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# FANTASTIC BEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM ROARS TO #1 AT THE AUSTRALIAN BOX OFFICE



J.K. Rowling's latest adventure FANTASTIC BEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM has opened at #1 at the Australian box office, biting through the competition by taking \$9.756 million on its opening weekend.

The film has received a 76% Certified Fresh rating and an 86% "Liked It" audience score on Rotten Tomatoes, with positive reviews to follow out of Australia:

"Eddie Redmayne is wonderfully sweet, eccentric, and charming as Newt...Fantastic Beasts And Where To Find Them is rich with ideas and imagination." **16.5 OUT OF 20**

– *Erin Free, FilmInk*

"...it's actually a remarkably refreshing new take on Rowling's world of wizards...It's a credit to Rowling's limitless imagination that her magical world continues to offer up such screen-worthy wonders." **4 STARS**

– *Maxim Boon, The Music*

"With Rowling on board, Fantastic Beasts proves a treat for fans and newcomers alike." **4 STARS**

– *David Molloy, The Brag*

"It's well-shot, acted with charm, fun and a little dark...an edgy fantasy thriller..." **3.5 STARS**

– *Stephen Romei, The Australian*

“Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them” is an all-new adventure returning us to the wizarding world created by J.K. Rowling.

Academy Award winner Eddie Redmayne (“The Theory of Everything”) stars in the central role of wizarding world magizoologist Newt Scamander, under the direction of David Yates, who helmed the last four “Harry Potter” blockbusters.

“Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them” opens in 1926 as Newt Scamander has just completed a global excursion to find and document an extraordinary array of magical creatures. Arriving in New York for a brief stopover, he might have come and gone without incident...were it not for a No-Maj (American for Muggle) named Jacob, a misplaced magical case, and the escape of some of Newt’s fantastic beasts, which could spell trouble for both the wizarding and No-Maj worlds.

**FANTASTIC BEAST AND WHERE TO FIND THEM was released nationally on November 17 and is rated M**

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