

## THE LORAX

**CERTIFICATE:** U

**DIRECTOR:** Chris Renaud, Kyle Balda

**STARRING:** Zac Efron, Taylor Swift, Danny DeVito, Ed Helms

### What's it all about?

Young Ted (Efron) lives in a soulless town where everything's artificial and everything has its price. When Audrey (Swift), a girl Ted has a huge crush on, reveals that what she wants most in the whole world is a real tree, Ted decides to find her one. His mission leads him to the Once-ler (Helms), a loner whose greed years ago caused him to cut down all the trees in a nearby forest, against the protests of its guardian The Lorax (DeVito) – a grumpy little orange creature. But Ted vows to bring the forest back to life...

### What's good?

It's beautiful to look at, featuring some of the best animation we've seen in yonks. On top of that, it's very funny, packed with hilarious moments and clever visual gags that will make both parents and kids giggle like crazy. Danny DeVito is the perfect voice choice for the grouchy but good-hearted Lorax.

### What's bad?

As with most Dr Seuss stories, the film carries a political message, which could come across as patronising.

**new! VERDICT:** Funny and fabulous to look at. A treat for all the family. ★★★★★



The Once-ler (Helms) has cut down the trees that The Lorax (DeVito) was tasked with protecting

This documentary aims to solve the mystery of Sixto Rodriguez



## SEARCHING FOR SUGAR MAN

**CERTIFICATE:** 12A

**DIRECTOR:** Malik Bendjelloul

**STARRING:** Sixto Rodriguez and Malik Bendjelloul

### What's it all about?

A touching documentary about a Detroit-based singer called Rodriguez, who committed a gruesome on-stage suicide after his second album failed to set the charts alight in the early seventies. Or did he? More than two decades later, and after huge success in South Africa, two of his fans set out to find what really happened to Rodriguez...

### What's good?

This is an extraordinary true story of the rock star who never was, and who finally became recognised for his talent. It's also a brilliant introduction to Rodriguez's psychedelic folk music.

### What's bad?

The story is told by relatively unknown talking heads and can drag a bit.

**new! VERDICT:** It's a must-see for music fans. ★★★★★

### DVD OF THE WEEK

Bel Ami (15)

Robert Pattinson is in swoonsome form as 19th-century womanising French fop Georges Duroy, in this fun, if rather silly, adaptation of the classic novel. ★★★★★



## OUR PICK OF RECENT RELEASES



### 1. The Dark Knight Rises (12A)

The *Batman* trilogy comes to a breathtaking and epic end, with Christian Bale, Tom Hardy and Anne Hathaway putting in brilliant performances. ★★★★★



### 2. Ice Age 4: Continental Drift (U)

The latest adventure for Manny, the woolly mammoth, and co is brilliant fun for all the family, boasting some fantastic new characters. ★★★★★



### 3. The Five-Year Engagement (15)

A laugh-out-loud romcom all about the highs and lows of a long-term relationship. Emily Blunt and Jason Segel are both on fine form. ★★★★★



### 4. The Amazing Spider-Man (12A)

The web-slinging superhero gets a fun – but not hugely different – reboot, with Andrew Garfield squeezing into the famous red and blue spandex. ★★★★★



### 5. Magic Mike (15)

Channing Tatum and Alex Pettyfer get their kit off in this easy-on-the-eye tale about a male stripper who takes a wannabe under his wing. ★★★★★