

The World's Fastest Indian

Anthony Hopkins, the famed star of one of the world's greatest films, *The Silence of the Lambs*, now plays the least expected of any roles: a biker. In Roger Donaldson's *The World's Fastest Indian*; Hopkins plays Burt Munro, a old man who rigs a 1920 Indian motorcycle to rocket over Utah's Bonneville Salt Flats at a record breaking 201 miles per hour.

Based on a true story, *The World's Fastest Indian* starts off in Invercargill, New Zealand where the eccentric Burt Munro lives in the shabbiest house on the street. Hopkins' character religiously urinates on the lemon tree in his yard every morning and then works on his bike for the day. Burt, a man who maintains his lawn by periodically lighting it on fire, is considered insane by all his neighbors except one. Munro is a mentor to the kid next door, who helps him daily by supplying his mother's carving knives and other kitchenware to aid the work on Burt's bike. After decades of modification and hard work, Burt Munro finishes his bike. After turning 63 years old and challenging the local biker gang to a race, he and saves and borrows enough cash to make his way to Speed Week in Utah.

The World's Fastest Indian was perhaps Anthony Hopkins' best movie since his sabbatical from Hollywood in 2000, when he worked behind the scenes in *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* and *Mission: Impossible II*.

His performance in *The World's Fastest Indian* was one of the most unique roles that Sir Anthony has ever played. Hopkins' beyond-quirky character gives the Drama plenty of comedy that can't be seen in any other film. *The World's Fastest Indian* is scheduled to be released as soon as October 9th in some theatres. **Grade = B+**

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