



Field of Dreams

Main Facts

Year Made: 1989

Production Company: [Gordon Company](#)

Directed by: Phil Alden Robinson

Written by: W.P. Kinsella, Phil Alden Robinson

Genre: Drama, Family and Fantasy

Main Actors

1. Kevin Costner
2. James Earl Jones
3. Ray Liotta

Major Plot Summary

Iowa farmer Ray Kinsella hears a voice in his corn field tell him, "If you build it, he will come." He interprets this message as an instruction to build a baseball field on his farm, upon which appear the ghosts of Shoeless Joe Jackson and the other seven Chicago White Sox players banned from the game for throwing the 1919 World Series. When the voices continue, Ray seeks out a reclusive author to help him understand the meaning of the messages and the purpose for his field.

Financial Information

Budget: 15 Million

Money Made: **Gross USA: 64,431,625**

Cumulative Worldwide Gross: \$84,431,625

Special Costs: Had to use water to keep the crops growing in a drought

Major Quotes

The Voice: If you build it, he will come.

John Kinsella: Is this heaven?

Ray Kinsella: It's Iowa.

John Kinsella: Iowa? I could have sworn this was heaven.

[starts to walk away]

Ray Kinsella: Is there a heaven?

John Kinsella: Oh yeah. It's the place where dreams come true.

[Ray looks around, seeing his wife playing with their daughter on the porch]

Ray Kinsella: Maybe this is heaven.

Ray Kinsella: Don't we need a catcher?

Shoeless Joe Jackson: Not if you get it near the plate we don't.

Historical Significance

Considered one of the top sports movies of all time

Filming Information

Filming Location: [Boston, Massachusetts, USA](#) [Dyersville, Iowa, USA](#)

(baseball field)

Special advance made in film: N/A

Source Material: Short Story by Kinsella

Composition/Music

The Cornfield

(uncredited)

Composed and Conducted by [James Horner](#)

Deciding To Build The Field

(uncredited)

Composed and Conducted by [James Horner](#)

Shoeless Joe

(uncredited)

Composed and Conducted by [James Horner](#)

The Timeless Street

(uncredited)

Composed and Conducted by [James Horner](#)

Inane Trivia

The studio built the baseball diamond on an actual farm in Dyersville, Iowa. After the filming was completed, the family owning the farm kept the field, and added a small hut where you could buy inexpensive souvenirs. As of 2012, visitors were free to come to the field and play baseball as they please.

The shot of the line-drive knocking over the bag of baseballs next to [Kevin Costner](#) was sheer luck off the bat of [Ray Liotta](#).

[Burt Lancaster](#) was unaware that [Timothy Busfield](#) was part of the cast, and had him fetching water and chairs, before realizing Busfield was going to be in the scene with him.

You can enter the following in Google Maps - 42°29'51.8"N 91°03'18.4"W - for the location of the field built for the film.

Then unknown, [Ben Affleck](#) and [Matt Damon](#) are among the thousands of extras in the Fenway Park scene, and are uncredited. Over a decade later, when [Phil Alden Robinson](#) welcomed Affleck to the set of [The Sum of All Fears](#) (2002), Affleck said, "Nice working with you again." Robinson asked, "What do you mean 'again'?" and Affleck explained the connection.

Accolades/Recognition

Winner

Award of the Japanese Academy
Best Foreign Film

Winner

Blue Ribbon Award
Best Foreign Language Film
[Phil Alden Robinson](#)

Nominated for three Oscars
Best Picture

[Lawrence Gordon](#)
[Charles Gordon](#)

Best Writing, Screenplay Based on Material from Another Medium
[Phil Alden Robinson](#)

Best Music, Original Score
[James Horner](#)