

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES 2 (2016)

- Directed by Dave Green
- Distributed by Paramount Pictures
- 112 minutes
- PG-13
- 135 million dollar budget (180 with promotion)

QUICK THOUGHTS

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DEVELOPMENT

- After the 2014 film exceeded box office expectations, Paramount and Nickelodeon officially announced a sequel was greenlit, and set to be released in theatres on June 3, 2016
 - The sequel was announced two days after [Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles](#) (2014) was released
- They planned to incorporate Bebop, Rocksteady and Casey Jones
- [Jonathan Liebesman](#) and [Brad Fuller](#) were also interested in doing a storyline that involved [Dimension X](#) and [Krang](#)
- In December 2014, it was revealed Paramount was in early negotiations with [Earth to Echo](#) director [Dave Green](#) to helm the sequel, also revealing Jonathan Liebesman was no longer a part of the project
- Known briefly as *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Half Shell*, Paramount revealed in December 2015 that the title had officially been changed to *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows*

WRITING

- Josh Appelbaum and Andre Nemecek, the writers of *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows*, have inked a two-year, first-look feature deal with Paramount Pictures
 - The duo have become go-to scribes for the studio, having worked on the Paramount franchise pic *Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol*, which earned nearly \$700 million worldwide, and the initial *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* reboot, which grossed almost \$500 million. They also are working on a remake of *Beverly Hills Cop* for the studio
- Appelbaum and Nemecek, who have been friends since third grade, are part of a writing collective that also includes writer-producers Jeff Pinkner (*The Dark Tower*) and Scott Rosenberg (*Con Air*)

STORY/CAST

- **Discussion point:** shift in tone from first to second
 - “The director Dave Green has a lighter touch than his predecessor Jonathan Liebesman, and compared to the pomposity of most recent comic-book movies his frank silliness is refreshing.” - SMH
- **Discussion point:** giving fans what they wanted (more turtles, Krang, Bebop & Rocksteady)
- **Discussion point:** Action scenes
- **Discussion point:** Comedy of turtles
- **Discussion point:** Plotlines - Dimension X, Shredder back, Casey Jones, Vern taking credit, division of turtles
- [Megan Fox](#) and [Will Arnett](#) were confirmed to be returning as [April O'Neil](#) and Vern Fenwick respectively
- In an interview, [William Fichtner](#) stated that he would be returning as [Eric Sacks](#). However, for unknown reasons, he was not in a trailer for the film or a TV spot, and ultimately did not appear in the final film
 - However, he could return in the third installment, considering he (along with the turtle actors, Noel Fisher, Jeremy Howard, Alan Ritchson and Pete Ploszek) signed on for a few more TMNT films

- On March 31, [Stephen Amell](#) was cast as Casey Jones, after test reading alongside several different actors
- On April 23, [Tyler Perry](#) was cast as scientist [Baxter Stockman](#), replacing [K. Todd Freeman](#), who played the role in the 2014 film
- On April 27, [Brian Tee](#) joined the cast as the Shredder, replacing Tohoru Masamune from the first film
- On April 30, [Laura Linney](#) was cast in an unspecified role
- On May 14, [Gary Anthony Williams](#) was cast as Bebop while on May 28, WWE wrestler [Stephen "Sheamus" Farrelly](#) was confirmed to play Rocksteady
 - In August 2015, former [WWE](#) superstar [CM Punk](#) revealed that he lost the role of Rocksteady to Sheamus
- On May 27, [Minae Noji](#) was replaced with [Brittany Ishibashi](#) in the role of [Karai](#)
- In March 2016, it was announced that [Fred Armisen](#) would voice [Krang](#) in the film
 - However, in May 2016, shortly before the film's release, it was revealed that [Brad Garrett](#) would voice Krang instead due to Armisen having schedule conflicts
- In April 2016, while promoting [Elvis & Nixon](#), [Johnny Knoxville](#) revealed that he was not asked to return for the sequel as the voice of Leonardo
- The producers tried to get cameo roles from [Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles](#) (1990) actors [Elias Koteas](#) (the first cinematic Casey Jones) and [Sam Rockwell](#) (a Foot Clan member). However, both declined to appear
- [Megan Fox](#) as [April O'Neil](#)
 - Known for [Transformers](#), [New Girl](#), [Jennifer's Body](#), [This is 40](#), [The Dictator](#)
 - Trademarks:
 - Often dresses in red and black
 - Seductive voice
 - Her many tattoos
 - Long brown hair
 - Sparkling blue eyes
 - Her favorite movies are [The Wizard of Oz](#) (1939), the [Lord of the Rings](#) trilogy, [How to Train Your Dragon](#) (2010), [Kung Fu Panda 2](#) (2011), and the [Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles](#) trilogy
 - Returned to work 7 weeks after giving birth to her son Bodhi in order to complete filming [Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles](#) (2014)
 - "People assume that I'm really promiscuous. There's a difference between being very sexual and being promiscuous. I'm not promiscuous. I'm extraordinarily sexual within a monogamous relationship. Nothing's off-limits. But that has nothing to do with experiencing a lot of people. I've only had two boyfriends my whole life."
 - "I don't trust male intentions, usually, because they don't approach me for intellectual conversation."
 - "Hollywood is the most superficial thing you could possibly be a part of and if I weren't attractive, I wouldn't be working at all."
 - "I'm definitely labelled in the pin-up category. I haven't given people a reason to take my work seriously yet, which is my responsibility. I think the expectation for me, as far as my ability as an actress goes, is very low. I feel like that means I can only ever be an overachiever when people expect so little from me."
 - Paraphrase - Always a blessing to do a sequel... April's not looking for acceptance in this one.
 - Is a turtles fan herself
 - April O'Neil has always been a damsel in distress
 - In "The Catwoman From Channel Six," April investigates what is clearly a dangerous matter transporter (she says so herself), and idiotically steps right on it, thereby turning herself part-cat. Bad guy Shredder finds April, and forces her to obey his commands, which she does until the turtles save her, for the umpteenth time.

