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# DEATH OF A SUPERHERO

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# DEATH OF A SUPERHERO

by Ian FitzGibbon

Germany, Ireland

97 minutes  
Partly animated  
DCP and 35mm, color, 1:1.85  
Dolby 5.1



## PRODUCTION

Bavaria Pictures, Grand Pictures

## CREW

**Director** Ian FitzGibbon

**Producers** Astrid Kahmke,  
Philipp Kreuzer, Michael Garland

**Screenplay** Anthony McCarten

**DoP** Tom Fährmann

**Editor** Tony Cranstoun

**Music** Marius Ruhland

**Production Designer**  
Mark Geraghty

**Costume Designer**  
Kathy Strachan

## CAST

Andy Serkis, Thomas Brodie-Sangster, Aisling Loftus, Michael McElhatton, Sharon Horgan, Jessica Schwarz

Donald is a different kind of superhero. In real life he is sick and feels like a peeled potato. But the 15-year-old has an outstanding talent to animate with pen and ink a dark world in which an invincible superhero battles a deadly nemesis and his sexy sidekick. But while Donald's cartoon hero is unbreakable and unable to love, he himself is utterly breakable and bound for love.

In a rollercoaster ride he learns of life through his unorthodox psychologist Adrian King, discovers love with the rebellious Shelly and makes peace with his parents while his time is running out. And so, on the edge of the Irish Sea and on the edge of life, Donald finds himself in the heart of love: an ordinary superhero who proves the important thing it's not how you leave this life but how you live it.

*With its innovative mix of live action and animation, DEATH OF A SUPERHERO tells a blisteringly modern love story that is tender, comic and truthful. Directed by Ian FitzGibbon ("Perrier's Bounty"), this English language feature is based on the homonymous novel by internationally acclaimed author Anthony McCarten, who also wrote the screenplay. It stars Andy Serkis ("Rise of the Planet of the Apes", "The Lord of the Rings", "The Hobbit") Thomas Brodie-Sangster ("Love Actually", "Nowhere Boy", "Bright Star"), Jessica Schwarz ("Perfume", "Buddenbrooks", "The Door"), among others.*



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