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## HORROR MOVIES THAT BOMBED, RANKED BY WHAT KILLED THEM

Every number and claim in the episode, with the source it came from. Five films. Five case files. Click any link to check it yourself.

#5

VAN HELSING

#4

I, FRANKENSTEIN

#3

THE WOLFMAN

TIE

DARK SHADOWS

TIE

VICTOR  
FRANKENSTEIN

FILED

OCTOBER 2026

BOX OFFICE DATA

THE NUMBERS · PULLED 10/22/2026

STATUS

READY FOR FILMING · QUOTES VERIFIED 10/22-10/23

# METHOD

## THE MONEY

Box office figures come from The Numbers, pulled October 22, 2026 and checked against Box Office Mojo.

Studio's cut is an estimate: about 50% of the domestic gross plus about 40% of the international gross. Theaters keep the rest.

Theatrical only. Streaming, home video and licensing are not counted.

## THE SCORE

Three pillars, each scored 0 to 10. 0 means no problem. 10 means catastrophic.

P Production · M Marketing · MF Market forces. Total out of 30.

Cause of death names the decision that did the most damage.

## THE BOARD

| RANK | FILM                | P  | M | MF | TOTAL | CAUSE OF DEATH    | BUDGET BACK |
|------|---------------------|----|---|----|-------|-------------------|-------------|
| TIE  | Victor Frankenstein | 6  | 9 | 9  | 24    | No audience       | 33%         |
| TIE  | Dark Shadows        | 7  | 8 | 9  | 24    | Peak Depp         | 71%         |
| #3   | The Wolfman         | 10 | 6 | 7  | 23    | Lost its director | 42%         |
| #4   | I, Frankenstein     | 9  | 7 | 6  | 22    | Underworld again  | 49%         |
| #5   | Van Helsing         | 9  | 5 | 7  | 21    | Franchise first   | 83%         |

BUDGET BACK = estimated studio's cut as a share of the production budget, before marketing. Money order and score order differ on purpose: the score names what killed the film, not how much it lost. Dark Shadows and Victor Frankenstein tied at 24.

## READING THE SOURCES

Every claim lists where it came from. Cyan links open the article.

## FLAGS

Budgets differ by source: Van Helsing \$160M (Universal) vs \$170M (The Numbers); The Wolfman \$110M (Universal) vs \$150M; Dark Shadows \$100M (THR) vs \$150M. Victor Frankenstein's international and worldwide totals differ between The Numbers and Box Office Mojo. I, Frankenstein's January 2014 date move has one source (Dread Central). Marketing spend is reported for Van Helsing and Victor Frankenstein's TV ads only; the other three have no figure.

# VAN HELSING

UNIVERSAL · MAY 2004

CAUSE OF DEATH  
FRANCHISE FIRST

TOXICOLOGY · THE MONEY

PRODUCTION BUDGET

\$160M

The Numbers: \$170M

OPENING WEEKEND (U.S.)

\$51.7M

DOMESTIC

\$120.2M

INTERNATIONAL

\$180.0M

WORLDWIDE

\$300.2M

STUDIO'S CUT (EST.)

\$132.1M

SHARE OF PRODUCTION BUDGET THAT CAME BACK



ABOUT 83%

The Numbers · pulled 10/22/2026 [the-numbers.com/movie/Van-Helsing](https://the-numbers.com/movie/Van-Helsing)

THE SCORE

PRODUCTION

9



MARKETING

5



MARKET FORCES

7



TOTAL

21 / 30

FINDING

Universal built the franchise before anyone saw the movie: an NBC series, a theme-park attraction, a game and an animated prequel. It opened to \$51.7M, fell 60% to Troy, and the studio's own head of distribution said the hero was the one name audiences didn't know. Cause of death: they built the franchise before the film.