when Casey sees the turtles and what they are and what they look like, he thinks they're aliens and that they might eat him. So he had to react in a very crazy manner, and it was important that I could bring that element of the character in. One of our producers, after we shot that scene, said, 'Amell. It feels like we have a Casey Jones! It feels like we have a turtles movie! This is cool!' And that really instilled me with confidence that I was on the right path, and gave me confidence in all the other scenes we shot."

- **Will Arnett as Vern Fenwick**
 - Known for Arrested Development, Lego Movie, Despicable Me, Ratatouille
 - Trademark:
 - Frequently plays arrogant but dimwitted characters
 - Raspy deep-throated voice
- **Brian Tee as Oroku Saki / The Shredder**
 - Known for Wolverine, Goldmember, Jurassic World, Chicago PD, Grimm
 - Received a B.A. in Dramatic Arts from the University of California, Berkeley
 - "Best Supporting Actor" Nominee at the 2009 Maverick Movie Awards (for "Deadland")
 - The Shredder's new gray-black spiked armor is based on his first armor in [Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles](#) (2003)
- **Tyler Perry as Dr. Baxter Stockman**
 - Known for Madea movies, For Better or Worse, Temptation, Diary of a Mad Black Woman, Gone Girl
 - Is a writer, producer, director, actor
 - "I've never been one to knock on the door and say, "Please let me in". I have always tried to make my own way. I do not think change comes from asking people to let you in. I think change comes by becoming owners of studios, owners of projects, owners of content."
- **Brittany Ishibashi as Karai**
 - [Brittany Ishibashi](#) a self-proclaimed "fangirl" of Karai. When she auditioned for the role code-named "Female Soldier", correctly predicting it would be Karai
- **Laura Linney as Police Chief Rebecca Vincent**
 - Known for Mr. Holmes, The Big C, Arthur Christmas, John Adams, Exorcism of Emily Rose, Mystic River, Truman Show
 - Her father is respected Off-Broadway playwright [Romulus Linney](#)
 - 1990 graduate of the Juilliard School
 - "I don't consider myself a celebrity and I don't consider myself a star."
 - "When you work and live on a film set for 12, 14 hours a day and moving from location to location, it's hard just to exist."
 - "People can't really place me. They're not really sure who I am. Sometimes they think I'm [Helen Hunt](#). Sometimes they think I'm [Laura Dern](#)."
 - " I just want to say, 'Go work! It doesn't matter what it is. Work begets work. Just go!'"
- **Pete Ploszek as Leonardo**
 - Known for Teen Wolf and appeared in Shameless
 - Earned his MFA from the USC School of Theatre in 2012
- **Alan Ritchson as Raphael**
 - Known for The Wedding Ringer, Hunger Games: Catching Fire, Blue Mountain State, Smallville
 - "Anytime you have an opportunity as an actor to really grow along with your character, I think that's a real gift."
 - "I didn't really grow up a comic book fanatic. I was a big baseball player, and my passion in life, in third grade, was collecting baseball cards. That was my childhood thing."
- **Noel Fisher as Michelangelo**
 - Known for Shameless, Battle Los Angeles, X-Men Evolution
 - "The whole goal for me with my career is just follow good projects and good parts and challenge myself as much as I can."
 - Check out this AfterBuzz interview with him:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6bOVNsfd0>

