

Star Wars

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Episode IV A New Hope

Main Facts

Year Made:1977

Production Company:[Lucasfilm](#) (as A Lucasfilm Ltd. Production)

[Twentieth Century Fox](#)

Directed by: [George Lucas](#)

Written by: George Lucas

Genre: [Action](#) | [Adventure](#) | [Fantasy](#) | [Sci-Fi](#)

Main Actors

1. [Mark Hamill](#)

2. [Harrison Ford](#)

3. [Carrie Fisher](#)

Major Plot Summary

The Imperial Forces, under orders from cruel Darth Vader, hold Princess Leia hostage in their efforts to quell the rebellion against the Galactic Empire. Luke Skywalker and Han Solo, captain of the Millennium Falcon, work together with the companionable droid duo R2-D2 and C-3PO to rescue the beautiful princess, help the Rebel Alliance and restore freedom and justice to the Galaxy.

Financial Information

Budget: \$11,000,000 (estimated)

Money Made: Opening Weekend:

\$35,906,661 (USA) (2 February 1997)

Gross:

\$322,740,140 (USA)

Special Costs:

Major Quotes

Han Solo: [*sounding official*] Uh, everything's under control. Situation normal.

Voice: What happened?

Han Solo: [*getting nervous*] Uh, we had a slight weapons malfunction, but uh... everything's perfectly all right now. We're fine. We're all fine here now, thank you. How are you?

Voice: We're sending a squad up.

Han Solo: Uh, uh... negative, negative. We had a reactor leak here now. Give us a few minutes to lock it down. Large leak, very dangerous.

Voice: Who is this? What's your operating number?

Han Solo: Uh...

[*Han shoots the intercom*]

Han Solo: [*muttering*] Boring conversation anyway. LUKE, WE'RE GONNA HAVE COMPANY!

Historical Significance

Epic Science Fiction/Fantasy

Launched the career of George Lucas.

The creation of Industrial Lights and Magic, the premiere special effects company even today in Hollywood.

Filming Information

Filming Location: [Tikal National Park, Guatemala](#), [Ajim, Jerba, Tunisia](#), [Chott el Djerid, Nefta, Tunisia](#)

Special advance made in film.

Source Material:

Composition/Music

Score composed by John Williams. He won the Oscar. He has scored every Star Wars since until Rogue One (he is still doing the new trilogy though)

Inane Trivia

[George Lucas](#) was so sure the film would flop that instead of attending the premiere, he went on vacation to Hawaii with his good friend [Steven Spielberg](#), where they came up with the idea for [Raiders of the Lost Ark](#) (1981).

According to [Harrison Ford](#), during the making of the film, he and [Mark Hamill](#) would usually fool around and not commit to their work whenever [Alec Guinness](#) was not on set. When Guinness was on set, they behaved much more professionally.

[Harrison Ford](#) didn't learn his lines for the intercom conversation in the cell block so that it would sound spontaneous.

[James Earl Jones](#) and [David Prowse](#), who play the voice and body of Darth Vader respectively, have never met.

The actors found [George Lucas](#) to be very uncommunicative towards them, with his only directions generally being either "faster" or "more intense." At one point, when he temporarily lost his voice, the crew provided him with a board with just those two phrases written on it.

Prior to the film's release, [George Lucas](#) showed an early cut of the film to a group of his film director friends. Most, including Lucas himself, felt the film would be a flop; [Brian De Palma](#) reportedly called it the "worst movie ever." The only dissenter was [Steven Spielberg](#), who correctly predicted the film would make millions of dollars.

Accolades/Recognition

Best Film Editing

[Paul Hirsch](#)

[Marcia Lucas](#)

[Richard Chew](#)

Best Effects, Visual Effects

[John Stears](#)

[John Dykstra](#)

[Richard Edlund](#)

[Grant McCune](#)

[Robert Blalack](#)

Best Music, Original Score

[John Williams](#)

Best Art Direction-Set Decoration

[John Barry](#)

[Norman Reynolds](#)

[Leslie Dilley](#)

[Roger Christian](#)

Best Costume Design

[John Mollo](#)

Best Sound

[Don MacDougall](#)

[Ray West](#)

[Bob Minkler](#)

[Derek Ball](#)

[Derek Ball](#) was not present at the awards ceremony.