



MOVIES&LANGUAGES

2025-2026

Lion

ABOUT THE MOVIE

DIRECTOR	Garth Davis
YEAR/COUNTRY	2016 - India and Australia
DURATION	120 min
LANGUAGE	English
GENRE	biographical drama
ACTORS	Dev Patel, Rooney Mara, Nicole Kidman

PLOT

The movie is based on the real-life account and non-fiction book by, A Long Way From Home, Saroo Brierley. It tells the uplifting tale of how as a boy, Saroo gets lost while out with his brother on the streets of their hometown somewhere in India. The story recounts the loss and desperation that follows, focusing on the young boy's survival instincts through to being reunited with his family.

An emotional roller coaster of a movie and a great choice for inclusion week, be prepared to be put through the wringer with this one.

LANGUAGE

As with previous editions of the film festival, the language in the film is relatively straight forward and therefore not too difficult to deal with for the viewer. Taking into account the background of the story, perhaps there could be some minor issues with the Indian and Australian accents.

VOCABULARY

You have to mind	<i>You have to look after/care for</i>
Carry sacks	<i>A job for very poor people</i>
Don't bother me	<i>Don't disturb me</i>
Sort things for tomorrow	<i>Get things ready for tomorrow</i>
Ganestlay	<i>Name of town where Sori is from</i>
Carry bales	<i>Similar to 'carry sacks. Heav, labour-intensive work</i>
Quarry	<i>Where rocks are extracted from the mountain</i>
Rough idea	<i>A vague idea</i>
Deformed	<i>Physically disabled</i>
Juvenile delinquents	<i>Young offenders</i>
Cannot cope	<i>Not able to manage</i>
Cadbury bar	<i>Famous brand of chocolate</i>
Howzat!	<i>Cricket term</i>
Going for Six	<i>Cricket term</i>

And then some	<i>And the rest/ even more</i>
Saw first hand	<i>Witnessed something in the flesh/ Saw with your own eyes</i>
Tassie	<i>Tasmania</i>
Hope to get out of it	<i>Hope to be able to avoid</i>
He walked out on us	<i>He abandoned us</i>
Your hem's down	<i>The hem being where a tailor shortens the length of a garment</i>
Individual place cards	<i>Cards placed on a table to indicate where each person is sitting</i>
A bad loser	<i>Not able to accept losing</i>
He was cheeky	<i>Impudent</i>
A bit more wasted	<i>A bit more intoxicated</i>
We swan about	<i>Relaxed and nonchalant attitude</i>
Same old same old	<i>Nothing changes, always the same</i>
One day international	<i>Cricket match</i>
The tiller	<i>Old type of car</i>
Flush for cash	<i>Having lots of cash available</i>
The hard stuff	<i>Strong drugs or alcohol</i>
The earth to swallow me	<i>Wish to be able to disappear</i>