- Check out this AOM interview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uvg135Q7elo>
- **Jeremy Howard** as **Donatello**
 - Known for *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, *Galaxy Quest*, *Men In Black II*
 - “Deferred his college acceptance in April 1999 when he got *Galaxy Quest* and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* within weeks of each other.”
- **Tony Shalhoub** (voice) and **Peter D. Badalamenti** (motion-capture) as **Splinter**
 - Tony is known for *Monk*, *Men in Black*, *Wings*, *Cars*, *1408*
 - “I’m impossible to direct. I couldn’t get myself to do anything.”
- **Brad Garrett** as **Krang**
 - Known for *Everyone Loves Raymond*, *Finding Nemo*, *Ratatouille*, *Fargo* TV show, *Pacificer*
 - [Brad Garrett](#), who voices Krang in this film, is best friends with [Pat Fraley](#), who voiced Krang in *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* (1987). Fraley personally endorsed Garrett as Krang when he was announced
 - Trademark:
 - His deep booming voice
 - His tall stature
 - There appears to be a slight change in plans when it comes to who will be supplying the Krang voice in [Paramount Pictures’](#) upcoming [Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows](#). According to [The LA Times](#), the film’s antagonist will now be voiced by Brad Garrett (*Everybody Loves Raymond*, *Fargo*). The film’s producers previously announced that Portlandia’s Fred Armisen would be doing the Krang voice as part of the film’s [WonderCon panel](#) back in March. According to today’s update, the prior announcement ended up being a bit premature as Armisen’s schedule did not mesh with TMNT’s post production plans
 - Is Krang possible??? - <https://www.inverse.com/article/16690-is-teenage-mutant-ninja-turtles-s-alien-cyb-org-krang-a-scientific-possibility>
 - History:
 - **Krang** is a character loosely based on the **Utrom** race from the original *Mirage* comics, and an ally of **Shredder**. In *Dimension X* he was a powerful dictator/warlord who led brutal campaigns of **Rock Soldiers**, with fanatically loyal-to-Krang **General Traag** as his direct subordinate. He also took the completed **Technodrome**, a powerful mobile battle fortress, and banished **Drakus** who helped Krang build it to **Earth**.
 - One day, an unexplained, bizarre incident occurred that caused Krang to be stripped of his body and reduced to a brain-like form, also resulting in his exile from *Dimension X* to **Earth**. After he was banished from his original dimension, along with his operative fortress the **Technodrome**, they somehow found their way into the hands of **Oroku Saki**. Krang allied himself with the **Shredder**, who, along with his robotic **Foot Soldier** army, moved into the **Technodrome**.
 - Krang pleaded for a new body in exchange for his developed technology and help in conquering the world. **Shredder** resisted, fearing that his ally could come to rival him; however he finally submitted once he lost hope for defeating the **TMNT** himself and needed Krang's help, he finally constructed the android body from Krang's own blueprints in the season 1 episode **Shredder & Splintered**. Krang returned to his megalomaniac personality as he dreamed to bring an army of **Rock soldiers** to **Earth** and rule it alongside (or maybe without) **The Shredder**. Indeed, in the season 3 episode **Shredderville** the **Turtles** have a dream of a parallel world in which they never lived, and **Shredder** had no problem taking over the world. In this world,

Shredder abandoned Krang after his conquest was complete, leaving him with no body and a heavily-damaged Technodrome.

