been cancer @-@ free . He invites Hazel to his house and she accepts , where they bond over their hobbies and agree to read each other 's favorite book . Hazel recommends An Imperial Affliction , a novel about a cancer @-@ stricken girl named Anna that parallels Hazel 's experience , and Augustus gives Hazel Counter Insurgency . They keep in touch via text over the weeks that follow and grow closer . After Augustus finishes the book , he expresses frustration with its abrupt ending (it ends in the middle of a sentence) . Hazel explains that the novel 's mysterious author , Peter Van Houten (Willem Dafoe) , retreated to Amsterdam following the novel 's publication and has not been heard from since .

Weeks later , Augustus tells Hazel that he has traced Van Houten 's assistant , Lidewij (Lotte Verbeek) , and has corresponded with Van Houten by email . Hazel then writes to him to find out more about the novel 's ambiguous ending and Van Houten replies that he is only willing to answer her questions in person . Overwhelmed and excited , Hazel asks her mother if she can travel to Amsterdam to visit him , but Frannie rejects it because of financial and medical constraints . Augustus suggests that she use her " cancer wish " since children and young adults with life @-@ threatening illnesses receive one arranged experience of their choice , but Hazel explains that she already used hers to visit Disney World when she was younger . Augustus and Hazel go on a picnic date and soon begin to fall in love . Augustus also surprises Hazel with tickets to Amsterdam after using his wish on her . However , days before the trip , Hazel suffers from pleural effusion and is sent to an intensive care unit (ICU) . Although initially concerned , her doctors eventually agree to allow the trip , since they expect that she will soon become incapable of doing anything at all .

Hazel and Augustus arrive in Amsterdam and are presented with reservations at an expensive restaurant , pre @-@ paid for by Van Houten . During the meal , Augustus confesses his love for Hazel . The following afternoon , they get the bus into the city and head to Van Houten 's house , but are soon shocked to find he is a mean @-@ spirited alcoholic ; Lidewij arranged the meeting and their dinner on his behalf without him knowing anything about it . Angered by his assistant 's actions , he taunts Hazel for seeking serious answers to a piece of fiction and belittles her medical condition . She leaves , utterly distraught . On their way back to the hotel , Lidewij invites them to go

sightseeing to make up for their ruined experience . The three visit the Anne Frank House , where Hazel struggles to climb the house 's many stairs . At the end of the tour , Augustus and Hazel kiss to the applause of many fellow tourists . They spend that night together in their hotel and have sex for the first time . The next day while out in the city , Augustus tells Hazel that his cancer has relapsed , has spread throughout his body and is terminal . Hazel is heartbroken , expressing how unfair life can be .

After their return to Indianapolis , Augustus ' health worsens each week . Hazel receives a desperate call from him late at night after he tries to get a new pack of cigarettes at the gas station . He is taken to the ICU for a few days and realizes he is close to death . Augustus invites his blind best friend Isaac (Nat Wolff) and Hazel to his pre @-@ funeral , where they deliver eulogies they 've both prepared . Hazel tells him she would not trade their short time together for anything , since he " gave me a forever within the numbered days . "

Augustus dies eight days later . At his funeral , Hazel is astonished to find Van Houten in attendance . He tells her he maintained correspondence with Augustus after Amsterdam and that Augustus had demanded he attend his funeral to make up for the spoiled trip . He then tells Hazel that his novel is based on the experiences of his daughter Anna , who died from leukemia at a young age . Van Houten tries to tell Hazel about the fate of Anna 's mother ; he gives Hazel a piece of paper . Hazel , still upset with his behavior in Amsterdam , crumples up the paper and asks him to leave . Later , talking with Isaac , Hazel learns that Augustus had asked Van Houten to help him write a eulogy for her . She retrieves the crumpled paper and reads Augustus ' words , which state his acceptance of death and his love for Hazel . Hazel lies on her back on her lawn looking up at the stars , smiling as she remembers Augustus and says " Okay . "

= = = An Imperial Affliction = = =

The book An Imperial Affliction , which features within both the original novel and the film , is fictitious , as is its author Peter Van Houten ; both are used to enhance the themes and story .