EVIDENCE AND EXHIBITS ON THE NEXT PAGE

## EVIDENCE

- 01 Budget: \$160M per Universal (Variety). Variety's year-end review called it "nearly \$200 million." The Numbers lists \$170M. The LA Times body text says about \$150M. Worldwide gross \$300.2M.  
 The Numbers · pulled 10/22/2026 [the-numbers.com/movie/Van-Helsing](https://the-numbers.com/movie/Van-Helsing)  
 Box Office Mojo · pulled 10/22/2026 [boxofficemojo.com/title/tt0338526/](https://boxofficemojo.com/title/tt0338526/)  
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- 02 Director Stephen Sommers: "You can't make a horror movie for \$80 million." It had to have "everything but the kitchen sink."  
 Los Angeles Times · April 6, 2004 [latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-2004-apr-06-fi-vanhelsing6-story.html](https://latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-2004-apr-06-fi-vanhelsing6-story.html)
- 03 Variety's review: the effects team was so large the end credits take 10 minutes to unspool.  
 Variety · May 2, 2004 [variety.com/2004/film/reviews/van-helsing-2-1200533710/](https://variety.com/2004/film/reviews/van-helsing-2-1200533710/)
- 04 Franchise pieces built before release: an NBC pilot (Transylvania), a walk-through attraction at Universal Studios Hollywood, a video game, an animated prequel, a DVD set and action figures.  
 Animation World Network · September 16, 2003 [awn.com/news/van-helsing-inspire-tv-series](https://awn.com/news/van-helsing-inspire-tv-series)  
 Broadcasting & Cable · September 17, 2003 [nexttv.com/news/nbc-revamps-transylvania-100600](https://nexttv.com/news/nbc-revamps-transylvania-100600)  
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- 05 After early fans posted negative reviews of a rough cut, Sommers told the LA Times, "I couldn't care less."  
 Los Angeles Times · April 6, 2004 [latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-2004-apr-06-fi-vanhelsing6-story.html](https://latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-2004-apr-06-fi-vanhelsing6-story.html)
- 06 Marketing: "more than \$30 million" with Super Bowl spots (LA Times). ICv2 put the campaign at \$40M. Universal's largest day-and-date release: 41 countries.  
 Los Angeles Times · April 6, 2004 [latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-2004-apr-06-fi-vanhelsing6-story.html](https://latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-2004-apr-06-fi-vanhelsing6-story.html)  
 ICv2 · May 9, 2004 [icv2.com/print/article/4859](https://icv2.com/print/article/4859)  
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- 07 Opened to \$51.7M from 3,575 theaters.  
 Box Office Mojo · May 10, 2004 [boxofficemojo.com/article/ed3363111940](https://boxofficemojo.com/article/ed3363111940)
- 08 Troy opened the next weekend. Van Helsing fell 60% to \$20.7M. Shrek 2 made \$108.0M in its opening weekend.  
 Box Office Mojo · May 17, 2004 [boxofficemojo.com/article/ed2155152388](https://boxofficemojo.com/article/ed2155152388)  
 Box Office Mojo · May 17, 2004 [boxofficemojo.com/article/ed2188706820/](https://boxofficemojo.com/article/ed2188706820/)  
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- 09 Universal distribution head Nikki Rocco: "Everyone knows who Dracula, Frankenstein and the Wolfman are, but not as many people know Van Helsing." After opening weekend: "Every film that outgrossed us was either a sequel or had hugely recognizable characters."  
 Los Angeles Times · May 10, 2004 [latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-2004-may-10-et-day10-story.html](https://latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-2004-may-10-et-day10-story.html)  
 Variety · May 9, 2004 [variety.com/2004/film/box-office/helsing-stakes-claim-1117904567/](https://variety.com/2004/film/box-office/helsing-stakes-claim-1117904567/)
- 10 Rotten Tomatoes: 24%. Consensus: "A hollow creature feature that suffers from CGI overload."  
 Rotten Tomatoes · October 22, 2026 [rottentomatoes.com/m/van\\_helsing](https://rottentomatoes.com/m/van_helsing)
- 11 NBC dropped the TV series (Variety, May 23, 2004), and no sequel followed (editor Bob Ducey).  
 Variety · May 23, 2004 [variety.com/2004/film/news/inside-move-son-of-van-helsing-1117905430/](https://variety.com/2004/film/news/inside-move-son-of-van-helsing-1117905430/)  
 SyFy Wire · June 28, 2024 [syfy.com/syfy-wire/van-helsing-stephen-sommers-retrospective-interview](https://syfy.com/syfy-wire/van-helsing-stephen-sommers-retrospective-interview)

