

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Based on the late Douglas Adams' best selling cult classic, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* is the story of one Earthman (Arthur Dent) and his best friend (Ford Prefect) from a planet "somewhere in the vicinity of Betelgeuse". Arthur and Ford narrowly escape the destruction of Earth to make way for an intergalactic bypass, and eventually hitch a ride on the ship of Zaphod Beeblebrox, the President of the Galaxy (who has kidnapped himself). Zaphod is on a quest to find out the answer to life the universe and everything (which turns out to be 42), when he and his two hitchhikers encounter various intergalactic challenges that are all explained in the famed book *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy is a hilarious story that filled with comic absurdity. This cosmic film far outdoes any previous attempts at Douglas Adams films (which have, until now, been disastrously boring).

While the film was infinitely better than previous films based on the book, it failed to include vital parts of the novel. The movie's failure to adhere to the book caused it to lose an essential ambiance. The movie added and subtracted things that simply should not have been added or subtracted. Had Douglas Adams been alive during the making of the film, I believe that either the film would not have been made, or it would have been much better. While the film had its comic and well written parts, its failure to hang on to details from the book caused it to lose its eccentric feel. *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* is entertaining but lacks too much. **Grade C+**

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