



Cast Away

Main Facts

Year Made:2000

Production Company: [Twentieth Century Fox](#), [DreamWorks](#), [ImageMovers](#)

Directed by: [Robert Zemeckis](#)

Written by: [William Broyles Jr.](#)

Genre: Adventure, Drama, Romance

Main Actors

1. Tom Hanks
2. Helen Hunt
3. Paul Sanchez

Major Plot Summary

A man is marooned on an island after his plane crashes into the ocean. Far away from home, his girlfriend, and any human contact, he engages in a battle of wits with himself as he is tested mentally, physically, and emotionally in order to survive.

Financial Information

Budget: \$90,000,000 (estimated)

Money Made: **Opening Weekend USA:**

\$28,883,406, 24 December 2000, Wide Release

Gross USA:

\$233,632,142, 22 July 2001

Cumulative Worldwide Gross:

\$429,632,142, 22 July 2001

Major Quotes

Chuck Noland: WILSON!

Chuck Noland: I'm sorry, Wilson. Wilson, I'm sorry! I'm sorry!

Chuck Noland: [*to Wilson*] We might just make it. Did that thought ever cross your brain? Well, regardless, I would rather take my chance out there on the ocean than to stay here and die on this shithole island, spending the rest of my life talking...

[*suddenly yelling*]

Chuck Noland: ...TO A GODDAMN VOLLEYBALL!

Stan: We buried you. There was a coffin, a gravestone... the whole thing.

Chuck Noland: I had a coffin?

[*Stan nods*]

Chuck Noland: Well what was in it?

[*Chuck talks to Wilson, the volleyball*]

Chuck Noland: Hey, you want to hear something funny? My dentist's name is James Spalding

Historical Significance

Filming Information

Filming Location: [Red Square, Kitai-gorod, Tverskoy District, Moscow, Russia](#), [Monuriki, Fiji](#), [Philippines](#)

Special advance made in film.

Source Material:

Composition/Music

All Shook Up

Written by [Otis Blackwell](#) and [Elvis Presley](#)

Performed by [Elvis Presley](#)

Heartbreak Hotel

Written by [Mae Boren Axton](#), [Tommy Durden](#), and [Elvis Presley](#)

Performed by [Elvis Presley](#)

Run Rudolph Run

Written by [Johnny Marks](#) and [Marvin Brodie](#)

Inane Trivia

To make himself look like an average out of shape middle aged man [Tom Hanks](#) didn't exercise and allowed himself to grow pudgy. Production was then halted for a year so he could lose fifty pounds and grow out his hair for his time spent on the deserted island. During this hiatus, [Robert Zemeckis](#) used the same crew to film [What Lies Beneath](#)

Actual lines of dialogue were written for Wilson the volleyball, to help [Tom Hanks](#) have a more natural interaction with the inanimate object.

Some crew members were left on the island for a few days to survive and learn some skills. They used some of their survival techniques in the movie for the character of Chuck. They were: having trouble lighting a fire, opening a coconut, talking to a volleyball, collecting packages washed up on the beach, and catching fish.

One of the three volleyballs used in the film was sold in an auction for \$18,400 (United States Dollar).

To see the island that Cast Away was filmed on, put -17.609277,177.0397 into Google Maps and zoom in all the way on satellite mode. The beach that [Tom Hanks](#) writes HELP on and sees from the peak is the eastern most part of Monuriki, Fiji.

Accolades/Recognition

Winner

Golden Globe

Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture - Drama

[Tom Hanks](#)

Winner

ASCAP Award

Top Box Office Films

[Alan Silvestri](#)

Winner

Blockbuster Entertainment Award

Favorite Supporting Actress - Drama

[Helen Hunt](#)