- Krang rarely joined in actual combat with the [turtles](#). Usually the only times he was directly involved with a fight was when the Technodrome was fully up and running. For seven years he organized the plots of the [Foot Clan](#) to conquer earth, it probably only became his objective after he was exiled on the Earth, but this point is never made clear, most involved the short-term objective of re-powering the Technodrome. He does not share Shredder's obsession with the Turtles and [Splinter](#); while Shredder sees them as mortal enemies, Krang seems to regard them more like annoyances to be destroyed when they interfere in his plans.
- [Gary Anthony Williams](#) as [Bebop](#)
 - Known for [Boondock Saints](#), [Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle](#), [The Internship](#), [End of Days](#), [Chozen](#)
 - Gary landed his first paid acting job as part of the Georgia Shakespeare Company. His first television role was in the series [In the Heat of the Night](#) (1988)
 - Gary realized his love for acting when a computer error in high school accidentally signed him up for a drama class and he was too lazy to get out of it
- [Stephen "Sheamus" Farrelly](#) as [Rocksteady](#)
 - Known as the Celtic Warrior aka Sheamus on WWE's RAW and SmackDown
 - Trademarks are:
 - Thick Irish accent
 - Red hair
 - Extremely pale skin
 - "He has provided Personal Security for U2's Bono on several occasions and also Denise Van Outen"
 - [C.M. Punk](#) and [Billy Beyrer](#) were considered, and auditioned for the role of Rocksteady
 - [Stephen Farrelly](#) (Rocksteady) is the second wrestler to work on a TMNT film, after [Kevin Nash](#) (the Super Shredder in [Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II: The Secret of the Ooze](#) (1991))

EASTER EGGS / TRIVIA

- A car bears the license plate "Mirage84". The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles first appeared in [Mirage Comics](#) in 1984
- Splinter wears a brown robe in this film, in a homage to his brown robe in [Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles](#) (1990)
- The Turtles's new vehicle in this film is the Turtle Tactical Truck, which is based on various vehicles from the TMNT saga:
 - The Turtle Van from the previous film (a horn playing the "TMNT" theme)
 - The second Battle Shell from [Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles](#) (2003) (an undercover vehicle to use outdoors)
 - The Hauler from [Turtles Forever](#) (2009) (a customized garbage truck)
 - The Shellraiser from [Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles](#) (2012) (a vehicle with a cannon that fires manhole covers)
- When Casey Jones is smashing up the bar, "Ice Ice Baby" by [Vanilla Ice](#) is heard on the jukebox. Vanilla Ice appeared and performed "Ninja Rap" in [Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II: The Secret of the Ooze](#) (1991)
- Krang in this film is credited as Kraang, which was his name in [Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles](#) (2012)
- The Shredder and Karai in this film are being played by [Brian Tee](#) and [Brittany Ishibashi](#), who are both younger than their previous actors [Tohoru Masamune](#) and [Minae Noji](#)
- This is the first TMNT live-action film to feature [Bebop](#) and [Rocksteady](#). They were previously intended to appear in [Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II: The Secret of the Ooze](#) (1991) and [Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles](#) (2014)

- In the Halloween parade, there is a man dressed up as the Transformer Bumblebee. [Megan Fox](#), producer [Michael Bay](#), cameraman [Alan D. Purwin](#) and composer [Steve Jablonsky](#) were part of the "Transformers" live-action films
- In Baxter Stockman's laboratory there is a chess board. This comes from the TMNT IDW comics, where his father put him through brutal chess games to develop his intellect
- In this film Baxter Stockman refers to his computer as O.M.N.S.S. (pronounced Omnus). In [Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles](#) (1987) Shredder and Baxter Stockman team up with an alien artificial intelligence of the same name, to open a portal to Dimension X. The acronym stands for Omnipotent Multi-process Nexus Subuniversal Sentient
- During the truck chase, Raphael briefly rides a motorcycle. This is a homage to [Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles](#) (2003), where he was a skilled cycle racer
- April uses the false ID of Renet Tilley. In the TMNT saga, Renet is a time-traveller and ally to the Turtles
- This is [Gary Anthony Williams](#)'s seventh comic-book feature after [Men in Black: The Series](#) (1997), [The Boondocks](#) (2005), [Batman: The Brave and the Bold](#) (2008), [The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes](#) (2010), [Batman: The Dark Knight Returns, Part 1](#) (2012) and [Batman: The Dark Knight Returns, Part 2](#) (2013) (both of which are a single story) and [Beware the Batman](#) (2013)
- [Megan Fox](#), [Alan Ritchson](#) and [Stephen Amell](#) were guest stars on [New Girl](#) (2011)
- [Kevin Eastman](#): creator of "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles", appears as a pizza delivery guy
- A batch of purple mutagen can be seen, instead of the common green-colored mutagen. This came from [Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles](#) (1987), which featured different varieties of mutagen that formed different mutants
- Casey Jones works as a police officer. This is a homage to the Turtles' ally Nobody, a police officer turned vigilante
- When Krang puts Shredder frozen in the lower level of the technodrome, you can see a frozen triceratops-like alien as well. This is not only a homage to the classic character the Triceratons, but it also symbolizes the two species' feud together

