



# Cloud Atlas

Spring  
Season  
2013

**Release:** 2012

**Cert (UK):**15

**Runtime:** 172 mins

**Directors/writers/producers:** Lana and Andy Wachowski and Tom Tywer

**Language:** English

**Cast:** Tom Hanks, Halle Berry, Jim Broadbent, Hugh Grant, Ben Wishaw

**Cloud Atlas** is adapted from the 2004 novel by David Mitchell, the film features multiple plotlines set across six different eras:-



South Pacific Ocean, 1849: Adam Ewing (Jim Sturgess), an American lawyer has come to the Chatham Islands on business. He witnesses the whipping of a Moriori slave, Autua, who stows away on Ewing's ship. Also on board is Dr. Henry Goose (Tom Hanks) who is treating Ewing ...

Cambridge & Edinburgh, 1936: Robert Frobisher, (Ben Wishaw) a bisexual musician, works for composer Vyvyan Ayrs (Jim Broadbent). Ayrs wishes to take credit for Frobisher's symphony, and threatens to expose his sexuality. Frobisher awaits the arrival of his lover Rufus Sixsmith ...

San Francisco, 1973: Journalist Luisa Rey (Halle Berry) meets an older Sixsmith, now a nuclear physicist. He tips her off about the safety of a new nuclear reactor run by Lloyd Hooks (Hugh Grant). Rey finds and reads Frobisher's letters to Sixsmith. Isaac Sachs (Tom Hanks), another scientist at the power plant passes her a copy of Sixsmith's report...

UK, 2012: Timothy Cavendish, (Jim Broadbent) a publisher, has a windfall when Dermot Hoggins (Tom Hanks), a gangster author, murders a critic. When Hoggins' associates threaten Cavendish's life he gets help from his brother Denholme (Hugh Grant). Cavendish receives a manuscript of a novel based on Rey's life and writes a screenplay about his own story ...

Neo Seoul, 2144: Sonmi-451 (Doona Bae), a genetically-engineered fabricant (clone) recounts how she was released from her life of servitude by a rebel movement known as "Union". While in hiding, she watches a film based on Cavendish's adventure...

The Big Island (dated "106 winters after The Fall"): Zachry (Tom Hanks) lives in a primitive society called "The Valley" after most of humanity has died during "The Fall"; the Valley tribesmen worship Sonmi as a goddess. Zachry's village is visited by Meronym (Halle Berry), a member of the "Prescients", a society holding on to remnants of technology.

German director Tywer (*Run Lola Run*) directs parts 2,3 and 4 and Andy and Lana Wachowski (*The Matrix*) direct parts 1,5 and 6.

The film was shot on location in Scotland, on the island of Mallorca and in Berlin.