EXHIBITS

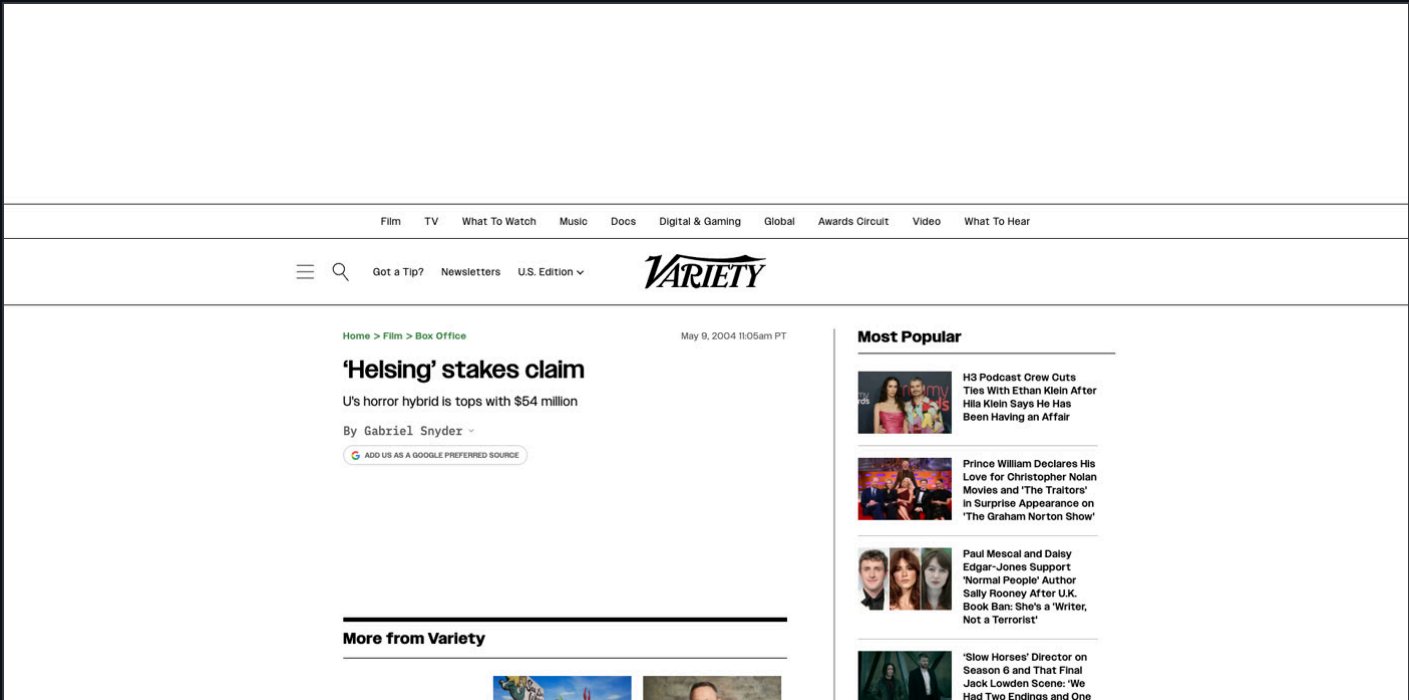


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Variety · May 9, 2004 [variety.com/2004/film/box-office/helsing-stakes-claim-1117904567/](https://variety.com/2004/film/box-office/helsing-stakes-claim-1117904567/)

# I, FRANKENSTEIN

LIONSGATE / LAKESHORE · JANUARY 2014

CAUSE OF DEATH  
UNDERWORLD AGAIN

TOXICOLOGY · THE MONEY

PRODUCTION BUDGET

\$65M

OPENING WEEKEND (U.S.)

\$8.6M

DOMESTIC

\$19.1M

INTERNATIONAL

\$55.5M

WORLDWIDE

\$74.6M

STUDIO'S CUT (EST.)