DIRECTING

- Director [Dave Green](#) has been a huge TMNT fan from childhood; he used to dress up as Donatello
- Earth to Echo director
- "I grew up as a huge fan of The Turtles. I watched the cartoon every day with my friends after school. When you are that age, when you are around 8 or 9 years old, those characters are really easy to connect with because they're just a little bit older than you. Every friend group has got a goofball, and a bully, and a technology guy, which was me; I was Donatello."
- So when I got the opportunity to start working on this movie, I really just wanted to know who the brothers were in a deeper way. The way we did that was to really take time. Take time with each character and learn and see how each one of them tick.
 - Howard: Kindness. (The others stammer for a moment, as the reporters exchange surprised glances.)
 - Really? Kindness?
 - Ploszek: Well, I'll put it this way Dave Green is 32. He grew up with these guys (the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles). Not that Liebesman was much older, but he is from South Africa.
 - Ritchson: (Joking) They don't have TV down there.
 - Ploszek: But with Dave, what was communicated to us early on was how much of a fan he is, and really gets it. I think he was able to watch the first movie—like we all were as an audience—and see, okay that works, that doesn't work. I love that let's do more of that. I connected to that or I didn't connect to that. So, that's where he has a leg up this time around, as anyone would coming back to a sequel.

- Fisher: Again once the tone was set, I think that was a big strength for Dave Green. He focuses a lot on the heart of how the brothers interact, showing a lot about the love there. And we get to explore that a lot more this time. That's kind of what I look forward to.

PRODUCTION/CINEMATOGRAPHY

- Production was confirmed to start in April 2015, along with the casting of [Alessandra Ambrosio](#), and several members of the [Los Angeles Clippers](#)
- Filming began in April in [New York City](#) and [Buffalo](#), spending about \$70 million in the state
- Filming began on April 27, 2015, when the film crew was spotted filming in [Midtown Manhattan](#) and moved out to [Foz do Iguacu, Brazil](#)
- Filming in Buffalo began on May 4, 2015, along the [Kensington Expressway](#) and ended May 17, 2015
- Filming wrapped up in August 2015
- Additional filming occurred in [New York City](#) on January 30, and ended on February 1
- Farelly and Williams recorded additional dialogue for the film in February 2016
- Likewise, Green's visual style is less bombastic than that of series producer Michael Bay (Transformers). Rather than trying to overpower the audience, he and cinematographer Lula Carvalho aim for "eye candy" in the manner of the Now You See Me films – spiralling tracking shots, harmless explosions, and twinkling lights reflected in rainswept New York streets
- BTS video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6hsjt9ygAk>
- BTS video 2 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZvRxI8XeHU>
- BTS video of motion capture - <http://www.artofvfx.com/teenage-mutant-ninja-turtles-out-of-the-shadows/>

EDITING/VFX

- Edited by Bob Ducsay and Jim May
- Bob is known for *Godzilla*, *Looper*, *Mummy Returns*, *Star Wars Episode 8*, *Jungle Book* (1994)
- Jim is known for *Terminator 2*, *Armageddon*, *Hook*, *Van Helsing*

SOUND/MUSIC

- On April 2, 2016, [Steve Jablonsky](#) revealed that he would compose the music score, replacing [Brian Tyler](#) from the first film
- Mexican teen boy band [CD9](#) performed an updated version of the [original show's](#) theme song for the film
- The film score soundtrack was released on June 3, 2016, on digital and compact disks

PROMOTION

- Concept art of Bebop and Rocksteady was shown at Paramount Pictures' CinemaCon panel on April 22, 2015
- A 14-second teaser of the trailer was released by [Stephen Amell](#) on December 9, 2015
- On January 5, 2016, a toy catalog for the film was leaked online
- The toys debuted at the 2016 Toy Fair on February
- A 7-second sneak preview of the TV spot was released three days prior
- On February 17, 2016, Paramount released four character posters featuring the four turtles
- On February 25, 2016, [Megan Fox](#) and [Stephen Amell](#) announced a sweepstakes for the film
- On March 2, 2016, Paramount released four more ninja turtle posters
- [Will Arnett](#) debuted the first official clip from the film at the [2016 Kids' Choice Awards](#), on March 12, 2016
- That same evening, the awards show and [Brian Tee](#) gave fans the first look at Shredder in full armor
- On March 24, 2016, it was announced that the toys from the film will be released in stores in April

- The following day, Paramount released two more Bebop and Rocksteady posters and a new trailer from the film
- On April 1, 2016, another Bebop and Rocksteady poster was released
- Another trailer with brand new footage debuted on April 11, 2016, along with a new poster
- Paramount released a trailer, which focused primarily on [Bebop and Rocksteady](#), on May 26, 2016
- NewsOK: "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows" rides a very fine line between PG and PG-13. As I pointed out earlier, it was probably a studio decision to drive for the more marketable PG-13 rating, but I also imagine there were conscious decisions not to alienate likely, younger viewers as well. In the end, language and immodesty are this biggest factors for my 10-and-up parental rating for "Out of the Shadows."

