

# 'Toy Story 2' offers a second great adventure for kids

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NEW YORK (AP) — They've done it again. The folks who brought you "Toy Story" now present "Toy Story 2," another clever, riotous tale of life in the toy lane.

There's no mistaking the sharp, detailed and stunning computer animation. Buster the pet dog has nearly four million hairs. And with the voices of Woody (done by Tom Hanks), Buzz Lightyear (by Tim Allen) and others returning from the 1995 original, it's easy to get back into the fun.

And there's lots of fun here.

Kids and adults will love the parodies of "Star Wars" scenes, and chuckle at the special ways these toys meet the challenge of adventure. As Mr. Potato Head prepares to leave on a rescue mission, for example, his wife thoughtfully pokes him his "angry eyes" in case he goes into battle.

"Toy Story 2" introduces us to a toy's greatest fear: being discarded. The phrase "yard sale" strikes terror. Woody manages to rescue a broken toy penguin from the 26-cent box on the front lawn. But Woody is then snatched by the evil toy collector Al McWhiggen (voiced by Wayne Knight), who recognizes him as a

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valuable collectible.

Of course, the toy gang sets out to rescue Woody. But when they finally reach him, they get a surprise. Woody has been seduced by the promise of immortality; a chance to go on display in a Japanese toy museum. Rather than waiting to be

discarded someday by his beloved owner, Andy, Woody "will be adored by children for generations," a toy in McWhiggen's collection says.

It sounds pretty good to a cowboy who's just been consigned to a dusty top shelf by Andy's mother. But Buzz argues the other side of the case. "Life's only worth living," he reminds Woody, "if you're loved by a kid."

Clearly, Woody faces a dilemma. You can guess which way he goes. This is a Disney movie.

But even after that, there are more escapes, rescues and battles. One imaginative fight scene occurs in that deeply mysterious

place where your luggage goes right after it leaves the airline counter.

This film presents so much action that at times, a grown-up might feel a need for a break. Yet, these scenes are so studded with clever twists — as when a perky Tour Guide Barbie seizes control of our heroes in a toy store — that they remain a delight.

From its beginning, "Toy Story 2" dares to compare itself to the excitement of "Star Wars." Of course, watching animated characters risk their digital lives is much different from watching

flash and blood in danger. But when Woody and a cowgirl escape from an airliner as it speeds down a runway, it's as thrilling as anything moviegoers have seen in any galaxy.

You can only catch your breath and look forward to "Toy Story 3."

"Toy Story 2," a Walt Disney Pictures presentation of a Pixar Animation Studios film, is directed by John Lasseter and produced by Helene Plotkin and Karen Robert Jackson. The screenplay by Andrew Stanton, Rito Haisan, Doug Chamberlin and Chris Webb.

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Don't toy with me: Buzz Lightyear and Woody watch an episode of "Woody's Roundup" TV show, after discovering Woody is a highly valued collectible in Disney and Pixar's "Toy Story 2"

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**Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 10**

**"THE LEGEND OF LONO"**  
Drama chronicling the life of a piano player who is abandoned at birth on a Trans-Atlantic ship. His talent culminates in a rivalry of mythic proportions with jazz legend Jelly Roll Morton. Stars Tim Roth, Pruitt Taylor Vince.

**"DANCE SMALLWOOD MALE CHORAL"**  
Contemporary comedy that tells of a down-on-his-luck guy who takes a job-fish-aling for a prominent L.A. escort. When the escort leaves the country on business, he leaves his clientele ripe for poaching. Stars Rob Schneider.

**"TRAIN OF LIPS"**  
Set in the Hottototau, a village dreamer comes up with a crazy idea to save his village from Nazi invasion. Stars Lorne Abolanski, Rufus.

**"THE GREEN MILE"**  
Remarkable story of a guard in a Southern prison's death row in 1935 and one of the inmates over which he has charge. Based on the 1996 serialized novel by Stephen King. Stars Tom Hanks.

**"ANNA AND THE KING"**  
Set in 19th century Thailand, the true story of the relationship between a British schoolteacher and the King of Siam. Based on historical information. Stars Jodie Foster and Chow Yun-Fat.

**"CHICKEN HOUSE BIBLES"**  
Classic story of a young man's extraordinary journey: leaving home, finding love and finding his place in the world. Based on the best-selling novel by John Irving. Stars Tobey Maguire.

**Scheduled to open Wednesday, Dec. 22**

**"ANY GIVEN SUNDAY"**  
Drama about an aging star quarterback who is induced to play hurt because a gifted and unprincipled young talent is seeking to replace him. The coach who struggles to remain true to the ideals that drew him to his career, and the ambitious young owner of the team. Stars Al Pacino, Dennis Quaid.

**"LIBERTY BELLETT"**  
A Baltimore family in the mid 1950s which focuses on issues of religion, race and class distinction written and directed by Barry Levinson. Stars Adrian Brody, Bebe Neuwirth and Joe Mantegna.

**Scheduled to open Saturday, Dec. 25**

**"MANSFIELD PARK"**  
Based on the book by Jane Austen, the story of a young woman from a poor family, sent to live with her wealthy cousins at their estate. The plan is to arrange a marriage that will assure her place in society, but her high spirited nature and ideas about love will make it a difficult proposition. Stars Frances O'Connor and Jonny Lee Miller.

**Going the distance: Doug Hutchison, David Morse and Tom Hanks star in "The Green Mile," the story of a prison guard and his relationship with one death row inmate.**