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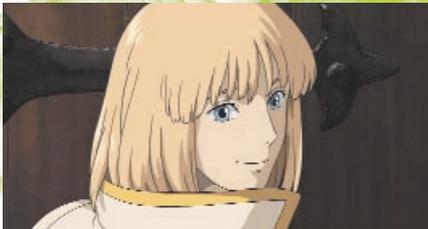


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(HAURU NO UGOKU SHIRO)

From the novel by **Diana Wynne Jones** Screenplay by **Hayao Miyazaki** Music by **Joe Hisaishi** Theme song performed by **Chieko Baisho**
Tokuma Shoten / Studio Ghibli / Nippon Television Network / Dentsu / Buena Vista Home Entertainment / Mitsubishi / Toho present
a **Studio Ghibli** production "Howl's Moving Castle" Produced by **Toshio Suzuki** Directed by **Hayao Miyazaki** ©2004 Nibariki - TGNDDDT



Takuya Kimura as Howl



Chieko Baisho as Sophie



Akihiro Miwa as Witch of the Waste

Synopsis

Young Sophie is eighteen, and works tirelessly every day making hats in the shop once owned by her deceased father.

On a rare outing to town, Sophie accidentally encounters the wizard Howl.

Howl is dashing, terribly handsome, yet as wizards go, he's a bit of a wimp. They are spotted by the Witch of the Waste, who mistakes the nature of the relationship between them. Seized by jealousy, she casts a spell on Sophie, transforming her into a withered ninety-year-old woman.

Sophie leaves her home and wanders through dismal wastelands, where she enters Howl's magical moving castle by chance. Hiding her true identity, she settles in as the wizard's housekeeper. Much more spirited than her shy younger self, feisty old Sophie shakes the household up.

What will become of her, and what will happen between her and Howl?



Hayao Miyazaki Biography

Hayao Miyazaki was born in 1941 in Tokyo. After graduating from Gakushuin University in 1963 with a degree in Political Science and Economics, he joined the Toei Animation Company. As an animator, he has been instrumental in the creation of numerous TV series and feature films, often in collaboration with his senior colleague and mentor, director Isao Takahata. Miyazaki also directed the TV series "The Future Boy Conan" (1978), and several feature-length films, including 1979's "The Castle of Cagliostro".

In 1985, Miyazaki co-founded Studio Ghibli with Takahata, and has directed eight feature films since. His international phenomenon "Spirited Away" has broken every box office record in Japan, and garnered a very long list of awards and prizes world-wide, including the Golden Bear at the 2002 Berlin Film Festival and the Oscar for Best Animated Feature Film at the 2003 U.S. Academy Awards®.

"Howl's Moving Castle" will be released in Japan in November 20, 2004.

Hayao Miyazaki Filmography

FEATURE FILMS

- Spirited Away**
(SEN TO CHIIRO NO KAMIKAKUSHI) 2001
- Princess Mononoke** (MONONOKE HIME) 1997
- Porco Rosso** (KURENAI NO BUTA) 1992
- Kiki's Delivery Service**
(MAJO NO TAKKYUBIN) 1989
- My Neighbor Totoro** (TONARI NO TOTORO) 1988
- Laputa Castle in the Sky**
(TENKU NO SHIRO ROPYUTA) 1986
- Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind**
(KAZE NO TANI NO NAUSHIKA) 1984
- The Castle of Cagliostro**
(KARIOSUTORO NO SHIRO) 1979

SHORT FILMS

- Mei and the Baby Cat Bus**
(MEI TO KONEKO BASU) 2002
- Koro's Big Day Out** (KORO NO OSANPO) 2001
- The Whale Hunt** (KUJIRATORI) 2001
- The Blue Seed** (SORAIRO NO TANE) 1992
- On Your Mark** 1995

TELEVISION

- The Great Detective Holmes**
(MEITANTEI HOMUZU - 6 EPISODES) 1982
- Lupin the Third** - the second series
(SHIN RUPAN SANSEI - 2 EPISODES) 1980
- The Future Boy Conan**
(MIRAI SHONEN KONAN - 26 EPISODES) 1978



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