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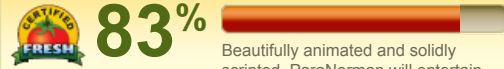
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ParaNorman (2012)

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Beautifully animated and solidly scripted, ParaNorman will entertain (and frighten) older children while providing surprisingly thoughtful fare for their parents.

AUDIENCE [?]



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MOVIE INFO

The new 3D stop-motion comedy thriller from animation company LAIKA, reteaming the company with Focus Features after the groundbreaking Academy Award-nominated Coraline. ParaNorman is, following Coraline, the company's second stop-motion animated feature to be made in 3D. In ParaNorman, a small town comes under siege by zombies. Who can it call? Only misunderstood local boy Norman (Kodi Smit-McPhee), who is able to speak with the dead. In addition to the zombies, he'll have to take on ghosts, witches and, worst, of all, grown-ups, to save his town from a centuries-old curse. But this young ghoul whisperer may find his paranormal activities pushed to their otherworldly limits. -- (C) Focus

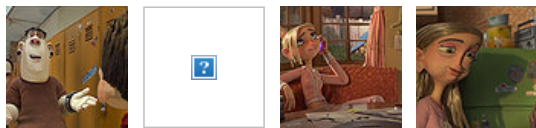
PG, 1 hr. 32 min. In Theaters: Aug 17, 2012 Wide

Action & Adventure, Animation, Kids & Family, Focus Features
Comedy

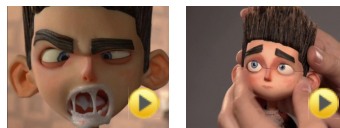
Directed By: Chris Butler (XII) , Sam Fell

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Paranorman
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Paranorman: Hand-r
Jul 25, 2012

Cast

Kodi Smit-McPhee
Norman Babcock

Tucker Albrizzi
Neil

John Goodman
Mr. Prenderghast

Casey Affleck
Mitch

Jeff Garlin
Perry Babcock

Bernard Hill
The Judge

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OPENING

	63%	The Expendables 2	17/8
	83%	ParaNorman	17/8
	40%	The Odd Life of Timothy Green	15/8

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TOP BOX OFFICE

	55%	The Bourne Legacy	\$38.1M
	66%	The Campaign	\$26.6M
	87%	The Dark Knight Rises	\$19.0M
	75%	Hope Springs	\$14.7M
	31%	Total Recall	\$8.0M
	49%	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog D...	\$8.0M
	39%	Ice Age: Continental Drift 3D	\$6.4M
	70%	Ted	\$3.2M
	42%	Step Up Revolution	\$2.9M
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	94%	The Queen of Versailles	20/7

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Critic Reviews for ParaNorman

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Humor depends on character, context and continuity, none of which is in abundant supply in "ParaNorman."

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August 16, 2012



Colin Covert

Minneapolis Star Tribune

★ Top Critic



It may be the most fun you'll have with ghosts and zombies all year.

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August 16, 2012



Betsy Sharkey

Los Angeles Times

★ Top Critic



The story, an amusing if not especially fresh tale involving a witch and some Puritans, is principally a vehicle for the movie's meticulously detailed pictorial beauty, which turns each scene into an occasion for discovery and sometimes delight.

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August 16, 2012



Manohla Dargis

New York Times

★ Top Critic



Simply put, it is no less than the most confident, fully realized, and just plain imaginative stop-motion animated feature since 1993's holiday classic "The Nightmare Before Christmas."

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Dustin Putman

DustinPutman.com



blithe and hollow

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Walter Chaw

Film Freak Central



Beginning with a zombie-movie-within-a-zombie-movie, this sweet retro paean to kids who love their monsters also has a message for kids about tolerance and bullying.

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Laura Clifford

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"ParaNorman" finds a way to make this night of the living dead play essentially as a comedy ...

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Gary Thompson

Philadelphia Daily News



It's rare to find a movie brimming with this much talent that finds a way to so consistently kill its own narrative momentum.

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Jon Niccum

Kansas City Star



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August 16, 2012



Amy Biancolli

San Francisco Chronicle

★ Top Critic



An entertaining and visually attractive family-friendly story.

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August 16, 2012



Claudia Puig

USA Today

★ Top Critic



The spirit of great stop-motion animators like George Pal and Ray Harryhausen lives on in ParaNorman, and not just as a ghost: It's so real you could almost reach out and touch it.

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August 16, 2012



Stephanie Zacharek

NPR

★ Top Critic



"ParaNorman" expertly balances scary and funny elements of the story, with a surprisingly heartwarming conclusion.

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Nell Minow

Beliefnet



A morbid film but gleefully so.

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August 16, 2012



Mark Dujsik

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"ParaNorman" has plenty of rambunctious thrills to give the kiddies goosebumps, while older connoisseurs of stop-motion animation will appreciate the Laika studio's inventive visuals.

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August 16, 2012



Joe Williams

St. Louis Post-Dispatch



It is a Herculean task to create a stop-motion film like ParaNorman, so it's too bad the story and the characters in this adventure tale are so weak.

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August 16, 2012



Liz Braun

Jam! Movies



Laika, the animation outfit behind 2009's marvelous stop-motion adaptation of Neil Gaiman's *Coraline*, scores another one for the dark side with this endearingly sweet and spooky-ookie ode to the living, the dead, and the in-between.



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Critics Consensus

Expendables 2 is Big, Dumb Fun



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Lawrence Topman
Charlotte Observer

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Marc Savlov
Austin Chronicle



shouldn't touch.



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Very clever, surprisingly mature, genuinely creepy, and absolutely beautiful to look at. So beautiful, you almost ignore the sloppily delivered messages, some seriously corny dialogue, and case of "your movie isn't taking full advantage of it's coolest parts" syndrome.

August 13, 2012



Kevin Cookman
★ Super Reviewer

[WANT TO SEE IT](#)

Woah! As if Coraline was bizarre enough, now the creators of that movie are going to make another, this time 100% weird, unsettling, ans scary. I'm IN!!!

November 21, 2011



Tyler Kirk
★ Super Reviewer

ParaNorman Quotes

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Neil: Don't make me throw this hummus: It's spicy!

– Submitted by [Claudine A](#) (2 days ago)

Mr. Prenderghast: I was askin' him!

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Perry Babcock: Can't you be like other kids your age?

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