= = = Differences between the novel and film = = =

According to Lindsey Weber of Vulture.com , the differences between the book and the film include Hazel mentioning the band the Hectic Glow many times in the book , but not in the film . Gus is also 17 in the book , and this is changed in the film to him being 18 . In the book , Gus has an ex @-@ girlfriend , Caroline , who died from cancer . This does not occur in the film . Hazel 's former best friend Kaitlyn does not appear in the film . In the book , Hazel and Gus meet when Hazel turns around to find Gus staring at her , while in the film , they meet on the way to their support groups . Gus dies more quickly in the film than in the book . In the book , Hazel searches for the letter , while in the film , Van Houten gives it to her . In the book , Hazel shows forgiveness towards van Houten after Gus 's funeral , while in the film she demands that he leave . In the book , Hazel is a vegetarian but this is not referenced in the film . A scene in the film , in which Gus comes in a limousine to pick up Hazel and her mother when they are leaving for Amsterdam , does not appear in the book . However , in the book , Gus is late when Hazel and her mother arrive at his house in a taxi because he appears to be fighting with his parents over his cancer relapse and his trip .

= = Cast = =

Shailene Woodley as Hazel Grace Lancaster

Lily Kenna as young Hazel

Ansel Elgort as Augustus " Gus " Waters

Nat Wolff as Isaac , Augustus ' best friend

Laura Dern as Frannie Lancaster , Hazel 's mother

Sam Trammell as Michael Lancaster , Hazel 's father

Willem Dafoe as Peter van Houten

Lotte Verbeek as Lidewij Vliegenthart , van Houten 's assistant
Mike Birbiglia as Patrick , the Support Group leader
Ana Dela Cruz as Dr. Maria
Milica Govich as Mrs. Waters , Augustus 's mother
David Whalen as Mr. Waters , Augustus 's father
Emily Peachey as Monica
Emily Bach as Monica 's Mom
Carole Weyers (voice) as Anne Frank

= = Production = =

= = = Pre @-@ production = = =

On January 31 , 2012 , it was announced that Fox 2000 , a division of 20th Century Fox , had optioned the rights to adapt the John Green novel *The Fault in Our Stars* into a feature film . Wyck Godfrey with Marty Bowen were due to produce the film with their production company , Temple Hill Entertainment . Stephen Chbosky , who directed *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* (also filmed in Pittsburgh) , was in talks for directing the film . Yet he turned it down due to it being so resemblant of his latest project *Perks* . On February 19 , 2013 , Josh Boone was hired as director ; Scott Neustadter and Michael H. Weber were hired to adapt the novel into a screenplay ? their second adaptation for Fox , after *Rosaline* .

= = = Casting = = =

On March 19 , 2013 , Entertainment Weekly announced that Shailene Woodley (who had recently been cast in and was filming *Divergent*) would play Hazel Grace Lancaster . Director Josh Boone said , " We read close to 150 actresses for the role , and I saw about 50 of those . Within ten or fifteen seconds of Shailene 's audition , I knew she was Hazel . She held up her script pages and just her eyes were peeking over them . " On May 10 , 2013 , Ansel Elgort was cast as Hazel 's love interest , Augustus Waters . On July 23 , Laura Dern joined the cast as Hazel 's mother Frannie Lancaster , and Nat Wolff as Issac , Augustus ' best friend . Wolff told HuffPost Live , " It 's exciting , I feel really lucky . The fact that I get to work with these super talented people ? I mean , that 's part of the reason why , I 'm good in the movie , that 's the reason . " On August 14 , Sam Trammell was cast as Hazel 's father Michael Lancaster , and on August 28 , author John Green announced that Mike Birbiglia would be playing Patrick . On September 6 , he tweeted that Willem Dafoe would play Peter van Houten .

Prior to these announcements , author John Green had tweeted that he would be happy if Mae Whitman played Hazel , and in February 2013 , there had been speculation that Shailene Woodley and Hailee Steinfeld were among those being considered for the lead role .

John Green filmed a cameo appearance ; his scene was cut from the film but is included in the deleted scenes section of the film 's DVD and Blu @-@ ray releases . In the cut scene , Green plays the father of a young girl who asks about Hazel 's cannula while at the airport . Green said , " They cut [the scene] because it was totally unnecessary to the movie @-@ slash @-@ I was terrible " .

