

Ready Player One

Main Facts

Year Made: 2018

Production Company: Warner Brothers/Amblin Entertainment

Directed by: Steven Spielberg

Written by: Zak Penn and Ernest Cline

Based on the Book by Ernest Cline

Genre: Action Adventure Science Fiction

Main Actors

1. Tye Sheridan as Parzival/Wade
2. Olivia Cooke as Artemis/Samantha
3. Ben Mendelsohn as Sorrento
4. Lena Waithe Aech/Helen
5. TJ Miller as I-Rok
6. Simon Pegg as Ogden Morrow
7. Mark Rylance as Halliday

Major Plot Summary

In the year 2045, the real world is a harsh place. The only time Wade Watts (Tye Sheridan) truly feels alive is when he escapes to the OASIS, an immersive virtual universe where most of humanity spends their days. In the OASIS, you can go anywhere, do anything, be anyone-the only limits are your own imagination. The OASIS was created by the brilliant and eccentric James Halliday (Mark Rylance), who left his immense fortune and total control of the Oasis to the winner of a three-part contest he designed to find a worthy heir. When Wade conquers the first challenge of the reality-bending treasure hunt, he and his friends-aka the High Five-are hurled into a fantastical universe of discovery and danger to save the OASIS. From IMDB.com

Financial Information

Budget: 175,000,000

Money Made: 582,018,455

Special Costs: Use of 3D Capture, rights to
copyrighted material

Major Quotes

Parzival: Some people can read War and Peace and come away thinking it's a simple adventure story...

Art3mis: Others can read the ingredients on a chewing gum wrapper and unlock the secrets of the universe.

Halliday: I created the OASIS because I never felt at home in the real world. I just didn't know how to connect with people there. I was afraid for all my life, right up until the day I knew my life was ending. And that was when I realized that... as terrifying and painful as reality can be, it's also... the only place that... you can get a decent meal. Because, reality... is real.

Parzival: People come to the Oasis for all the things they can do, but they stay for all the things they can be.

Parzival: First to the Key!

Aech: First to the Egg!

Anorak: Let the hunt for Halliday's Easter Egg, begin.

Historical Significance

Feature Easter Eggs/Allusions from many movies from the 70's, 80's, 90's and other eras of pop culture.

One of the few major movies by Steven Spielberg not composed by John Williams (he worked on The Post)

Filming Information

Filming Location: The United Kingdom

Special advance made in film. Heavily shot in both Digital and Film in different scenarios to emphasize the contrast.

Composition/Music

Score by Alan Silvestri

Music clips played from various movies to symbolize their connections to allusions.

Inane Trivia

Wade's avatar, Parzival is an obvious reference to Percival, the knight in the Holy Grail legend. Throughout the film, several moments occurred alluding to the legend:

- Percival means "old fool" in old English. In the first half of the film, Wade is naive to the reality until a tragedy happens.
- Percival's jacket has a sword image behind it. He's the knight that discovers the Holy Grail at the end of the quest, just as Wade finds the Easter egg at the end.
- In the legend, Percival brings redemption to the Fisher King Amfortas. A conversation and a promise between Wade and James Halliday towards the end about correcting Halliday's mistake subsequently redeems both of them.
- Percival receives a cosmic awakening after kissing Kundry, as in parallel with Wade kissing Samantha the first time.
- Percival fights the Red Knight. In parallel, Parzival fights i-R0k for the Easter egg at Planet Doom.

During the Shining sequence, Parzival pulls Aech out of the freezer that Wendy had locked Jack in. Spielberg also made reference to that sequence in Jurassic Park.

Besides the obvious Bigfoot, Delorean, and Akira vehicles, other notables in the race were the Mach 5, Batmobile, A

Accolades/Recognition

None