

CINEMA



There were laughs all round when he'd forgotten he'd left his goggles on his hat

↑ Captain America: The First Avenger

ACTION Joe Johnston directs this superhero film in the latest Marvel Comic Universe instalment. Chris Evans (no, not the ginger one) stars as a skinny Steve Rogers, who volunteers to participate in a program that turns him into super soldier Captain America. (And even without special effects, we see why Chris reportedly said it was "brutal" training for this film - he's buffed up!) The Captain joins forces with "Bucky" Barnes (Sebastian Stan) and Peggy Carter (Hayley Atwell) to wage war on the HYDRA organisation, led by the evil Red Skull (Hugo Weaving). With history, explosions and a sprinkling of funny one-liners, this is a sure hit. ★★★★★

Zookeeper →

ROMCOM Kevin James stars as lovable zookeeper Griffin Keyes in this family flick. Looking for love, he decides to leave the zoo and get a glam job. Upset by this news, the animals pipe up Dolittle-style (yes, they talk!) and break a code of silence to teach him a thing or two about dating. A basic plot with kid-safe jokes, but there are interesting voice cameos with Cher as a lioness and Nick Nolte as a gorilla. ★★★



Yes, really, you just saw an animal talk...

And then he took dating advice from a gorilla

ALSO OUT: Horrid Henry: The Movie In this 3D kids' flick, Theo Stevenson stars as Henry, a mischievous youth, alongside a cast including Richard E Grant, Noel Fielding and Jo Brand.

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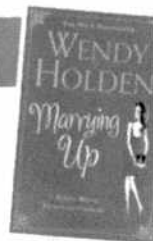
Make the most of the next seven days, with Closer's recommended picks

BOOKS

Wendy Holden

Marrying Up

Ambitious Alexa befriends posh Florrie so she can get in with her friends and find the rich man of her dreams, while student Polly is in love with handsome vet Max. But is Florrie's mum on to Alexa's plan? And is Max as normal as he seems? This fabulously witty story of love, social-climbing and downright snobbery is a riot of a read! ★★★★★



Veronica Henry

The Birthday Party

Delilah should be looking forward to her 50th birthday party, but she's distracted. After all, as well as her 10-years-sober hubby Ralf being offered a part in a movie where he'll be surrounded by women and booze, their three daughters are also flying the nest and leaving Delilah's control. As the party nears, their tight family starts to unravel and, when the time comes to celebrate, all sorts of troubles are revealed. Dramatic, addictive and rather steamy! ★★★★★



EEK, that's one oversized hand

Justin Bieber: Never Say Never

Schoolgirls will no doubt be screaming with delight over this DVD release telling the 17-year-old pop sensation's story. The documentary follows Justin's journey from being a small-town boy in Canada to a YouTube phenomenon then global superstar. Love or hate him, he is one determined young man! ★★★

DAY OUT

Kids Week In The West End

Keep kids entertained with workshops and events in London's West End. Kids up to 16 can also get free and half-price tickets for a range of shows including *Shrek The Musical*, *We Will Rock You* and *Mamma Mia!*.

Central London, 12 August - 4 September
www.kidsweek.co.uk

ALBUM

NOW 79 Various artists

Can you believe the NOW CDs are still going? No, neither can we. There's something for every pop fan in this edition with hits from artists including Black Eyed Peas, Lady Gaga, Rihanna, LMFO and Nicole Scherzinger. ★★★



DVD

ALSO OUT: Oranges And Sunshine Emily Watson stars in this moving drama about a social worker who uncovered a huge social scandal involving deporting children.

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