

# Howard Lovecraft and the Frozen Kingdom (2016)

PG 1h 23min Animation, Fantasy October 2016 (Canada)



After visiting his father in Arkham Sanitarium, young Howard Lovecraft accidentally uses the legendary Necronomicon to open a portal to a strange frozen world filled with horrifying creatures and a great adventure.

**Director:** Sean Patrick O'Reilly  
**Writer:** Sean Patrick O'Reilly  
**Stars:** Kiefer O'Reilly, Michelle O'Reilly, Christopher Plummer | See full cast & crew >

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### Cast

Cast overview:

Kiefer O'Reilly	...	Howard Lovecraft / Davik (voice)
Michelle O'Reilly	...	Sarah Lovecraft (voice)
Christopher Plummer	...	Dr. West (voice)
Tyler Nicol	...	Winfield Lovecraft (voice)
Alison Wandzura	...	Mary Lovecraft (voice)
Sean Patrick O'Reilly	...	Spot (voice)
Summer O'Reilly	...	Gotha (voice)
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Scott McNeil	...	Ice Govlin 'Barry' / Govlins (voice)
Jane Curtin	...	Algid Bunk (voice)
Doug Bradley	...	The Envoy (Nyarlathotep) (voice)
Ron Perlman	...	Shoggoth (voice)

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### Storyline

Young Howard Lovecraft begins his adventure by going to the Butler Sanitarium with his mother to visit his father Winfield Lovecraft, a patient there who has been driven mad by something he's done. Howard's father goes into a spasm of paranoia and fear, begging his son to destroy a book that he should have never written. The boy doesn't scream during the incident, but does go home with a small gift - a paper star made by his father. Once home, Howard's curiosity is too much and he begins to read his father's book. He's drawn into a dark, cold world of magic and deceit. The book tells of a place - R'lyeh - a "kingdom described as an unholy marriage of fairy tales and nightmares." Unwittingly, the boy reads a few words written in the book in a strange language - and is sucked through a hole in the fabric of the universe. He meets a Deep One, Thu Thu Hmong, who initially tries to eat Howard but comes around after the boy saves the creature's life. Howard, who fails to pronounce the ...

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**Plot Keywords:** monster | scene after end credits | no opening credits | penguin | snowman | See All (7) >

**Taglines:** For Howard, things are about to get R'lyeh crazy.

**Genres:** Animation | Fantasy

**Motion Picture Rating (MPAA)**  
 Rated PG for thematic elements and some action/peril | See all certifications >

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### Details

**Official Sites:** Official Website  
**Country:** Canada  
**Language:** English  
**Release Date:** October 2016 (Canada) See more >  
**Also Known As:** Говард Лавкрафт и Замёрзшее Королевство See more >

### Company Credits

**Production Co:** Arcana Studio See more >  
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### Technical Specs

**Runtime:** 83 min  
**Color:** Color  
**Aspect Ratio:** 1.78 : 1  
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**Trivia**  
 Howard Lovecraft and The Frozen Kingdom is the fictional story of American horror novelist H.P. Lovecraft. See more >

**Goofs**  
 When Howard, reading the Necronomicon, says, "None of these words make sense", the text on the page is actually in Greek characters. However, the character reads them out quite correctly (including a previous reference to the hideous creature called a Penguin). See more >

**Crazy Credits**  
 There is a short scene after the main credits showing the Govlins snowboarding on the slopes of R'lyeh. See more >

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I am somewhat at a loss at how I feel about "Howard Lovecraft & the Frozen Kingdom". On one hand then I think it was a nice enough way of opening up the bizarre writings of H.P. Lovecraft to a young audience through means of an animated movie, and without it being too weird and too heavy on the cosmic dread. But at the same time, then I feel that this animated movie, while having the heart at the right place, hardly did the writings of H.P. Lovecraft very little justice.

The storyline is easy to follow, and even my six year old son was entertained enough by watching it, at least to the point of his attention not drifting away from the animated movie and the story.

However, what I think was the biggest anchor around the animated movie was the CGI and the textures. It just looked like the movie was halfway done. The textures were blank and featureless, making it appear that the CGI department hadn't had time to go over the finished product to fill in all that was missing. As such, then it just felt like watching a half-finished animated movie.

When talking about an animated movie, then voice acting is also a very crucial factor. And without proper voice acting, then the animated movie suffers terribly. The voice acting in "Howard Lovecraft & the Frozen Kingdom" was mediocre. Sure, some were doing good jobs, but then others were doing half-hearted jobs and they were dragging everything down. But it was impressive with the names that they had managed to get aboard for this project; Ron Perlman, Christopher Plummer, Jane Curtin and the iconic Doug Bradley.

I am a huge fan of the immortal writings of H.P. Lovecraft and everything Lovecraftian in general. And I can now check this 2016 animated movie off the list and say that I have seen it. It wasn't a memorable experience, not by a long shot. And it is not an animated movie that has enough contents to sustain more than a single viewing, provided you manage to sit through it to the end of course.

In overall, then "Howard Lovecraft & the Frozen Kingdom" was a mediocre animated movie which definitely could have prospered from more levels of detail in textures and CGI. It scores a meager and mediocre five out of ten stars from me.