= = = Filming = = =

Principal photography began on August 26 , 2013 in Pittsburgh , Pennsylvania . Film locations included Oakmont , Pittsburgh Children 's Hospital , and the historic " Mansions on Fifth " hotel . The church scenes were filmed at St. Paul 's Episcopal Church in the Pittsburgh suburb Mt . Lebanon . Filming in Pennsylvania continued until October 10 , then the production moved to Amsterdam , where filming began on October 14 . Filming was officially completed on October 16 , 2013 .

In Amsterdam , three days of filming took place . Woodley and Elgort were filmed on a canal @-@

side public bench . On July 2 , 2014 , The Guardian reported that the bench had gone missing , and city officials said they did not know where it was . Amsterdam city spokesman , Stephan van der Hoek said , " It 's a bit embarrassing , because we do keep good track of them , but it 's gone all right " . He promised to install a new bench within weeks . Just a week later , Entertainment Weekly said the Amsterdam film office had tweeted a photograph taken during the installation of the stolen bench ; Amsterdam film commissioner Simon Brester said it was the same bench , not a replacement .

Filming in Pittsburgh included the interior scenes at the Anne Frank House , which was recreated on a soundstage at Pittsburgh Studios located in the quaint community of Churchill Borough , Pennsylvania in the East suburbs of Pittsburgh . Production designer Molly Hughes and art director Greg Weimerskirch built three different studio sets in Pittsburgh , one for each floor . Also , the Funky Bones art monument in Indianapolis was recreated in Pittsburgh with the help of the sculpture 's creator , Dutch artist Joep Van Lieshout .

Author John Green , though an Indianapolis native , was pleased with the selection of Pittsburgh for filming . He commented that " Pittsburgh has an amazing community of really talented film professionals that ? s been built up over the last 20 years . I ? ve been blown away by their professionalism , their confidence , their dedication . There aren ? t a lot of cities like that . You kind of have to find the city that can be Indianapolis . And Pittsburgh , even though it has a lot of hills , it can be Indianapolis . We just have to find a couple of flat streets . "

= = = Music = = =

Mike Mogis and Nate Walcott of Bright Eyes scored the film . The full album track list was released on April 13 , 2014 , featuring songs from artists including M83 , Grouplove , Kodakline , Jake Bugg , Tom Odell , Birdy , Ed Sheeran and Charli XCX , who performed " Boom Clap " , one of the main songs from the movie , which became an international success , due in part to its exposure during the film . The soundtrack was released by Atlantic Records on May 19 in the U.S , and on June 23 in the UK .

= = Release = =

The Fault in Our Stars premiered to 300 guests at the Ziegfeld Theater in New York City on June 2 , 2014 . At the premiere , Green said , " I didn 't want to sell it , because Hollywood sucks at making unsentimental movies about illness " . The film was released on June 6 , 2014 . After the New York premiere , Evangeline Earl , a student , announced that Green 's book , from which the film was adapted , had been inspired by her sister Esther Earl , who had also been an author . Esther suffered from thyroid cancer and died in 2010 . Evangeline said Esther had met Green at LeakyCon , a Harry Potter convention held in Boston in 2009 . Green said , " I could never have written The Fault in Our Stars without knowing Esther . Every word on that book depends on her . " Author John Green said he used the word " okay " in the book and the film because Hazel and Augustus used it to express their love for each other ; it becomes a special word between them . The original novel was inspired by the late author Esther Earl , who used the word " okay " with her sister Abigail .

= = = Marketing = = =

The first trailer was released on January 29 , 2014 . The trailer had over three million views in fewer than 24 hours , and more than 15 million views in its first seven days . A video clip was shown before the show at the 2014 MTV Movie Awards on April 13 , 2014 . An extended trailer was released on April 28 , 2014 , and Fox released more clips via YouTube as part of the film 's pre @-@ release promotion . On April 2 , 2014 , the studio announced the launch of a promotional tour program named " Demand Our Stars " , in which Green , Woodley , Elgort , and Wolff would visit the states that got most votes from fans re @-@ blogging their states ' map outlines . Four states won ; the tour program started in Miami , Florida , on May 6 , Cleveland , Ohio , on May 7 , Nashville ,

Tennessee , on May 8 , and ended in Dallas , Texas , on May 9 .

