

LASKA 'We have a great life here in Alaska. and we're never going back to America again!' says Homer, after his family flees an ecological disaster in The Simpsons Movie.

URNS Rated as the second richest fictional character ever by Forbes magazine, Monty Burns uses his wealth to fund schemes such as stealing Christmas 'from 1981 to 1985', Excellent!



ELFMAN, DANNY

Elfman created The Simpsons' theme tune in just two days. He also composes for Spider-Man, Tim Burton films and Desperate Housewives.

UTURAMA Co-created by Matt Groening, Futurama follows pizza delivery guy Fry's antics 1,000 vears in the future. His robot buddy

Bender appears in several Simpsons episodes.



Mouse Itchy and cat Scratchy have their own ultraviolent series shown on Krusty's TV show. The character of Itchy was created in 1919 by Chester J Lampwick, 'the father of cartoon violence'.

OBS 119: The number of jobs Homer has moonlighted on to date. Our favourites: Mr Plow, fortune cookie writer. astronaut, fake Krusty, grease salesman, grifter, mayor, Smithers, Kwik-E-Mart clerk and missionary.

AME Take control of your favourite Simpson in The Simpsons Game and save the world from evil. Unleash Homer's Power Burp, master Lisa's Saxophone Spin or just enjoy hilarious parodies of classic video games. The game is available at Blockbuster now, to rent or buy, for the Wii, DS, Xbox 360 and PS3.



HRISTMAS

With The Simpsons

in store, we take a

whistle-stop tour of Springfield - before Homer destroys it

Movie crash-landing

The series one Christmas special was the first fulllength episode aired on US TV. In 2004, The Simpsons went head-to-head with the Queen, delivering their own Christmas Day message on Channel 4.

ONUTS American donuts. Glazed, powdered, and raspberryfilled. How's that for freedom of choice?' - Homer

RUSTY

OMER has

a low IQ (55),

materials, head

iniuries, alcohol

consumption and

a crayon lodged

in his brain. Last

doctors dubbed

weight problems

and slow thinking

'Homer Simpson

Syndrome'.

a link between

year, French

due to his poor diet,

exposure to nuclear

AKA Herschel Krustofski. This popular Springfield children's TV personality is also the face of the Krusty Burger fast food chain. Little-known Krusty fact: Luke Perry is his younger half-brother.

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OVE Romance is rife in the Simpson clan. The Springfield resident most likely to head up the aisle is Marge's sister Selma, whose surname now runs to Bouvier Terwilliger Hutz

McClure Stu

Simpson. Phew!

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IDDLE NAMES You think

you know the characters inside out. But do you know which of them own these middle names?

Underdunk

Obadiah Zachariah Jebediah

Mussolini

Fitzpatrick Fitzgerald Fitzhenry

Pinkus Yerucham Shmoikel



PENING SEQUENCE What price appears for Maggie when she's accidentally scanned in the supermarket at the start of every episode? (Hint: it was the monthly cost of raising a baby back in 1989)



ATIONAL INSULTS Can you identify these nationalities from their Simpsons insults?

Cheese-eating surrender monkeys

Sandal-wearing goldfish-tenders

Puck-slapping maple suckers

Shatner-stealing Mexico-touchers

B ETS The Simpsons are animal lovers through and through. What names did they give to these creatures? A possum found on the monorail

Lisa's expensive pony

Homer's helper monkey

Bart's bad-tempered elephant

Homer's pet lobster

Patty and Selma's iguana Spider-Pig

Answers: MIDDLE NAMES: 1. Homer 2. Lisa 3. Bart 4. Sideshow Bob 5. Jebediah Springfield 6. Milhouse 7. Mayor Quimby 8. Krusty the Clown NATIONAL INSULTS: 1. French 2. Japanese 3. Canadians 4. Americans OPENING SEQUENCE: \$847.63 PETS: 1. Bitey 2. Princess 3. Mojo 4. Stampy 5. Pinchy 6. Jub-Jub 7. Plopper

THE SIMPSONS **MOVIE PG**

Spider-Pig, Spider-Pig

Rent/Buy 10 December

Also available on Blu-ray

Stars Dan Castellaneta, Hank Azaria

Director David Silverman

Perfect for Everyone, Oh, come on.

vou know it's true!

