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EVERY FAIRY TALE HAS A DARK SIDE.
Saroo, a five year old child in India, lived with his poor but happy rural family. On a trip with his brother, Saroo finds himself alone and trapped in a moving, decommissioned passenger train that takes him to Calcutta, thousands of kilometres away from home. Totally lost in an alien urban environment and too young to identify either himself or his home to the authorities, Saroo struggles to survive as a street child until he is sent to an orphanage. Saroo is adopted by a family in Tasmania, where he grows up in a loving, prosperous home. However, for all his material good fortune, as an adult Saroo finds himself plagued by his memories of his lost family and he searches for them even as his guilt drives him to hide this quest from his adoptive parents. Only when he has an epiphany does he realize not only the answers he needs, but also that he has always had steadfast love in both of his worlds.

**FILM FACTS:**
- This is 8 year old Sunny Pawar’s film debut. He didn’t speak English when filming began and bonded with Nicole Kidman, his on-screen mother, by playing cricket with her - scenes which eventually made it into the film.
- The film was developed by Australian producers Andrew Fraser and Shahen Mekertichian. They stubbornly refused to change the Australian setting of the film to America and received several rejections from American film production companies.
**Facts**

- According to composer Justin Hurwitz, all the piano performance featured in the film was first recorded by pianist Randy Kerber during pre-production. Ryan Gosling then spent two hours a day, six days a week in piano lessons learning the music by heart. By the time filming had begun, Gosling was able to play all the piano sequences seen in the film without the use of a hand double or CGI.

- La La Land was nominated for 14 Academy Awards, the most for any musical in history. It would ultimately win 6 Oscars, including Best Director for Damien Chazelle, the youngest recipient of the award, and Best Actress in a Leading Role for Emma Stone.

**Fun Facts**

- Leonardo DiCaprio was considered for the lead role, but decided to produce the film instead.

- This is Ben Affleck’s second time directing an adaption of a Dennis Lehane novel. His first was Gone Baby Gone (2007).
Las Vegas cop Vincent Downs (Jamie Foxx) and his crooked partner rob a cocaine shipment. What they don't know is that the drugs belong to a crime family, the Novaks, who go after anyone who crosses them. When the Novaks go after casino owner, Rubino, who sold them the drugs, the desperate businessman retaliates by kidnapping Vincent's son. Pursued by a dogged Internal Affairs investigator (Michelle Monaghan) and a sadistic drug kingpin, Vincent must rely on his street smarts and sheer force of will as he tries to rescue his child over the course of a single night in this gritty, action-filled thriller.

Fun Fact - Sleepless is based on the French thriller 'Sleepless Night'.

Extreme athlete turned government operative Xander Cage (Vin Diesel) has long been thought dead. Xander comes out of self-imposed exile and is set on a collision course with deadly warrior Xiang (Donnie Yen) and his team in a race to recover a sinister and seemingly unstoppable weapon known as Pandora's Box. Recruiting an all-new group of thrill-seeking cohorts, Xander finds himself ensnared in a deadly conspiracy that points to collusion at the highest levels of world governments. Packed with the series' signature deadpan wit and bad-ass attitude, xXx: Return of Xander Cage will raise the bar on extreme action with some of the most mind-blowing stunts to ever be caught on film.

The T-virus unleashed by the evil Umbrella Corp. has spread to every corner of the globe, infesting the planet with zombies, demons and monsters. Alice (Milla Jovovich), a former Umbrella employee turned rogue warrior, joins her friends on a last-chance mission to storm the company's headquarters located deep underneath what used to be Raccoon City. But the Red Queen (Ever Anderson) knows that Alice is coming, and the final battle will determine if the rest of mankind lives or dies. Based on Capcom's hugely popular video game series, Resident Evil, comes the final instalment in the most successful video game film franchise ever, which has grossed over $1 billion worldwide to date.

The tattoo on xXx's leg bears the name Harry O'Connor. Harry O'Connor was a stuntman featured in xXx who died during filming. He was the stuntman who doubled for Xander Cage during the famous parachute zip-wire stunt in Prague.
Kevin has 23 distinct personalities

While the mental divisions of those with dissociative identity disorder have long fascinated and eluded science, it is believed that some can also manifest unique physical attributes for each personality, a cognitive and physiological prism within a single being. Kevin (James McAvoy) has evidenced 23 personalities to his trusted psychiatrist, Dr. Fletcher (Betty Buckley), there remains one still submerged who is set to materialize and dominate all of the others. Compelled to abduct three teenage girls led by the wilful, observant Casey (Anya Taylor-Joy), Kevin reaches a war for survival among all of those contained within him, as well as everyone around him, as the walls between his compartments shatter.

The 24th is about to be unleashed

- James McAvoy broke his hand during production. He decided not to tell anyone and continued to shoot for 2 days before finally going to a hospital.
- Director M. Night Shyamalan appears in the movie as the concierge of the apartment building where Dr. Fletcher works. They look at the security cameras after Barry leaves after their appointment.
- In Kevin’s therapist’s house, you can see one of the books on the library in the background is titled “Sybil”, the name of a movie about a girl with multiple personalities.
TRUE HEROES
An account of the Boston Marathon bombing, Patriots Day is the powerful story of a community’s courage in the face of terror. In the aftermath of the Boston Marathon Bombings, Police Sergeant Tommy Saunders (Mark Wahlberg) joins courageous survivors, first responders and investigators in a race against the clock to hunt down the bombers before they strike again. Weaving together the stories of Special Agent Richard DesLauriers (Kevin Bacon), Police Commissioner Ed Davis (John Goodman), Sergeant Jeffrey Pugliese (J.K. Simmons) and nurse Carol Saunders (Michelle Monaghan) this visceral and unflinching chronicle captures the suspense of one of the most sophisticated manhunts in law enforcement history and celebrates the strength of the people of Boston.

