

## 28 Days Later (2002)

Screenplay by Alex Garland  
Directed by Danny Boyle

### Cast

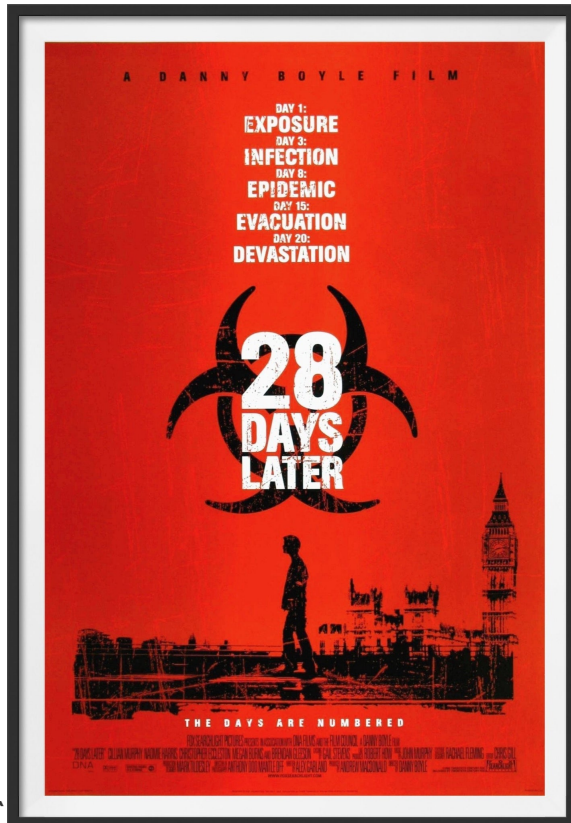
Cillian Murphy.....Jim  
Naomie Harris.....Celina  
Brendan Gleeson.....Frank  
Megan Burns.....Hannah

### Oscar Wins

None

### Oscar Nominations

None



### Plot Synopsis

Animal activists invade a laboratory with the intention of releasing chimpanzees that are undergoing experimentation, infected by a virus -a virus that causes rage. The naive activists ignore the pleas of a scientist to keep the cages locked, with disastrous results. Twenty-eight days later, our protagonist, Jim, wakes up from a coma, alone, in an abandoned hospital. He begins to seek out anyone else to find London is deserted, apparently without a living soul. After finding a church, which had become inhabited by zombie like humans intent on his demise, he runs for his life. Selena and Mark rescue him from the horde and bring him up to date on the mass carnage and horror as all of London tore itself apart. This is a tale of survival and ultimately, heroics, with nice subtext about mankind's savage nature.

### Tidbits and Trivia

- For the scenes on the motorway, the production got permission to shoot on the M1 on a Sunday morning between 7.00am and 9.00am. The police gradually slowed traffic in both directions. Using 10 cameras, the filmmakers managed to capture a total of one minute of usable footage.
- The film was shot almost entirely in sequence; only pickups and a few reshoots were shot out of sequence.
- Athletes were cast as the Infected because of how important physicality is to them. Danny Boyle felt that since athletes can do things other people can't, they would be interesting when translated into the movements of the Infected.
- One of the first mainstream films to be shot entirely digitally as opposed to with film.
- Ewan McGregor was the original choice to play Jim, but he and director Danny Boyle had a falling-out at the time over *The Beach* (2000), in which McGregor was supposed to play the lead until he was replaced by Leonardo DiCaprio (they have since reconciled). After that didn't work out, the role was offered to Ryan Gosling, who had a scheduling conflict.