== Home media ==

The Fault in Our Stars was released on DVD and Blu-ray on September 16 , 2014 . The " Little Infinities " Blu-ray edition features the theatrical 126 minute and extended 133 minute versions of the film , a number of deleted scenes including the John Green cameo , and featurettes .

== Reception ==

== Critical response ==

The Fault in Our Stars received positive reviews from critics , with Woodley 's performance and Neustadter and Weber 's screenplay receiving praise . It received a " Certified Fresh " rating from review aggregator Rotten Tomatoes , which reported an 80 % approval rating from critics with an average score of 6 @. 9 / 10 , based on 199 reviews . The site 's consensus says , " Wise , funny , and heartbreaking without resorting to exploitation , The Fault in Our Stars does right by its bestselling source material " . Metacritic gave the film a 69 out of 100 , based on reviews from 45 critics , indicating " generally favorable reviews " . CinemaScore gave the film an " A " on an A + to F scale .

Steven Rea of The Philadelphia Inquirer gave the film a score of 3 out of 4 ; he said , " Woodley ... balances grace with gravity , wit with heart " . A. O. Scott writing for The New York Times said , " The film sets out to make you weep ? not just sniffle or choke up a little , but sob until your nose runs and your face turns blotchy . It succeeds . " The Boston Globe 's Ty Burr gave the film a rating of 2 @. 5 out 4 and said , " If Elgort 's Gus is glibly charming and ultimately affecting , " The Fault in Our Stars " belongs to Woodley , a performer who always seems to be backing warily into her own movies . "

Quickflix 's Simon Miraudo rated the film 3 / 5 , and said , " The Fault in Our Stars undeniably sets us up to knock us down " . Richard Roeper of Chicago Sun @- Times gave the film 4 stars . He said her performance as Hazel was " transcendent , pure and authentic " , stating that , " she 's that memorable " . Scott Mendelson of Forbes magazine said the film is " exceptionally high @- quality mainstream entertainment " and called it " a genuine work of art " . Anna Smith of Empire said it was a , " touching romance and Shailene Woodley 's best performance yet " . Emma Dibdin of Digital Spy wrote " The Fault in Our Stars is a sharp and emotionally @- sophisticated weepie that imbues its teenage characters with rare intelligence , and tackles its bleak subject matter with acerbic wit and tenderness " . Andy Lea of the Daily Star said , " as teen romances go , this is powerful stuff " . Wilson Morales at BlackFilm.com praised Woodley and Elgort 's performances , saying they " are so captivating and genuine in their performances , they manage to make this intensely poignant film very moving , romantic and highly entertaining " .

Time magazine 's Richard Corliss wrote , " Hazel and Augustus will live in film lore because of the young actors who play them " . Chris Vongar of Dallas Morning News gave the film a B + as " the movie is witty and alive and only very occasionally maudlin " . USA Today 's Claudia Puig called the film " well @- written , well @- acted , acerbic , funny and wisely observed " , giving it 3 @. 5 out of 4 . Chris Nashawaty of Entertainment Weekly called the film a " funny , sweet , three @- hankie tearjerker " and gave the B grade . Geoff Pevere of The Globe and Mail said , " While it may not conform to one 's real @- life expectations it certainly hews tightly to teen @- flick conventions . " Connie Ogle of The Miami Herald called it a , " sweet , romantic film full of sudden warmth and humor " . A.A. Dowd of The A.V. Club gave the film a " B " saying that it is , " blessed with sparks of wit and buoyed by the talents of a charismatic cast " .

