

Unbreakable

Came out in 2000
Was only a mild box office success, earning \$73 million during its release.

Stars

Bruce Willis- David Dunn
Samuel L. Jackson- Elijah Price
Robyn Wright Penn- Audrey Dunn
Spencer Treat Clark- Joseph Dunn
M. Night Shyamalan- director



Notes

Director M. Night Shyamalan was born Manoj Nelliattu Shyamalan in India, but raised in the posh suburban Penn Valley area of Philadelphia, the son of two doctors. His passion for filmmaking began when he was given a Super-8 camera at age eight, and even at that young age began to model his career on that of his idol, Steven Spielberg. His first film, Praying with Anger (1992), was based somewhat on his own trip back to visit the India of his birth. He raised all the funds for this project, in addition to directing, producing and starring in it. Wide Awake (1998), his second film, he wrote and directed, and shot it in the Philadelphia-area Catholic school he once attended--even though his family was of a different religion, they sent him to that school because of its strict discipline.

Shyamalan frequently uses Philadelphia as the backdrop in his movies. As seen in the films Wide Awake (1998), The Sixth Sense (1999), Unbreakable (2000), Signs (2002) and The Village (2004). Most of his films have some sort of twist in the end or surprise ending. He also uses bright colors to emphasize certain characters. In the train station scene, a darkish or blueish filter is used to make those colors stand out.

Shyamalan makes cameo appearances in his own movies, like Alfred Hitchcock, one of his favorite directors. In *Unbreakable*, he's a suspected drug dealer at the football stadium (Penn's Franklin Field).

Bruce Willis' character is named David Dunn. It is very common for the "real" names of comic book heroes to be alliterative (for example, Peter Parker, Bruce Banner, Matt Murdock, Reed Richards, and Clark Kent).

Shyamalan has not given up on the idea of doing two sequels- *Unbeatable* and *Unstoppable*.

Water is David Dunn's "kryptonite," he almost drown when he was in grammar school and almost drowns at the end when pushed into the swimming pool. He "Security" poncho is like a superhero's cape. Like many superheroes, he has or had a friendship with his arch-enemy.