BOX OFFICE

- First movie vs second: <http://www.boxofficemojo.com/showdowns/chart/?id=newtmnt.htm>
- The film premiered in [New York City](#) on May 22, 2016
- In the [United Kingdom](#) on May 30, 2016, and the [United States](#) on June 3, 2016
- As of June 6, 2016, *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows* has grossed \$38.2 million in North America and \$35.6 million in other territories for a worldwide total of \$73.7 million
- In the United States and Canada, *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows* was projected to gross around \$30–40 million from 4,071 theaters in its opening weekend, with some estimates going as high as \$49 million
- It will receive a one-week special run across 331 IMAX and IMAX 3D theaters beginning on Thursday night, June 2 up to June 9
- The film made \$2 million from Thursday night previews which began at 5 p.m., compared to the first film's \$4.6 million
- On its opening day it earned \$12.5 million (including previews), with \$4.4 million (36%) coming from 3D showings
- In its opening weekend, it grossed \$35.3 million, finishing first at the box office
- However, its opening was down 45% from the first film's \$65.5 million debut
- Paramount vice chairman Rob Moore said that while the studio was hoping for a stronger opening, he believed that the film could make up some ground in the coming weeks since most films aimed at younger audiences play at better multiples
- Outside North America, the film will be released in about 30 overseas IMAX markets, beginning Wednesday, June 1, with additional markets throughout the summer, including China on July 2
- It opened across 40 markets the same weekend as its U.S. release, including big markets like the United Kingdom, Mexico and Russia, which is about 39% of its total international marketplace, and was projected to make around \$36 million
- It ended up grossing \$33 million, which is down 11% when compared to the first film's same suite of markets, and had No. 1 debuts in 21 markets out of the 40
- The top openings were in the UK (\$5.1 million), Russia (\$4.8 million) and Mexico (\$4.5 million)
- In the United Kingdom, it came in second place – behind *Warcraft* – with a £3.49 million (\$5 million) seven day opening from 513 theaters

RECEPTION

- *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows* received generally mixed reviews, although many critics noted it as an improvement over its predecessor
- On [Rotten Tomatoes](#), the film currently has a rating of 36%, based on 109 reviews
- The site's critical consensus reads, "*Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows* is a slight improvement over its predecessor, but still lacks the wit or anarchic energy of the comics that birthed the franchise."
- On [Metacritic](#), the film has a score of 41 out of 100, based on 28 critics, indicating "mixed or average reviews"
- On [CinemaScore](#), audiences gave the film an average grade of "A-" on an A+ to F scale, an improvement over the first film's "B"

- Glenn Kenny of *The New York Times* gave the film a positive review writing, "This movie is, it happens, easier to sit through than the 2014 film", while also adding that "The 3-D action, overseen by the director Dave Green, is not wholly incoherent. The production values (showcasing new mutants and many gear-heavy extra-dimensional machines undreamed of in any actual engineering philosophy) are ultrashiny. And there are even a couple of amusing, albeit unmemorable, sight gags and one-liners."
- Edward Douglas of *New York Daily News* gave the film three out of five stars, saying, "As with the best popcorn flicks, *Out of the Shadows* offers plenty of mindless entertainment and mind-numbing silliness that somehow works well enough to leave even the Ninja Turtles' biggest detractors shell-shocked."
- Lindsey Bahr of the *Associated Press* gave the film one star out of four and said, "*Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows* is a Saturday morning cartoon on Michael Bay steroids. For the under 12 set, that's fine. For the rest of us? It's something to actively avoid."
- "The recent sequel slump suggests that Hollywood may have become too quick on the sequel trigger – that maybe not every profitable movie deserves a second chapter, that the world might not have been craving another 'Ninja Turtles' or 'Zoolander,'" Mr. Coyle writes.

SEQUEL

- Noel Fisher revealed in an interview that he and the other turtle actors have signed on for three films
- Megan Fox said in an interview that she signed on for three films as well
- Tyler Perry has said that if a third film is to be made, his character, Baxter Stockman, would probably mutate into his fly form during the movie

FINAL THOUGHTS