\$31.7M

SHARE OF PRODUCTION BUDGET THAT CAME BACK



ABOUT 49%

The Numbers · pulled 10/22/2026 [the-numbers.com/movie/I-Frankenstein](https://the-numbers.com/movie/I-Frankenstein)

THE SCORE

PRODUCTION

9



MARKETING

7



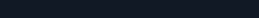
MARKET FORCES

6



TOTAL

22 /30



FINDING

The first director left before filming, the release date moved twice, and the trailer read as Underworld. It was the only new wide release of its weekend and still finished sixth with \$8.6M. Variety called it the year's biggest financial flop so far.

EVIDENCE AND EXHIBITS ON THE NEXT PAGE

## EVIDENCE

- 01** Budget: \$65M. Variety, THR and TheWrap agree. Worldwide gross \$74.6M.  
 The Numbers · pulled 10/22/2026 [the-numbers.com/movie/I-Frankenstein](https://the-numbers.com/movie/I-Frankenstein)  
 Box Office Mojo · pulled 10/22/2026 [boxofficemojo.com/title/tt1418377/](https://boxofficemojo.com/title/tt1418377/)  
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- 02** By March 2011 the first director, Patrick Tatopoulos, was no longer attached. Producer Gary Lucchesi said Lakeshore had "been struggling to get a writer."  
 TheWrap · Mar 28, 2011 [thewrap.com/stuart-beattie-write-and-direct-i-frankenstein-25919](https://thewrap.com/stuart-beattie-write-and-direct-i-frankenstein-25919)  
 Dread Central · Mar 29, 2011 [dreadcentral.com/news/23272/i-frankenstein-still-alive-and-twitching](https://dreadcentral.com/news/23272/i-frankenstein-still-alive-and-twitching)
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- 03** Release date: Feb 22, 2013, then Sept 13, 2013 (to make room for the Dwayne Johnson film Snitch), then Jan 24, 2014. The last move is sourced to Dread Central only, which gives the reason as "to pave the way for a proper 3D conversion."  
 Deadline · Sept 18, 2012 [deadline.com/2012/09/lionsgate-dwayne-johnson-snitch-movie-release-date-i-frankenstein-338407/](https://deadline.com/2012/09/lionsgate-dwayne-johnson-snitch-movie-release-date-i-frankenstein-338407/)  
 Dread Central · Apr 9, 2013 [dreadcentral.com/news/43123/i-frankenstein-gets-release-date-number-three](https://dreadcentral.com/news/43123/i-frankenstein-gets-release-date-number-three)
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- 04** Variety's pre-release social media analysis: "little interest outside this core genre audience." Numbers were below 47 Ronin's.  
 Variety · Jan 24, 2014 [variety.com/2014/film/news/social-media-stats-dont-bode-well-for-i-frankenstein-at-box-office-1201069617/](https://variety.com/2014/film/news/social-media-stats-dont-bode-well-for-i-frankenstein-at-box-office-1201069617/)
- 
- 05** Trailer coverage tied it to Underworld. ScreenCrush: "If you're looking at this film and getting a definitive 'Underworld' vibe, you're not wrong." JoBlo called the trailer redundant.  
 ScreenCrush · Oct 4, 2013 [screencrush.com/i-frankenstein-trailer-aaron-eckhart/](https://screencrush.com/i-frankenstein-trailer-aaron-eckhart/)  
 JoBlo [joblo.com/i-frankenstein-trailer-shows-us-nothing-new/amp/](https://joblo.com/i-frankenstein-trailer-shows-us-nothing-new/amp/)
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- 06** Opened sixth with \$8.6M from 2,753 theaters, the only wide release that weekend. Ride Along won its second weekend with \$21.2M.  
 Deadline · Jan 27, 2014 [deadline.com/2014/01/box-office-ride-along-no-1-i-frankenstein-670277/](https://deadline.com/2014/01/box-office-ride-along-no-1-i-frankenstein-670277/)  
 Variety · Jan 26, 2014 [variety.com/2014/film/box-office/box-office-i-frankenstein-delivers-dismal-8-3-mil-while-ride-along-injects-life-into-sluggish-frame-1201071545/](https://variety.com/2014/film/box-office/box-office-i-frankenstein-delivers-dismal-8-3-mil-while-ride-along-injects-life-into-sluggish-frame-1201071545/)
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- 07** IMAX gave it \$1.5M from 335 screens, then took those screens back the next weekend for the Gravity IMAX re-release.  
 Variety · Jan 26, 2014 [variety.com/2014/film/box-office/box-office-i-frankenstein-delivers-dismal-8-3-mil-while-ride-along-injects-life-into-sluggish-frame-1201071545/](https://variety.com/2014/film/box-office/box-office-i-frankenstein-delivers-dismal-8-3-mil-while-ride-along-injects-life-into-sluggish-frame-1201071545/)
- 
- 08** Rotten Tomatoes: 5% (105 reviews). CinemaScore B. Variety's review headline: "Dead on Arrival."  
 Rotten Tomatoes · Oct 22, 2026 [rottentomatoes.com/m/i\\_frankenstein](https://rottentomatoes.com/m/i_frankenstein)  
 Variety · Jan 26, 2014 [variety.com/2014/film/box-office/box-office-i-frankenstein-delivers-dismal-8-3-mil-while-ride-along-injects-life-into-sluggish-frame-1201071545/](https://variety.com/2014/film/box-office/box-office-i-frankenstein-delivers-dismal-8-3-mil-while-ride-along-injects-life-into-sluggish-frame-1201071545/)  
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- 09** Variety: the year's biggest financial flop so far. Lionsgate put up only a small portion of the budget. Lakeshore paid the majority of the \$65M and all marketing.  
 Variety · Jan 26, 2014 [variety.com/2014/film/box-office/box-office-i-frankenstein-delivers-dismal-8-3-mil-while-ride-along-injects-life-into-sluggish-frame-1201071545/](https://variety.com/2014/film/box-office/box-office-i-frankenstein-delivers-dismal-8-3-mil-while-ride-along-injects-life-into-sluggish-frame-1201071545/)  
 The Hollywood Reporter · Jan 26, 2014 [hollywoodreporter.com/movies/movie-news/box-office-i-frankenstein-doa-674130/](https://hollywoodreporter.com/movies/movie-news/box-office-i-frankenstein-doa-674130/)

