

**orrest Gump**



# Main Facts

Year Made: 1994

Production Company: [Paramount Pictures](#)

Directed by: [Robert Zemeckis](#)

Written by: [Winston Groom](#) (novel), [Eric Roth](#) (screenplay)

Genre: Drama, Romance

# Main Actors

1. Tom Hanks
2. Robin Wright
3. Gary Sinise
4. Sally Field
5. Mykalti Williamson

# Major Plot Summary

Forrest Gump is a simple man with a low I.Q. but good intentions. He is running through childhood with his best and only friend Jenny. His 'mama' teaches him the ways of life and leaves him to choose his destiny. Forrest joins the army for service in Vietnam, finding new friends called Dan and Bubba, he wins medals, creates a famous shrimp fishing fleet, inspires people to jog, starts a ping-pong craze, creates the smiley, writes bumper stickers and songs, donates to people and meets the president several times. However, this is all irrelevant to Forrest who can only think of his childhood sweetheart Jenny Curran, who has messed up her life. Although in the end all he wants to prove is that anyone can love anyone.

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# Financial Information

Budget: \$55,000,000 (estimated)

Money Made: **Opening Weekend USA:**

\$24,450,602, 10 July 1994, Wide Release

**Gross USA:**

\$330,252,182

**Cumulative Worldwide Gross:**

\$677,945,399

Special Costs: Advanced Special effects, filming on location

# Major Quotes

**Jenny Curran**: Do you ever dream, Forrest, about who you're gonna be?

**Forrest Gump**: Who I'm gonna be?

**Jenny Curran**: Yeah.

**Forrest Gump**: Aren't-aren't I going to be me?

**Forrest Gump**: Stupid is as stupid does.

**Lieutenant Daniel Taylor**: Have you found Jesus yet, Gump?

**Forrest Gump**: I didn't know I was supposed to be looking for him, sir.

**Forrest Gump**: My momma always said, "Life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get."

**Dorothy Harris**: Are you coming along?

**Young Forrest Gump**: Mama said not to be taking rides from strangers.

**Dorothy Harris**: This is the bus to school.

**Young Forrest Gump**: I'm Forrest, Forrest Gump.

**Dorothy Harris**: I'm Dorothy Harris.

**Young Forrest Gump**: Well, now we ain't strangers anymore.

# Historical Significance

Features major stories from the 1950's through 1980's.

Won best picture.

# Filming Information

Filming Location: [Monument Valley, Arizona, USA](#), [Savannah, Georgia, USA](#)

Special advance made in film: Use of special effects

Source Material: Book by Winston Groom

# Composition/Music

Mr. President (Have Pity on the Working Man)

(1974)

Written and Performed by [Randy Newman](#)

Produced under license from Warner Bros. Records Inc.

by arrangement with Warner Special Production

COMPOSITIONS by Alan Silvestri

# Inane Trivia

[Tom Hanks](#) was not paid for this film. Instead, he took percentage points which ultimately netted him in the region of forty million dollars.

The line, "My name is Forrest Gump. People call me Forrest Gump," was ad libbed by [Tom Hanks](#) while filming the scene, and director [Robert Zemeckis](#) liked it so much that he decided to keep it in.

With every transition of Forrest's age, one thing remains the same. In the first scene of each transition, he wears a blue plaid shirt.

[Tom Hanks'](#) younger brother, [Jim Hanks](#), doubled for him in many of his numerous running sequences.

The necklace worn by Lieutenant Dan is a rosary with a Saint Christopher medal, inscribed "Protect Us In Combat." It was worn in Vietnam by [Gary Sinise's](#) brother-in-law, Jack Treese, in 1967-68.

During the ping-pong matches, there was no ball; it was entirely CGI, animated to meet the actors' paddles.

[Gary Sinise's](#) lower legs were wrapped in a special blue fabric that allowed them to be digitally removed later.

# Accolades/Recognition

## Winner

Oscar

Best Picture

[Wendy Finerman](#) [Steve Starkey](#) [Steve Tisch](#)

Best Actor in a Leading Role

[Tom Hanks](#)

Best Director

[Robert Zemeckis](#)

Best Writing, Screenplay Based on Material Previously Produced or Published

[Eric Roth](#)

Best Film Editing

[Arthur Schmidt](#)

Best Effects, Visual Effects

[Ken Ralston](#) [George Murphy](#) [Stephen Rosenbaum](#) [Allen Hall](#)

## Winner

Golden Globe

Best Director - Motion Picture

[Robert Zemeckis](#)

Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture - Drama

[Tom Hanks](#)

Best Motion Picture - Drama