TRUE STRENGTH

The casting call for extras for the film resulted in a line stretching the entire quarter-mile length of a street in Boston.

An unlikely pair ventures to the Indonesian jungle in search of gold. Kenny Wells (Matthew McConaughey), a prospector desperate for a lucky break, teams up with a similarly eager geologist and sets off on a journey to find gold in the uncharted jungle of Indonesia. The film is loosely based on the true story of the 1993 Bre-X mining scandal, when a massive gold deposit was supposedly discovered in the jungles of Indonesia.

Bleed for This is based on the incredible true story of one of the most inspiring and unlikely comebacks in sports history. Miles Teller stars as Vinny Pazienza, a local Providence boxer who shot to stardom after winning two world title fights. When a devastating car accident leaves Vinny with a severed spine, he is told he may never walk again. Against all odds and doctors’ orders, renowned trainer Kevin Rooney (Aaron Eckhart) agrees to help Vinny return to the ring just a year after the accident for what could be the last fight of his life.
Troy Maxson (Denzel Washington) makes his living as a sanitation worker in 1950’s Pittsburgh. Maxson once dreamed of becoming a professional baseball player, but was deemed too old when the major leagues began admitting black athletes. Bitter over his missed opportunity, Troy creates further tension in his family when he squashes his son’s chance to meet a college football recruiter. As the film dives deeper into the story of Troy, suppressed emotions and family secrets that were once concealed are now brought to light and tests the family dynamics of the Maxson family.

Lee Chandler (Casey Affleck) is a brooding, irritable loner who works as a handyman for a Boston apartment block. One damp winter day he gets a call summoning him to his hometown, north of the city. His brother’s heart has given out suddenly and Lee has been named guardian to his 16-year-old nephew. As if losing his only sibling and doubts about raising a teenager weren’t enough, his return to the past will re-open an old wound from an unspeakable tragedy.

A family has been massacred in their own house, the setting of a grisly crime in small-town Virginia. Hidden in the basement, the partially buried body of a murdered woman is discovered. Drawn into the mysterious case, coroner Tony Tilden (Brian Cox) and his son Austin (Emile Hirsch) conduct an otherwise routine late-night autopsy. As the night crawls on, the autopsy becomes more complex than they ever imagined and the two men discover less about the victim and more about their own primal fears.
SLIP INTO SOMETHING A SHADE DARKER

Christian Grey (Jamie Dornan) and Anastasia Steele (Dakota Johnson) return in Fifty Shades Darker, the second chapter based on the worldwide bestselling “Fifty Shades” phenomenon. When a troubled Christian Grey tries to entice a cautious Ana Steele back into his life, she demands a new arrangement before she will give him another chance. As the two begin to build trust and find stability, shadowy figures from Christian’s past start to circle the couple, determined to destroy their hopes for a future together. While Christian wrestles with his inner demons, Anastasia must confront the anger and envy of the women who came before her.

• Dakota Johnson who plays Anastasia is the daughter of famous actors Don Johnson and Melanie Griffith.
• Jamie Dornan joked that he did not like doing too many scenes with co-star Eric Johnson who plays his romantic rival in the film because Johnson is “too tall” and doesn’t make him look too good.
• A teaser trailer for the third film is shown halfway through the end credits.
War has consumed the West Indies and the shores of New Providence Island have never been bloodier. Nassau transforms into a fortress without walls, as Captain Flint (Toby Stephens) amasses his fleet, intent on striking the final blow. In the interior an insurgency builds, fuelled by the legend of “Long John Silver.” But as Flint, Silver (Luke Arnold) and their allies are about to learn, the closer civilization comes to defeat, the more desperately and destructively it will fight back. In the epic final season of Michael Bay’s outstanding pirate adventure series, oaths will be shattered, fortunes will change hands, and amidst the chaos, only one thing remains certain: it has never been more dangerous to call oneself a pirate.

The Last Kingdom returns for Season 2 with epic battles and breathtaking landscapes. It is 878 and Uhtred (Alexander Dreymon) continues his fight for his native land of Northumbria. Having given his sword to King Alfred (David Dawson), Uhtred journeys north to avenge Earl Ragnar’s death and recapture his ancestral lands of Bebbanburg. Meanwhile, Alfred’s conviction to create a united England is stronger than ever. Uhtred finds himself in a rescue mission which brings him face to face with an old enemy. Based on the Bernard Cornwell Saxon Series, be prepared for a sprawling historical drama set against the bloodthirsty backdrop of Anglo-Saxon England.
An orphan girl dreams of becoming a ballerina and flees her rural Brittany for Paris, where she passes for someone else and accedes to the position of pupil at the Grand Opera house.

In Ancient Polynesia, when a terrible curse incurred by the Demigod Maui reaches an impetuous Chieftain’s daughter’s island, she answers the Ocean’s call to seek out the Demigod to set things right.

In a city of humanoid animals, a hustling theater impresario’s attempt to save his theater with a singing competition becomes grander than he anticipates even as its finalists’ find that their lives will never be the same.

Tripp, a high school senior, builds a Monster Truck from bits of scrapped cars. After an accident nearby a subterranean creature found in Trip truck. It’s the start of a new friendship.
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