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VARIETY

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Box Office: 'I, Frankenstein' Delivers Dismal \$8.3 Million

Oscar-nominated fare continue to provide sizable boosts

By Andrew Stewart ▾

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EXHIBIT 2A

Variety · Jan 26, 2014 [variety.com/2014/film/box-office/box-office-i-frankenstein-delivers-dismal-8-3-mil-while-ride-along-injects-life-into-sluggish-frame-1201071545/](https://variety.com/2014/film/box-office/box-office-i-frankenstein-delivers-dismal-8-3-mil-while-ride-along-injects-life-into-sluggish-frame-1201071545/)

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VARIETY

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Film Review: 'I, Frankenstein'

Why so serious? Long on talk and incoherent action, devoid of humor, this listless supernatural actioner surely has Mary Shelley turning in her grave.

By Andrew Barker ▾

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Film Review: 'I, Frankenstein'

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EXHIBIT 2B

Variety · Jan 24, 2014 [variety.com/2014/film/reviews/film-review-i-frankenstein-1201069132/](https://variety.com/2014/film/reviews/film-review-i-frankenstein-1201069132/)

# THE WOLFMAN

UNIVERSAL · FEBRUARY 2010

CAUSE OF DEATH  
LOST ITS DIRECTOR

TOXICOLOGY · THE MONEY

PRODUCTION BUDGET

\$150M

Universal: \$110M

OPENING WEEKEND (U.S.)

\$31.5M

DOMESTIC

\$62.2M

INTERNATIONAL

\$80.4M

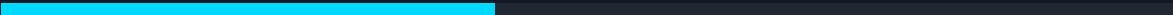
WORLDWIDE

\$142.6M

STUDIO'S CUT (EST.)

\$63.3M

SHARE OF PRODUCTION BUDGET THAT CAME BACK



ABOUT 42%

Variety · Feb 3, 2008 [variety.com/2008/film/news/johnston-to-direct-wolfman-1117980108/](http://variety.com/2008/film/news/johnston-to-direct-wolfman-1117980108/)

THE SCORE

PRODUCTION

10



MARKETING

6



MARKET FORCES

7



TOTAL

23 / 30

FINDING

Director Mark Romanek quit weeks before cameras rolled. His replacement had three weeks of prep, then came six weeks of reshoots, about 200 added effects shots, a new editor and a swapped score. The biggest loss on this list is still only third, because the score measures what killed it.