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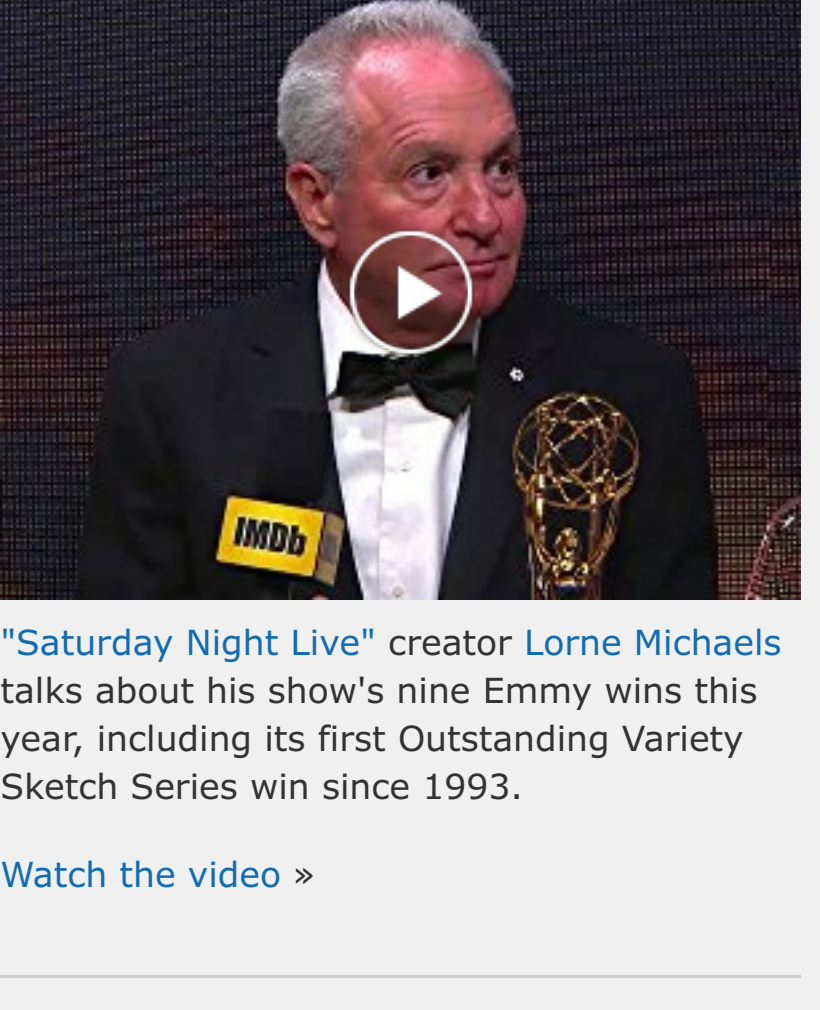
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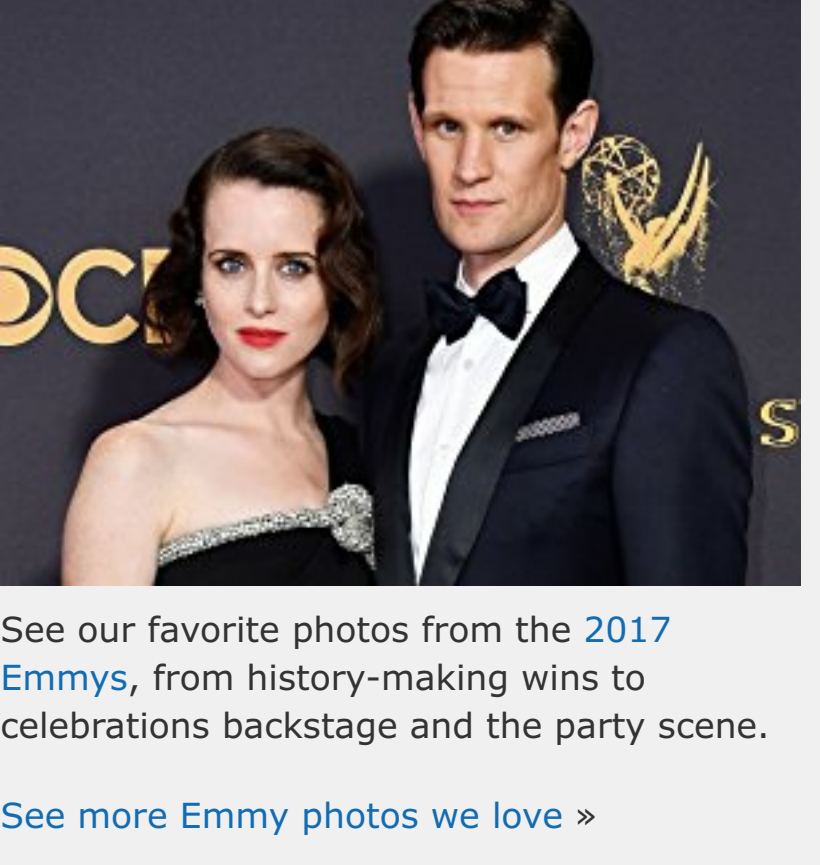
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