

# The Man Who Knew Infinity (2015)

PG-13 | 1h 48min | Biography, Drama | 29 April 2016 (USA)



The story of the life and academic career of the pioneer Indian mathematician, Srinivasa Ramanujan, and his friendship with his mentor, Professor G.H. Hardy.

**Director:** Matt Brown (as Matthew Brown)  
**Writers:** Matt Brown (screenplay), Matt Brown | [More credit >](#)  
**Stars:** Dev Patel, Jeremy Irons, Malcolm Sinclair | [See full cast & crew >](#)

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## Cast

Cast overview, first billed only:

Jeremy Irons	...	G.H. Hardy
Dev Patel	...	S. Ramanujan
Malcolm Sinclair	...	Professor Cartwright
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## Storyline

In the 1910s, Srinivasa Ramanujan is a man of boundless intelligence that even the abject poverty of his home in Madras, India cannot crush. Eventually, his stellar intelligence in mathematics and his boundless confidence in both attract the attention of the noted British mathematics professor, G.H. Hardy, who invites him to further develop his computations at Trinity College at Cambridge. Forced to leave his young wife, Janaki, behind, Ramanujan finds himself in a land where both his largely intuitive mathematical theories and his cultural values run headlong into both the stringent academic requirements of his school and mentor and the prejudiced realities of a Britain heading into World War One. Facing this with a family back home determined to keep him from his wife and his own declining health, Ramanujan joins with Hardy in a mutual struggle that would define Ramanujan as one of India's greatest modern scholars who broke more than one barrier in his worlds.  
*Written by Kenneth Chisholm (kchishol@rogers.com)*

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**Country:** UK  
**Language:** [English](#) | [Tamil](#) | [Sanskrit](#)  
**Release Date:** 29 April 2016 (USA) [See more >](#)  
**Also Known As:** Die Poesie des Unendlichen [See more >](#)  
**Filming Locations:** The Charterhouse, Charterhouse Square, London, England, UK [See more >](#)

**Box Office**  
**Opening Weekend:** \$80,325 (USA) (29 April 2016)  
**Gross:** \$3,859,765 (USA) (29 July 2016)  
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**Company Credits**  
**Production Co:** Edward R. Pressman Film, Xeltgeist Entertainment Group, Animus Films [See more >](#)  
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**Technical Specs**  
**Runtime:** 108 min  
**Color:** [Color](#)  
**Aspect Ratio:** 2.39 : 1  
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**Trivia**  
 When Ramanujan is leaving, Hardy mentions he took a cab with an uninteresting number: 1729. Ramanujan says that 1729 is interesting because it is the smallest integer that can be summed by two cubes of integers in two different ways. The integers and the sums are 1 and 12, and 9 and 10. (1 + 1728, and 729 + 1000). At the end of the movie, Hardy chooses to take (another? the same?) cab, with the number plate "CE1729". (In real life, the exchange between Hardy and Ramanujan took place in Ramanujan's hospital room.) [See more >](#)

**Goofs**  
 Towards the end of the film we see the famous taxicab incident in which Hardy says the taxi license plate has a very dull number, but Ramanujan says "it is a very interesting number" - the lowest number expressed as the sum of two cubes in two different ways. Hardy (Jeremy Irons) incorrectly states the number as 1739. Three minutes later in the film, after Ramanujan's death, we see Hardy with another colleague insisting on hailing the identical taxi. At this point, the license number is correctly stated, and shown onscreen as being 1729. (It is both the sum of 10^3 + 9^3 and the sum of 12^3 + 1^3). [See more >](#)

**Quotes**  
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I'm rather surprised that this film wasn't produced by Disney. Because it's right up their alley. A young man (Patel) from India travels to England in search of recognition for his work in mathematics. A professor (Irons) takes him under his wing as a mentor in an attempt to show him how to improve his theories. Needless to say, if you're not that into math, this film may not be for you. This ultimately cripples any chance of this film being popular. It shows so much that this man did but it's lost to anyone that doesn't understand what it means. The film just doesn't explain anything. It continues to say that the work is important but never shows why. It tells us to be invested without letting us be. For someone like me that doesn't know how these formulas are vital to math it's hard to be invested. The entire film rests on the work that this man did but is lost among the film's own agenda. An agenda that brings religion in at the oddest of times.

The two main characters will be chatting about proofing the formulas than randomly god and faith will be thrown in. The film accidentally implies that you can't be great without God. This is the thing that frustrated me about the film most. I get that the main character was very religious but why does the film feel the need to say something like this?

One character is religious and the other not. And the film continually makes the case that nothing is possible without God. If you're not religious than this other wise well intentioned film is very pretentious. The strange part is, the only openly atheist character is the most interesting part of the film.

Hardy, played by Jeremy Irons, is the best part of the film. Not only is his performance excellent as always but his character is actually interesting. You can tell he has a hard time letting people close to him. He is cold and sometimes overly harsh but you can see that he cares. It's a complex character that I would've loved to see more of. Especially considering how bland the main character is.

I mean the entire film revolves around this young man and yet, all we know about him is he has a family, is religious, and likes math. That is all. Not knowing what kind of a person makes his struggles to sit through. Not to mention the repulsive cinematography and direction.

Nearly half the film is out of focus. Even when a shot is in focus there is nothing interesting going on to hold your attention. Most of the shots are within dark rooms that are so poorly lit it's hard to tell where the characters are. All they had to do is put one or two more lights up in the room and the shot would have been a hundred times more compelling. But no, no one seemed to care in the slightest.

The film is as harmless as an underdog sports movie and that's the problem. It does it's main character wrong by not being anything different. It continually says that this man changed the world of mathematics but does so in the most by the numbers way. It's predictable, flat, and boring. If it weren't for the great lead performances and Jeremy Irons presence, this film would have been a disaster on every level.

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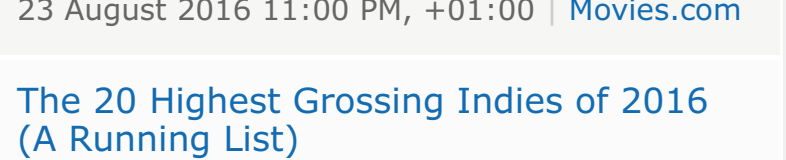
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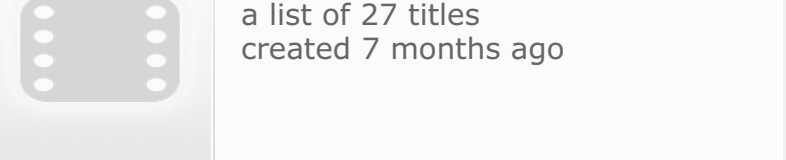
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