EVIDENCE AND EXHIBITS ON THE NEXT PAGE

## EVIDENCE

- 01 Budget path: \$85M net at the start (Variety, 2008), about \$112M (LA Times, July 2009), closer to \$120M (Feb 2010). Universal says \$110M. A person close to the film says \$150M.  
Variety · Feb 3, 2008 [variety.com/2008/film/news/johnston-to-direct-wolfman-1117980108/](http://variety.com/2008/film/news/johnston-to-direct-wolfman-1117980108/)  
Los Angeles Times · July 28, 2009 [latimes.com/archives/blogs/company-town-blog/story/2009-07-28/universal-pictures-pushes-back-release-of-the-wolf-man-yet-again](http://latimes.com/archives/blogs/company-town-blog/story/2009-07-28/universal-pictures-pushes-back-release-of-the-wolf-man-yet-again)  
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- 02 Mark Romanek left "just weeks before the movie was to go before cameras." He wanted more money. Universal wanted to keep it near \$100M.  
Deadline · Jan 29, 2008 [deadline.com/2008/01/director-quits-unis-wolfman-remake-4767/](http://deadline.com/2008/01/director-quits-unis-wolfman-remake-4767/)  
The Hollywood Reporter · Jan 30, 2008 [hollywoodreporter.com/business/business-news/director-romanek-departs-wolfman-103728/](http://hollywoodreporter.com/business/business-news/director-romanek-departs-wolfman-103728/)

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- 03 Joe Johnston was hired Feb 3, 2008, with about three weeks of prep.  
Variety · Feb 3, 2008 [variety.com/2008/film/news/johnston-to-direct-wolfman-1117980108/](http://variety.com/2008/film/news/johnston-to-direct-wolfman-1117980108/)  
Los Angeles Times · Feb 10, 2010 [latimes.com/archives/blogs/hero-complex-blog/story/2010-02-10/the-wolfman-claws-it-s-way-to-theaters-despite-a-cursed-production](http://latimes.com/archives/blogs/hero-complex-blog/story/2010-02-10/the-wolfman-claws-it-s-way-to-theaters-despite-a-cursed-production)

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- 04 Six weeks of reshoots from December 2008. About 200 added visual effects shots. Walter Murch re-cut the film. Danny Elfman's score was replaced, then restored.  
Los Angeles Times · Feb 10, 2010 [latimes.com/archives/blogs/hero-complex-blog/story/2010-02-10/the-wolfman-claws-it-s-way-to-theaters-despite-a-cursed-production](http://latimes.com/archives/blogs/hero-complex-blog/story/2010-02-10/the-wolfman-claws-it-s-way-to-theaters-despite-a-cursed-production)

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- 05 Moved off November 2009, the month New Moon opened. A person close to the film said Universal was "very worried." Universal's Adam Fogelson denied it.  
Los Angeles Times · July 28, 2009 [latimes.com/archives/blogs/company-town-blog/story/2009-07-28/universal-pictures-pushes-back-release-of-the-wolf-man-yet-again](http://latimes.com/archives/blogs/company-town-blog/story/2009-07-28/universal-pictures-pushes-back-release-of-the-wolf-man-yet-again)

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- 06 Deadline: the buzz "was consistent from early on" that it was "a disappointing mess."  
Deadline · Feb 14, 2010 [deadline.com/2010/02/valentines-day-16-5m-friday-for-60m-weekend-percey-jackson-10-5m50m-wolfman-4-8m24m-dear-john-4-5m19m-25288/](http://deadline.com/2010/02/valentines-day-16-5m-friday-for-60m-weekend-percey-jackson-10-5m50m-wolfman-4-8m24m-dear-john-4-5m19m-25288/)

