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# ALBERT

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PART 1 OF THE TRILOGY BASED ON BESTSELLING CHILDREN'S BOOKS

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## IMPORTANT FACTS

Genre: ..... Stereoscopic 2 D Animated Feature Film  
Status: ..... in production  
Delivery: ..... Spring 2015, market premiere at Marché du Film, Cannes 2015  
Target Audience: ..... Family  
Language: ..... English, Danish OV  
Script: ..... Karsten Kiilerich based on the popular book „Albert“ written and illustrated by Ole Lund Kirkegaard, the most successful Danish children's book author ever  
Original Title: ..... Albert  
Producer: ..... Tivi Magnusson, Kim Magnusson and Anders Mastrup  
Production Company: ..... M&M Productions  
International Distribution: ..... Sola Media GmbH, Stuttgart  
Length: ..... ca. 80 min  
Format: ..... 1:2,39, CGI, theatrical material on DCP  
Sound: ..... 5.1; 2.0

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ADVENTURES OF A HOT-AIR BALLOON HERO

OLE LUND KIRKEGAARDS

# ALBERT





## SHORT SYNOPSIS

Albert is a smart and cheeky small-town boy who is dreaded for his pranks and misfortunes all around town. When he accidentally destroys the statue of the local hero, famous hot-air-balloon captain Leopoldus, he is determined to make up for his mistake. He himself will venture into the world and come back as a hot-air-balloon captain! How proud everybody will be!

For a crazy adventure like this, it is important to have a good pal by one's side. And if he doesn't want to come, you have no choice but to kidnap him – at least that's what Albert thinks when his best friend Egon tells him he has other plans. Before too long, a very upset Egon finds himself next to Albert sailing down the river in an old barrel, on their way to a mysterious far-away country.

A confusingly exotic gypsy market, a mean bandit taking advantage of the clueless boys to help him steal the world's biggest diamond, the police hard on their heels - to face all of these challenges, it is vital for Albert and Egon to join forces and be best friends again. Luckily, they find a loyal friend in charming Jamilla who knows her way around in the strange country. And in the darkest moment when the boys are locked up in jail, luck is on their side in the shape of famous hot-air-balloon captain Leopoldus himself, so that Albert can finally reach his goal against all odds.

## LONG SYNOPSIS

Albert is born in Kellyville, the smallest city of the world, and he is the worst scoundrel in town. Because of Albert every day is a challenge for the inhabitants of Kellyville, and then one day Albert crashes into the city-statue and smashes it to thousand pieces. Before anybody gets another chance to complain, Albert decides to rehabilitate his "good" name. He promises the villagers and his parents to venture out into the big world and come back as a hot-air-balloon-captain, in honour of Kellyville. Apart from Albert's parents and his very best friend Egon, none of the people of Kellyville seem to be too unhappy about Albert leaving town, but nobody trusts Albert to succeed in his big plans.

Albert's friend Egon is not willing to follow Albert. Egon has other plans. He wants to be a pirate, and somehow he cannot combine his pirate-dreams with those of Albert. Albert on the other hand is not going on his mission without Egon, so consequently he kidnaps his friend.

In an old barrel the two scoundrels of Kellyville sail out on their big adventure. Egon is obviously in a bad mood. "You don't kidnap your friends," he claims. Albert on the other hand is convinced that a pirate would do exactly that. The two boys sail down the river for quite some time and end up in a country far away from their hometown. Everything they meet is foreign to them, including Rapallo the biggest pick-pocket in the world. Rapallo, on the other hand, seems to be an honest thief, so our two friends join him and his scheme to steal back the biggest diamond in the world, which Rapallo claims belongs to him. This operation is to take place at the gypsy-market of Javallabad.

The gypsy-market is a lively place, and most certainly an eye opener for two adventurous boys, with big plans. Albert hopes to get a big reward from Rapallo, and thereby being able to buy his very own hot-air-balloon.

But things turn out differently than expected. (Which often happens in exciting film stories.) Rapallo and his two ruthless assistants Gnallo and Tubbi have their own agenda. They plan to steal the diamond for themselves, they are not going to share. On top of that the diamond is not theirs to steal, but is the property of an honest diamond-owner.

Luckily Albert and Egon run into Jamilla, the wonderfully charming and clever gypsy girl. She helps them to figure out how to act in the very confusing market-place. And she even brings the two friends back together, so that they can start working together again. They desperately need to join forces, as it turns out that even Jamilla's ability to foresee the future is not enough to defeat the evil bandits.

Yes, the three friends manage, against all odds, to steal the diamond from the bandits, but they are themselves caught by the police and are about to end their days in a dark jail, and not as hoped for, in the blue sky triumphantly sailing along in a beautiful balloon.

Once again a good fortune stretches its hand out towards our friends and the hot air balloon – captain Leopoldus comes to the rescue. He has seen everything from his balloon hovering over the marketplace, and he forces the police to give our trio a new chance. Together with Leopoldus they fight back and prove that they are capable of overcoming the evil bandits. The diamond is given back to its rightful owner and our friends receive a reward big enough to buy a hot-air-balloon.

Albert the balloon captain and Egon the pirate return home to Kellyville in triumph. Flying high in the air. The skeptical inhabitants are forced to admit that even young boys sometimes can come up with a amazing positive surprise. Albert's and Egon's parents are just happy to get their boys back.

**SMALL-TOWN BOY ALBERT VENTURES OUT INTO THE WORLD TO BECOME A HOT-AIR BALLOON CAPTAIN. HE KIDNAPS HIS BEST FRIEND, WANNABE PIRATE EGON, AND THE TWO GET INVOLVED IN THE ROBBERY OF THE WORLD'S BIGGEST DIAMOND. WILL THEIR FRIENDSHIP BE STRONG ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH THE BIG-TIME CROOK RAPALLO AND TO REACH THEIR DREAMS?**

