

## **Disney's Aladdin Earns \$508 Million In Global Box Office Collections**

Disney's latest production Aladdin has raked \$508 million in box office collections worldwide, since its release on May 23, 2019, according to Box Office Mojo.

In North America, the movie has collected around \$215 million so far, making it the second highest earnings live-action movie. Beauty and the Beast is the highest earning live action movie at \$504 million. Globally Aladdin has made more than \$293 million.

Aladdin has also been widely credited with casting actors of color in a film that is purportedly set in the Middle East (though it has been given a fictional name Agrabah).

The titular role of Aladdin is played by an Egyptian Canadian actor Mena Massoud, while British actor (with part Indian roots) Naomi Scott portrayed Princess Jasmine. Aladdin's villain Jafar is played by Tunisian Dutch actor Marwan Kenzari while the role of the genie is portrayed by well-known Hollywood actor Will Smith. The movie is directed by British filmmaker Guy Ritchie.

The live action movie cost \$183 million to produce and part of the movie was filmed in the Wadi Rum in Jordan, the largest valley in the Hashemite kingdom, as the movie plays out in a fictional Middle Eastern kingdom of Agrabah.

Aladdin is based on a story from Alf Layla Wa-Layla, or One Thousand And One Nights in English, which is popularly known as Arabian Nights. A collection of Arabic folk tales, Arabian Nights were compiled during the Islamic Golden Age.

The movie is among the many animated classics that Disney plans to remake into live-action movies. The work is also ongoing to release The Lion King and Mulan.

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