

Surprising 'Galaxy' hitchhikes to No. 1

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"The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," based on the cult books by Douglas Adams, came in No. 1. Does this mean that other books in the "Hitchhiker's" series will be given the celluloid treatment?

"We're waiting for hyperspace clearance before we do a sequel," says screenwriter Karey Kirkpatrick. (That would be Disney writing a check). But seriously ... "There's a big galaxy of books out there. If the fans say, "Please give us 'Restaurant,' then who are we to say no?" says executive producer Robbie Stamp, who was a good friend of Adams' before his death. Adams died of a heart attack while writing the final screenplay for the film.

Despite a strong showing for The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, Hollywood suffered yet another weak weekend in theaters, not a promising start to the most important period of the year.

Hitchhiker raked in \$21.7 million, according to box-office tracker Nielsen EDI. That's almost \$2 million more than expected and made the movie a surprise No. 1.

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