Peter Bradshaw of The Guardian gave the film a negative review , likening it to " being mugged by a professional whose skills in mixed martial arts you can 't help but notice and appreciate , even as

you are savagely beaten , then dragged upright , bruised and bleeding , and forced to watch as your assailant gives fully 45 % of your money to charity " . Christy Lemire writing for Roger Ebert 's website gave it two stars out of four and criticized the film for being " emotionally inert , despite its many moments that are meant to put a lump in our throats " . Lemire criticized Elgort 's performance and praised Woodley 's " abiding , disarming naturalism " . Robbie Collin writing for The Daily Telegraph said , " Gus is something of a manic pixie dreamboat : the lesser @-@ spotted male version of the kooky , adoring girlfriend @-@ type sometimes played by Kirsten Dunst , Natalie Portman , and Zooey Deschanel " . David Edelstein of NPR said , " I know people who cried at the trailer of the romantic teen cancer movie The Fault in Our Stars ? at the movie they 'll need a life preserver to keep from drowning in a flood of tears . Me , I didn 't cry , though at times my tear ducts tingled ; I was on the verge . The film is a little slick for my taste , too engineered . But it 's gently directed by Josh Boone and beautifully acted . Whatever the faults , it 's not in the stars . " Shalini Langer of The Indian Express gave the film two and a half stars and said , " The film is faithful to a fault from the dialogues to the clothes , the setting and the food , even while skipping over some of the unpleasant details " . Dana Stevens writing for Slate Magazine said , " What in the name of God is wrong with me that I didn 't cry once ? I , who just the day before wept through the entirety of my child 's thoroughly upbeat school play " .

Two Christian reviewers and some theologians have mentioned the presence of Christian themes in the film . Writing for Catholic News Agency , Robert Barron said , " I don 't think it is the least bit accidental that Waters (Gus 's last name) and Grace (Hazel 's middle name) met in the sacred heart of Christ and thereby , despite their shared suffering , managed to give life to one another ... [and so] Hazel effectively repudiates her nihilism and materialism as she responds across the barrier of death to Gus 's 'okay ' " . He also said , " [Is] this film a satisfying presentation of Christianity ? Hardly . But for those who are struggling to find their way to meaning and faith , it 's not an entirely bad place to start . "

The film 's studio , 20th Century Fox , mounted a campaign to have Shailene Woodley to be nominated for the Academy Award for Best Actress , as well as the film 's screenplay , but neither was ultimately awarded .

= = = Box office = = =

The Fault in Our Stars earned US \$ 124 @, @ 872 @, @ 350 in North America and \$ 181 @, @ 645 @, @ 551 in other countries for a worldwide total of \$ 306 @, @ 517 @, @ 901 .

In North America , the film 's income received a boost from " The Night Before Our Stars " , a premium @-@ priced event for which tickets sold for up to \$ 25 , which included a screening of the film and a simulcast question and answer session with cast and crew including Woodley , Elgort , Wolff , and Green . The film earned \$ 8 @. @ 2 million from Thursday night showings and \$ 26 @. @ 1 million on its opening day . During its opening weekend , the film accumulated \$ 48 @, @ 002 @, @ 573 from 3 @, @ 173 theaters at an average of \$ 15 @, @ 128 per theater , making it number one in North America .

In locations outside North America , The Fault in Our Stars earned \$ 16 @. @ 59 million from 2 @, @ 892 screens in 17 markets in its opening weekend , placing at No. 4 behind Edge of Tomorrow (\$ 81 million) , Maleficent (\$ 61 @. @ 7 million) and X @-@ Men : Days of Future Past (\$ 41 @. @ 1 million) . Brazil , Mexico and Australia generated the highest income with \$ 5 @. @ 8 million , \$ 3 @. @ 8 million and \$ 3 @. @ 7 million respectively . The following week the film earned \$ 16 @. @ 1 million from 40 markets remiaining at No. 4 again .

= = = Awards and nominations = = =

= = Hindi remake = =

On August 6 , 2014 , India 's Fox Star Studios announced its intention to produce a remake of The

Fault in Our Stars in Hindi . The studio 's CEO , Vijay Singh , said the English version of the film , which was released in India in July 2014 , had earned over \$ 1 million there . On September 19 , it was announced that Homi Adajania , the director of Finding Fanny (2014) , and producer Dinesh Vijan would be working with Fox Star to develop the film , which will be co @-@ produced by Vijan 's company Maddock Films . On September 25 , Deepika Padukone and Varun Dhawan were confirmed to be playing the lead roles .