So, after 18 years, The Simpsons finally make it into a full-length feature. Was it worth the wait? Hi-diddly-ho, yes!

The story is almost irrelevant - it involves a pig, an ecological disaster, a move to Alaska (where you can never be too fat or too drunk) and a showdown with the dastardly President Schwarzenegger ('I vas elected to lead, not to read'). But the real reason we love The Simpsons is the gags. and they're here in spades. From Bart's 'doodle' to Mr Burns' crowing, 'For once the rich white man is in charge, virtually every line crackles. The numerous sight gags demand repeat views, and superb guest stars -

EXTRAS ON DVD

 Audio commentary by Groening, Brooks and Castellaneta

Tom Hanks, Albert Brooks and

every right to be proud and all

Green Day - get the yellow treatment. Matt Groening has

we can say is: 'Woohoo!'

- Deleted scenes and alternate ending
- The Simpsons Judge American Idol

DID YOU KNOW?

- Work on the script began in 2003 and took 158 drafts
- Albert Brooks (who voices Russ) Cargill) also played Marge's bowling alley love interest, Jacques

THE SIMPSONS **BOX SETS**

Simpsons overload: buy now at Blockbuster

Series 10 New! Listen out for: Jerry Springer, Mark Hamill, Dolly Parton and Stephen Hawking.



Series 9 Woohoo: 200 episodes and still going strong.

Series 8 From space coyotes to The X Files.



Series 7 George Bush moves in and all hell breaks loose.

Series 6 Who Shot Mr Burns? The clues are here.



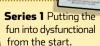
goes intergalactic.

Series 4 From Kamp Krustv



Series 3 Aerosmith and possibly Michael Jackson lend voices.

Series 2 Stars Dustin Hoffman and Danny DeVito.



SERIES 1-9 ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN STORE FOR JUST **£19.96** EACH!

UIMBY 'Diamond' Joe Quimby is Springfield's 'tax-cheating, wife-swapping, pot-smoking' mayor, allegedly based on any of

the Kennedy clan.

PRINGFIELD it the 20th The location of the Simpsons' hometown is deliberately ambiguous -34 US states have at least one Springfield in them. It's said to be in a state that borders Ohio,



Nevada, Maine

and Kentucky,

geographically

which is of course

//ALTONS In 1992. President Bush

said he was trying to 'make American families more like The Waltons and less like The Simpsons.' Bart retaliated by saying that they were a lot like the Waltons: 'We're praying for an end to the Depression, too.'

DATINGS **▲**With over 400 episodes made so far, The Simpsons is the longestrunnina US sitcom. The winner of 23 Emmys, Time Magazine named century's best television series.

REEHOUSE **OF HORROR**

Annual Halloween episodes, each containing three 'terrifying' tales. Among the best are Homer selling his soul for a donut, Bart and Homer entering a 3D world and a hilarious parody of The Shining. It's also where those loveable aliens Kang and Kodos pitch up.

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...and proud of it! Bart starts each show in detention writing lines – in the film it reads 'I will not illegally download this movie'. Bart is the only Simpson to feature in every episode.

ERMONT

Springfield, Vermont, population 9,078, won a nationwide competition to host the US premiere of The Simpsons Movie - it was up against 13 other Springfields around America.

-RATED

The Simpsons Movie is the first film with full-frontal nudity to escape an adult rating (R-Restricted) in the USA.

ELLOW The Simpsons'skin colour is instantly recognisable, 'It wasn't my choice,' says Groening. 'An animator suggested yellow, and it looked right. Then again, she also made the trees purple."

ZZZ 'Asleep at the switch? I wasn't asleep, I was drunk!' - Homer

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