

AT THE POINT OF CRISIS
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SURVIVAL IS VICTORY

DUNKIRK



A CHRISTOPHER NOLAN FILM



Dunkirk is a 2017 war film written, directed, and produced by Christopher Nolan that depicts the Dunkirk evacuation of World War II. Its ensemble cast includes *Fionn Whitehead*, *Tom Glynn-Carney*, *Jack Lowden*, *Harry Styles*, *Aneurin Barnard*, *James D'Arcy*, *Barry Keoghan*, *Kenneth Branagh*, *Cillian Murphy*, *Mark Rylance*, and *Tom Hardy*.

The film is a British-American-French-Dutch co-production, and was distributed by Warner Bros.

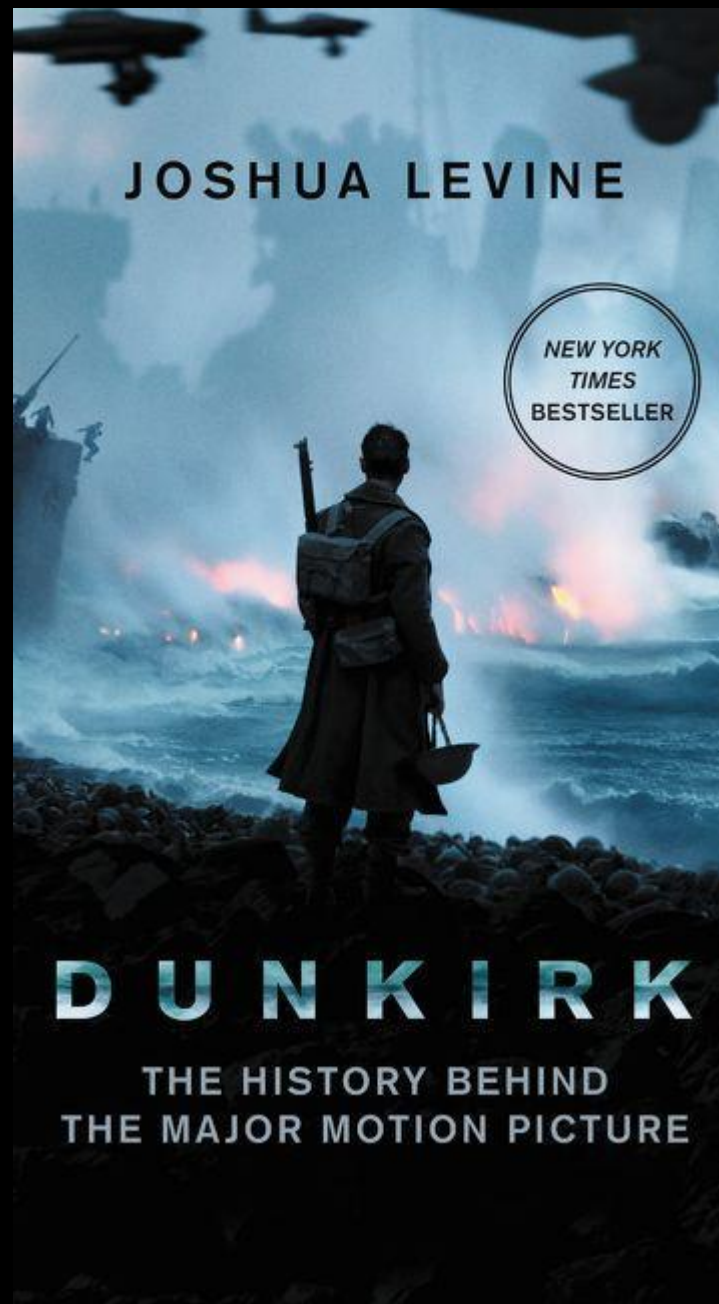




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Nolan postponed Dunkirk until he had acquired sufficient experience directing large-scale action films. To convey the perspective of soldiers on the beach, for whom contact with the enemy was "extremely limited and intermittent", he did not show Germans on screen. He omitted scenes with Winston Churchill and the generals in war rooms, as he did not want to get "bogged down in the politics of the situation".



The historical consultant was author Joshua Levine, who also wrote the book adaptation, Dunkirk: The History Behind the Major Motion Picture. Levine accompanied Nolan while interviewing veterans. During these interviews, Nolan was told a story of soldiers seen walking into the sea in desperation, which he incorporated into the screenplay.

The film was noted for its generally realistic representation of the historical evacuation. It accurately attempted to evade aerial attack, and of how soldiers returning to England saw a civilian population largely unaware of or unaffected by the war. British officers did initially refuse to evacuate French soldiers, although Churchill later insisted that the French be evacuated alongside the British. The overall realism of the film was acknowledged by surviving Dunkirk veterans, although Branagh said that some thought it "was louder than the battle".