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- 07 Presidents Day weekend 2010 three-day estimates: Valentine's Day \$52.4M, Percy Jackson \$31.1M, The Wolfman \$30.6M. Makeup artist Rick Baker said it should have opened on Halloween.  
Deadline · Feb 14, 2010 [deadline.com/2010/02/valentines-day-16-5m-friday-for-60m-weekend-percey-jackson-10-5m50m-wolfman-4-8m24m-dear-john-4-5m19m-25288/](http://deadline.com/2010/02/valentines-day-16-5m-friday-for-60m-weekend-percey-jackson-10-5m50m-wolfman-4-8m24m-dear-john-4-5m19m-25288/)  
Los Angeles Times · June 8, 2010 [latimes.com/archives/blogs/hero-complex-blog/story/2010-06-08/rick-bakers-wolfman-regrets-i-hoped-it-would-bring-back-monster-movies](http://latimes.com/archives/blogs/hero-complex-blog/story/2010-06-08/rick-bakers-wolfman-regrets-i-hoped-it-would-bring-back-monster-movies)

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- 08 Shutter Island opened Feb 19 to \$41.1M. The Wolfman fell 69% to \$9.9M.  
Box Office Mojo · Feb 21, 2010 [boxofficemojo.com/article/ed2642019332/](http://boxofficemojo.com/article/ed2642019332/)  
Los Angeles Times · Feb 15, 2010 [latimes.com/archives/blogs/company-town-blog/story/2010-02-15/valentines-day-percy-jackson-and-wolfman-the-more-they-cost-the-less-they-made](http://latimes.com/archives/blogs/company-town-blog/story/2010-02-15/valentines-day-percy-jackson-and-wolfman-the-more-they-cost-the-less-they-made)

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- 09 Rotten Tomatoes: 32%. CinemaScore: C+.  
Rotten Tomatoes · Oct 22, 2026 [rottentomatoes.com/m/the\\_wolfman\\_2010](http://rottentomatoes.com/m/the_wolfman_2010)  
Los Angeles Times · Feb 15, 2010 [latimes.com/archives/blogs/company-town-blog/story/2010-02-15/valentines-day-percy-jackson-and-wolfman-the-more-they-cost-the-less-they-made](http://latimes.com/archives/blogs/company-town-blog/story/2010-02-15/valentines-day-percy-jackson-and-wolfman-the-more-they-cost-the-less-they-made)

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- 10 Ron Meyer, Universal president, Savannah Film Festival, Nov 2, 2011: "That movie was crappy - The director was wrong."  
The Guardian · Nov 4, 2011 [theguardian.com/film/2011/nov/04/universal-studios-ron-meyer](http://theguardian.com/film/2011/nov/04/universal-studios-ron-meyer)

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- 11 In June 2010 the LA Times noted \$139M worldwide against a \$150M production budget, "which doesn't include marketing and advertising costs." The Numbers now lists \$142.6M.  
Los Angeles Times · June 8, 2010 [latimes.com/archives/blogs/hero-complex-blog/story/2010-06-08/rick-bakers-wolfman-regrets-i-hoped-it-would-bring-back-monster-movies](http://latimes.com/archives/blogs/hero-complex-blog/story/2010-06-08/rick-bakers-wolfman-regrets-i-hoped-it-would-bring-back-monster-movies)  
The Numbers · pulled 10/22/2026 [the-numbers.com/movie/Wolfman-The-\(2010\)](http://the-numbers.com/movie/Wolfman-The-(2010))

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Universal's The Wolfman and Pig in the City are stinkers, according to Ron Meyer, president and chief operating officer at the company

Andrew Pulver

Fri 4 Nov 2011 13:32 EDT

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That movie was crappy ... Benicio Del Toro as The Wolfman

Could it be Universal Studios' Gerald Ratner moment? At a "masterclass" at the Savannah film festival on 2 November, Universal's president and chief operating officer Ron Meyer told his audience: "We make a lot of shitty movies. Every one of them breaks my heart."

The movie that had aroused Meyer's ire was The Wolfman, the 2009 horror film starring Benicio Del Toro and Emily Blunt. "The moment I saw it I thought, 'What have we all done here?' That movie was crappy ... The director was wrong. Benicio [del Toro] stunk. It all stunk."

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# DARK SHADOWS

WARNER BROS. · MAY 2012

CAUSE OF DEATH  
PEAK DEPP

TOXICOLOGY · THE MONEY

PRODUCTION BUDGET

\$150M

THR: \$100M

OPENING WEEKEND (U.S.)

