

# The Grand Budapest Hotel

Director: Wes Anderson

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The Grand Budapest Hotel recounts the adventures of Gustave H, a legendary concierge at a famous European hotel between the wars, and Zero Moustafa, the lobby boy who becomes his most trusted friend. The story involves the theft and recovery of a priceless Renaissance painting and the battle for an enormous family fortune -- all against the back-drop of a suddenly and dramatically changing Continent.

*Wes Anderson's latest cinematic styling is The Grand Budapest Hotel, an exquisitely calibrated, deadpan-comic miniature that expands in the mind and becomes richer and more tragic.* New York Magazine

*Full of Anderson's visual signatures - cameras that swerve, quick zooms, speedy montages - it's familiar in style, refreshing in tone and one of Anderson's very best films.* Time Out London

## **Vocabulary and expressions:**

**Shabbiness:** The state of being in a poor condition.

**To be taken aback:** To be very surprised or shocked by something or some news.

**He was distinctly taken aback.**

**An acute attack:** A very serious attack of, for example, an illness or emotional state.

**Ghastly:** Awful or terrible.

**In the blink of an eye:** If something happens in the blink of an eye it happens very quickly so that it can easily be missed.

**It's all over in the blink of an eye.**

**On the cusp of:** To be on the cusp of something means that it is just about to happen or occur.

**On the cusp of manhood.**

**Worthless junk:** If you describe something as worthless junk you are saying that it has absolutely no value and it should be thrown away.

**Keep something spotless:** To keep or maintain something exceptionally clean and tidy.

**Make it snappy!:** If you tell someone to make it snappy you are demanding that they do it at once and without any delay.

**To sulk:** To behave in a sad and upset manner.

*Why is she sulking?*

**To gab:** To chat or talk about unimportant things.

*No time to gab.*

**Never breathe a word of this to a living soul!:** Do not tell anyone about this!