\$29.7M

DOMESTIC

\$79.7M

INTERNATIONAL

\$165.8M

WORLDWIDE

\$245.6M

STUDIO'S CUT (EST.)

\$106.2M

SHARE OF PRODUCTION BUDGET THAT CAME BACK



ABOUT 71%

The Numbers · pulled 10/22/2026 [the-numbers.com/movie/Dark-Shadows](https://the-numbers.com/movie/Dark-Shadows)

THE SCORE

PRODUCTION

7



MARKETING

8



MARKET FORCES

9



TOTAL

24 /30



FINDING

A gothic drama rewritten as a comedy, with a trailer that told the series' fans so. It opened one week after The Avengers, which made \$103.1M in its second weekend, and took \$29.7M against \$35-40M tracking. Audiences were over Johnny Depp.

EVIDENCE AND EXHIBITS ON THE NEXT PAGE

## EVIDENCE

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- 03 Tim Burton, May 2011: "I'm very intrigued by the tone. It's a real ethereal tone we're trying to go for and I don't know yet."  
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 NBC News · Mar 16, 2012 [nbcnews.com/pop-culture/pop-culture-news/dark-shadows-trailer-reveals-films-comedy-flna465701](https://nbcnews.com/pop-culture/pop-culture-news/dark-shadows-trailer-reveals-films-comedy-flna465701)
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Los Angeles Times · May 14, 2012 [latimes.com/archives/blogs/24-frames/story/2012-05-14/dark-shadows-has-america-fallen-out-of-love-with-johnny-depp](http://latimes.com/archives/blogs/24-frames/story/2012-05-14/dark-shadows-has-america-fallen-out-of-love-with-johnny-depp)

# VICTOR FRANKENSTEIN

20TH CENTURY FOX · NOVEMBER 2015

CAUSE OF DEATH  
NO AUDIENCE

TOXICOLOGY · THE MONEY

PRODUCTION BUDGET

\$40M

OPENING WEEKEND (U.S.)

\$2.35M

Fri-Sun

DOMESTIC

\$5.8M

INTERNATIONAL

\$25.3M

Mojo: \$28.5M

WORLDWIDE

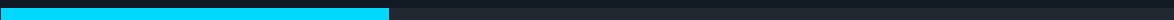
\$31.1M

Mojo: \$34.2M

STUDIO'S CUT (EST.)

\$13.0M

SHARE OF PRODUCTION BUDGET THAT CAME BACK



ABOUT 33%

The Numbers · pulled 10/22/2026 [the-numbers.com/movie/Victor-Frankenstein](https://the-numbers.com/movie/Victor-Frankenstein)

THE SCORE

PRODUCTION

6



MARKETING

9



MARKET FORCES

9



TOTAL

24 / 30

FINDING

Four release dates, one late trailer, \$10.6M in TV ads against Creed's \$27.1M, and a director who told press the book was dull and book fans would hate his movie. It opened to \$2.35M on Thanksgiving weekend and did not gross its budget back. Nobody knew who it was for.

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## EVIDENCE

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 Collider · 2015 [collider.com/victor-frankenstein-director-paul-mcguigan-interview/](https://collider.com/victor-frankenstein-director-paul-mcguigan-interview/)  
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 Slashfilm · Aug 18, 2015 [slashfilm.com/victor-frankenstein-trailer](https://slashfilm.com/victor-frankenstein-trailer)
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 Deadline · Nov 29, 2015 [deadline.com/2015/11/thanksgiving-box-office-hunger-games-mockingjay-creed-the-good-dinosaur-1201639941/](https://deadline.com/2015/11/thanksgiving-box-office-hunger-games-mockingjay-creed-the-good-dinosaur-1201639941/)
- 06 Deadline's Anthony D'Alessandro: "if you don't have a clearly defined audience for your wide release, you're toast." Deadline also noted it followed I, Frankenstein, which opened to \$8.6M in January 2014.  
 Deadline · Nov 29, 2015 [deadline.com/2015/11/thanksgiving-box-office-hunger-games-mockingjay-creed-the-good-dinosaur-1201639941/](https://deadline.com/2015/11/thanksgiving-box-office-hunger-games-mockingjay-creed-the-good-dinosaur-1201639941/)
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